

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON WATERFRONTS

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March 11, 2009
Start: 11:01am
Recess: 11:04am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E: MICHAEL C. NELSON
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Gale A. Brewer
Elizabeth Crowley
Alan J. Gerson
Melissa Mark-Viverito

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2 CHAIRPERSON NELSON: This Committee
3 on Waterfronts will commence. Good morning, this
4 is a hearing on the Committee on Waterfronts on
5 proposed Intro 867-A. It's a local law to amend
6 the New York City Charter in relation to the
7 waterfront management advisory board.

8 Formerly located within the
9 Department of Horse and Trade and now under the
10 jurisdiction of the Department of Small Business
11 Services, the charter mandated waterfront advisory
12 board has been an underutilized, to say the least,
13 component in the management of New York City's 578
14 square miles of waterfront for the last 15 years.
15 Lacking clear responsibilities and appointment
16 schedules, the board has not met since the
17 administration of Mayor Dinkens.

18 Consequentially, the subsequent
19 development of New York City's waterfront has been
20 uneven and lacked a singular vision. Renewed
21 interest in the responsible and balanced
22 development of the city's waterfront for all uses,
23 including the working waterfront, suggests that
24 now is the proper time to reconstitute this board
25 with clearly defined responsibilities and

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2 appointment schedules.

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4 This board would put the
5 administration, the Council and the public at the
6 same table to discuss and offer advice on all
7 matters relating to the industrial, commercial,
8 residential, recreational or other use of the
9 city's waterfront. It's the object of this board
10 to assist the city with the waterfront development
11 decision making process by bringing together a
12 diversity of opinions and by viewing the
13 development of the city's waterfront as a singular
14 entity rather than this piece meal projects that
15 do not contribute to the long term goals of the
16 city.

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17 We can see how this can really help
18 the city economically and recreationally and every
19 other way, hence the importance of this. So do
20 any committee members have anything to say about
21 this or ask? I said it all, you're right Al.
22 Okay. Having said that, I guess we can call the
23 roll on this vote.

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24 CLERK: William Martin, Committee
25 Clerk. Roll call on the Committee on Waterfronts,
Introduction 867-A. Council Member Nelson.

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CHAIRPERSON NELSON: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Brewer.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I vote aye
and congratulations to the Chair of the Committee.

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CLERK: Gerson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GERSON: I vote aye.

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CLERK: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
aye.

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CLERK: By a vote of four in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions, the item is adopted. Members please
sign the committee report. Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON NELSON: We will hold
this meeting open for ten minutes for the other
members of the committee to join and vote.

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CLERK: Mark-Viverito.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARK-VIVERITO: I
vote aye.

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CLERK: Final vote on the Committee
on Waterfronts now stands at five in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions. Thank you.

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FEMALE VOICE: The Committee on the

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hearing on Waterfronts is now adjourned.

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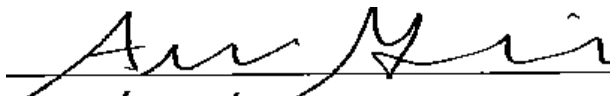
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I, Amber Gibson, certify that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that I am in no way interested in the outcome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

Signature

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Gibson", is written over a horizontal line.

Date March 24, 2009