

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
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HELD AT: COUNCIL CHAMBERS - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: DANIEL DROMM, CHAIRPERSON

COUNCIL MEMBERS: ADRIENNE E. ADAMS
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KAREN KOSLOWITZ
FARAH N. LOUIS
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FRANCISCO P. MOYA
KEITH POWERS
HELEN K. ROSENTHAL
JAMES G. VAN BRAMER

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

2 CHAIRPERSON DANIEL DROMM: (Gavel
3 pounding). Okay. Good morning and welcome to
4 today's meeting of the Committee on Finance. I am
5 Council Member Daniel Dromm and I am the Chair of the
6 Committee. We are joined by Council Members
7 Koslowitz, Gibson, Grodenchik, Darma Diaz, Adams,
8 Ayala, Matteo, Rosenthal, Ampry-Samuel, Van Bramer
9 and Powers. Today the committee will be voting on
10 three items, a transparency resolution and two
11 article XI property tax exemptions. Let's begin with
12 the transparency resolution. The transparency
13 resolution sets for the new designation from changes
14 in the designation of certain organizations receiving
15 local aging, anti-poverty and youth discretionary
16 funding and funding pursuant to certain initiatives
17 in the budget. As with all transparency resolutions,
18 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form
19 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any
20 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council
21 Member has a potential conflict of interest with any
22 of the organizations listed he or she has the
23 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of
24 their vote. As a reminder, please disclose any
25 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors

2 used by organizations sponsored by discretionary
3 funding. These disclosures must be made before the
4 subcommittee and before the contractor can be
5 approved. Disclosure forms must be completed and
6 submitted prior to the vote on the transparency
7 resolution and may be given or emailed to Chuck
8 Davis. Members of the General Counsel's Office are
9 here to assist you if you have any questions
10 regarding the disclosures. Next, we have two land
11 use items. The first is Little Italy Restoration
12 Apartments in Council Member Chin's District. This
13 action would provide a partial 40 year Article XI Tax
14 Exemption to support the preservation of 152 units of
15 affordable rental housing. Council Member Chin is
16 supportive of this exemption. The second is
17 Manhattan Beach Housing in Council District 48. This
18 action would provide a partial 40 year Article XI Tax
19 Exemption to preserve 150 units of affordable rental
20 housing. Okay and with that, are there any questions
21 on any items on the agenda? If not, I am going to
22 ask Billy Martin the Committee Clerk to call the
23 Finance Committee roll. Mr. Clerk.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Yes.

25 Good morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll

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2 call vote, Committee on Finance. All items are
3 coupled. Chair Dromm?

4 CHAIRPERSON DANIEL DROMM: I vote aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

6 Koslowitz.

7 KAREN KOSLOWITZ: Aye.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council

9 Member Koslowitz votes aye. Van Bramer?

10 JAMES VAN BRAMER: Aye.

11 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council

12 Member Van Bramer votes aye. Council Member Gibson?

13 VANESSA GIBSON: Good morning colleagues,

14 I vote aye.

15 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

16 Rosenthal.

17 HELEN ROSENTHAL: I vote aye and I am

18 recusing myself on anything having to do with the

19 Alliance Against Sexual Assault. Thank you.

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

21 Grodenchik?

22 BARRY GRODENCHIK: Aye.

23 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

24 Grodenchik votes aye. Adams?

25 ADRIENNE ADAMS: I vote aye.

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2 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank
3 you. Ampry-Samuel?

4 ALICKA AMPRY-SAMUEL: I vote aye.

5 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?

6 DIANA AYALA: I vote aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?

8 KEITH POWERS: I vote aye.

9 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Darma
10 Diaz?

11 DARMA DIAZ: I vote aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

13 STEVEN MATTEO: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Council
15 Member Matteo votes aye. By a vote of, excuse me, by
16 a vote of 12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative
17 and no abstentions all items have been adopted by the
18 Committee.

19 CHAIRPERSON DANIEL DROMM: Okay, we are
20 going to hold the vote open for maybe about another
21 10 minutes or so but we do have a very busy schedule
22 today. So, hopefully the other members will get here
23 and then we will move on from there. Thank you
24 everybody. (long pause) (gavel pounding) Quiet

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2 please. Continuation roll call Committee on Finance.

3 Please quite down.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK:

5 Committee on Finance, Council Member Moya?

6 FRANCISCO MOYA: I vote aye.

7 WILLIAM MARTIN: The vote currently

8 stands at 13 in the affirmative. (long pause)

9 Continuation roll call Committee on Finance, Council
10 Member Cornegy?

11 ROBERT CORNEGY: I vote aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: The
13 vote is currently at 13, 13 in the affirmative,
14 correction 14. Continuation of roll call Committee
15 on Finance, Brooks-Powers?

16 SELVENA BROOKS-POWERS: Aye on all.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Final.

18 CHAIRPERSON DANIEL DROMM: And with that
19 I'm going to say that this meeting ...

20 WILLIAM MARTIN, COMMITTEE CLERK: Final
21 vote, Committee on Finance. All items have been
22 adopted by the Committee with 15 in the affirmative,
23 zero in the negative and no abstentions.

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2 CHAIRPERSON DANIEL DROMM: Okay and with
3 that this meeting is adjourned at 10:15 a.m. Thank
4 you very much.

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World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date October 25, 2021