

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON RULES, PRIVILEGES & ELECTIONS

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November 17, 2010
Start: 10:55 am
Recess: 11:10 am

HELD AT: 250 Broadway Committee Rm, 16th Fl.
City Hall

B E F O R E:

JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Robert Jackson
Inez E. Dickens
Erik Martin Dilan
Vincent J. Gentile
Elizabeth Crowley
Lewis A. Fidler
Albert Vann
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Karen Koslowitz
Darlene Mealy
Vincent Ignizio
James S. Oddo
James Vacca
Christine C. Quinn

2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Good morning,
3 ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Committee
4 on Rules, Privileges and Elections. My name is
5 Joel Rivera and I am the Chair of the Committee.

6 Before we begin, let me introduce
7 the members who are here with us today. We have
8 with us Council Members Robert Jackson all the way
9 to our left, followed by Council Member Inez
10 Dickens, Council Member Erik Dilan, Council Member
11 Vincent Gentile, Council Member Elizabeth Crowley.
12 To my right we have Council Member Lew Fidler,
13 Council Member Al Vann is joining us, Council
14 Member Leroy Comrie, Council Member Karen
15 Koslowitz, and Council Member Darlene Mealy is
16 here with us, and I believe I saw Vincent Ignizio
17 a few moments as well.

18 We are meeting this morning to
19 consider membership changes to certain Standing
20 Committees, Subcommittees, Chairs, and Allowances.
21 There are three Committee Chair additions. Number
22 one, adding Council Member Karen Koslowitz as
23 Chair of the Economic Development Committee with a
24 \$10,000 allowance, she will be replacing the
25 recently vacated seat held by the late Council

2 Member Thomas White, Jr.

3 Two, adding Council Member Dan
4 Garodnick as Chair of the Consumer Affairs
5 Committee, he will be replacing Council Member
6 Karen Koslowitz.

7 And three, adding Council Member
8 Fernando Cabrera as Chair of Technology with a
9 \$10,000 allowance, he will be replacing Council
10 Member Dan Garodnick on that committee.

11 And we are joined by Council Member
12 Oddo.

13 There is one Subcommittee Chair
14 addition: Adding Council Member David Greenfield
15 as Chair of the Subcommittee on Senior Centers
16 with a \$4,000 allowance, that seat is currently
17 vacant.

18 There is one Subcommittee Chair
19 removal: Removing Council Member Fernando Cabrera
20 from the Drug Abuse Subcommittee.

21 And last, there's one Committee
22 membership removal: Removing Council Member Karen
23 Koslowitz from the Aging Committee.

24 At this point, does anyone have any
25 questions?

2 [Off mic]

3 MALE VOICE: Those the only

4 Committee--

5 [Pause]

6 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Yes, at this
7 point in time, those are the only Committee
8 changes.

9 [Pause]

10 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Any other
11 questions?

12 [Off mic]

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Seeing no
14 other questions, at this point in time, I
15 recommend a voice vote. If we could please have
16 the Clerk call the roll.

17 WILLIAM MARTIN: William Martin,
18 Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
19 on Rules. Council Member Rivera.

20 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I apologize,
21 it's not a voice vote, it's just a regular vote.
22 I vote aye on all of the changes on today's
23 calendar.

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: Comrie.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

2 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dilan.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER DILAN: I vote aye.

4 WILLIAM MARTIN: Fidler.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER FIDLER: Aye.

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Jackson.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vann.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

10 WILLIAM MARTIN: Gentile.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: Aye.

12 WILLIAM MARTIN: Dickens.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

14 WILLIAM MARTIN: Vacca.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

16 WILLIAM MARTIN: Crowley.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye.

18 WILLIAM MARTIN: Koslowitz.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: I am
20 very excited, I vote aye.

21 WILLIAM MARTIN: Oddo.

22 [Off mic]

23 [Pause]

24 WILLIAM MARTIN: By a vote of 12 in
25 the affirmative, zero in the negative, and no

2 abstentions, item is adopted. Members, please
3 sign the committee report.

4 [Long pause]

5 [Off mic]

6 WILLIAM MARTIN: Speaker Quinn.

7 SPEAKER QUINN: I vote aye.

8 WILLIAM MARTIN: Final vote in the
9 Committee on Rules is 13 in the affirmative, zero
10 in the negative, and no abstentions.

11 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay. At this
12 point, the meeting is adjourned, thank you very
13 much everyone.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

Signature *Tammy Wittman*

Date December 8, 2010