

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

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October 19, 2023
Start: 10:29 a.m.
Recess: 10:33 a.m.

HELD AT: COMMITTEE ROOM - CITY HALL

B E F O R E: Justin L. Brannan, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Diana Ayala
Charles Barron
Gale A. Brewer
Selvena N. Brooks-Powers
David M. Carr
Amanda Farías
Crystal Hudson
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Chi A. Ossé
Keith Powers
Pierina Ana Sanchez
Althea V. Stevens
Marjorie Velázquez
Nantasha M. Williams

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Sound check for the
3 Committee on Finance. Today's date is October 19,
4 2023. Being recorded by Danny Huang (phonetic) in the
5 Committee Room.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to the New York City Council Committee on
8 Finance.

9 Please silence all cell phones and
10 electronic devices.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: [GAVEL] Good
13 morning. I am Councilman Justin Brannan, and I Chair
14 the Committee on Finance.

15 We've been joined today by Council
16 Members Carr, Farías, Brewer, Powers, Velázquez,
17 Barron, Louis, Ossé, Hudson, Williams, Sanchez,
18 Stevens, and Brooks-Powers, and on remote we've got
19 Council Members Moya and Ayala.

20 Today, the Committee will be voting
21 quickly on two BID-related resolutions. Resolution
22 807 concerns scheduling the public hearing required
23 to amend the District Plan of the Westchester Square
24 Business Improvement District to allow for a change

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2 in the assessment methods of the BID's district
3 charge.

4 Resolution 808 concerns scheduling the
5 public hearing required to increase the annual
6 expenditure for four BIDs as follows:

7 The Village Alliance BID at 1.9 million.

8 The Brighton Beach BID for 300,000.

9 The Fordham Road BID at 1.5 million.

10 The Meatpacking Area BID at 6.2 million.

11 In both cases, the resolutions set the
12 date for a public hearing on November 15, 2023, at 10
13 a.m. here in the City Council Committee Room. At that
14 public hearing, we will consider two proposed Local
15 Laws that would authorize the change in the
16 Westchester Square assessment method and increase the
17 annual expenditures of the four BIDs respectively.

18 Are there any questions from my colleagues
19 on these items?

20 With that, we're going to ask Billy
21 Martin, the Committee Clerk, to call the roll.

22 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Good
23 morning. William Martin, Committee Clerk. Roll call
24 vote Committee on Finance. Items are coupled. Chair
25 Brannan.

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2 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: I vote aye.

3 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ayala.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Moya.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

7 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

8 you, Council Member Moya. Powers.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Louis.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: I vote aye.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brooks-

13 Powers.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BROOKS-POWERS: I vote aye.

15 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Barron.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

17 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Brewer.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Aye.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Farías.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER FARIÁS: I vote aye.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Hanks.

22 Hudson.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER HUDSON: Aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Ossé.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER OSSÉ: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Sanchez.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER SANCHEZ: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Stevens.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER STEVENS: Aye.

6 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

7 Velázquez.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: Aye.

9 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Williams.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: Thank

12 you. Won. Carr.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN: With a
15 vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative,
16 and no abstentions, both items have been adopted by
17 the Committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON BRANNAN: Okay, with that,
19 this meeting is adjourned. Thank you guys.

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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 25, 2023