

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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September 28, 2016  
Start: 10:40 a.m.  
Recess: 11:18 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

JULISSA FERRERAS-COPELAND  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ydanis A. Rodriguez  
James G. Van Bramer  
Vanessa L. Gibson  
Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.  
Laurie A. Cumbo  
Corey D. Johnson  
Mark Levine  
I. Daneek Miller  
Helen K. Rosenthal  
Steven Matteo

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

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CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: Good

morning and welcome to today's Finance Committee hearing. I'm Council Member Julissa Ferreras-Copeland; I'm the Chair of this Committee. We've been joined by Minority Leader Matteo, Council Member Rodriguez, Rosenthal, Majority Leader Van Bramer, and Council Member Cornegy.

Today we have three items on the agenda -- an expense budget modification, a transparency resolution and a BID item. Let's start with the budget modification.

This modification represents movement of approximately \$6.5 million of funding between and within City agencies that reallocate appropriations in the City's expense budget to fund City Council local initiatives, as well as other discretionary programs. The net fiscal impact of this modification is zero.

Next we have a transparency resolution which sets forth the new designation and changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving

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2 local, aging and youth discretionary funding and  
3 funding pursuant to certain initiatives in the  
4 budget. Organizations appearing in the resolution  
5 that have not yet completed the prequalification  
6 process conducted by the Mayor's Office of Contract  
7 Services, the Council or another entity are  
8 identified in the attached chart with an asterisk(\*).

9           With all transparency resolutions,  
10 Council Members will have to sign a disclosure form  
11 indicating whether or not a conflict exists with any  
12 of the groups on the attached list. If any Council  
13 Member has a potential conflict of interest with any  
14 of the organizations listed, he or she has the  
15 opportunity to disclose the conflict at the time of  
16 their vote.

17           As a reminder, please disclose any  
18 conflicts you may have with proposed subcontractors  
19 that are used by organizations sponsored by  
20 discretionary funding. These disclosures must be  
21 made before the subcontractor can be approved.  
22 Wilhelm Grant from the General Counsel's Office can  
23 assist you with any questions or concerns regarding  
24 the disclosures.

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2                   Lastly, we have the BID item. The  
3 preconsidered resolution sets forth October 13, 2016  
4 at 10:00 a.m. in this room as the date, time and  
5 place to hold the public hearing considering the  
6 local law that would authorize an increase in the  
7 budgets of eight BIDs and two Special Assessment  
8 Districts for Fiscal 2017. The budget increases have  
9 been requested by the property owners within the  
10 boundaries of each BID and would be used to enhance  
11 the services provided. The eight BIDs and two  
12 Special Assessment Districts that are seeking budget  
13 increases are: the 165th Street Special Assessment  
14 District in Council Member Miller and Council Member  
15 Lancman's district; the Atlantic Avenue BID in  
16 Council Member Levin and Council Member Lander's  
17 district; the Bayside Village BID in Council Member  
18 Vallone's district; the Court-Livingston-Schermerhorn  
19 BID in Council Member Levin's district, and the  
20 Fashion Center BID in Council Member Johnson and  
21 Council Member Garodnick's district; the Fifth Avenue  
22 BID in Council Member Garodnick's district and the  
23 Jamaica Center Special Assessment District in Council  
24 Member Miller and Council Member Lancman's district;  
25 the Madison Avenue BID in Council Member Garodnick's

1 district; the MetroTech BID in Council Member Levin  
2 and Council Member Cumbo's district, and the  
3 Woodhaven BID in Council Member Crowley and Council  
4 Member Ulrich's district.  
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6 Each of these Council Members have  
7 submitted a letter in support of the requested budget  
8 increases. More information regarding the specific  
9 amounts of this assessment increases and the reasons  
10 for the request can be found in the Committee Report  
11 prepared by the Finance Division. Representatives  
12 from the Department of Small Business Services are  
13 here to answer any questions you may have on the  
14 resolution.

15 We will now take questions on the agenda.  
16 Seeing none; I will now ask Billy Martin, the  
17 Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

18 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
19 Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Finance.  
20 Chair Ferreras-Copeland.

21 CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: I vote  
22 aye.

23 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez. [background  
24 comments] Van Bramer.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: I vote aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Aye.

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CHAIRPERSON FERRERAS-COPELAND: We will keep the roll open for the next 15 minutes. Members... Staff, if you can make sure that your members make it to the committee room as soon as possible..

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COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items have been adopted.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Miller.

COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Gibson.

COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote currently  
stands at 8 in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member Cumbo.

COUNCIL MEMBER CUMBO: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: The vote now currently  
stands at 9 in the affirmative.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Continuation roll call,  
the Committee on Finance. Council Member Levine.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote now, on  
Committee on Finance; all items have been adopted by  
a vote of 10 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative  
and no abstentions.

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Alright; we will  
now be adjourning this committee meeting.



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C E R T I F I C A T E

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 14, 2016