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Of the

CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING

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June 30, 2020

Start: 11:37 a.m. Recess: 12:00 p.m.

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B E F O R E: Corey D. Johnson

SPEAKER

Laurie A. Cumbo MAJORITY LEADER

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Adrienne E. Adams Alicka Ampry-Samuel

Diana Ayala Inez Barron

Joseph C. Borelli

Justin Brannan

Fernando Cabrera

Margaret S. Chin

Andrew Cohen

Costa Constantinides

Robert E. Cornegy, Jr.

Chaim M. Deutsch

Ruben Diaz, Sr.

Daniel Dromm

Mathieu Eugene

Vanessa Gibson

Mark Gjonaj Barry Grodenchik Robert Holden Ben Kallos Andy King Peter Koo Karen Koslowitz Rory I. Lancman Brad Lander Stephen T. Levin Mark Levine Farah N. Louis Alan N. Maisel Carlos Menchaca I. Daneek Miller Francisco Moya Bill Perkins Keith Powers Antonio Reynoso Donovan J. Richards Carlina Rivera Ydanis Rodriguez Deborah Rose Helen Rosenthal Rafael Salamanca. Jr. Ritchie Torres Mark Treyger Eric A. Ulrich Paul Vallone Jimmy Van Bramer Kalman Yeger Steven Matteo

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

Dr. Robert M. Waterman, Reverend Antioch Baptist Church

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 4
2	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: And can we start the
3	live stream?
4	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Are we ready?
5	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Mr. Speaker, we are
6	waiting on the live stream.
7	UNIDENTIFIED: There's a little bit of
8	a lag, but it's starting.
9	UNIDENTIFIED: Maybe.
10	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Oh, good. Eric's on.
11	Ready, Carl?
12	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Yes. At this time, I
13	ask everybody to please turn all electronic devices
14	to vibrate. All electronic devices to vibrate.
15	Madame Majority Later?
16	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Good afternoon and
17	welcome to the stated meeting of June 30th, 2020. I
18	Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo and it is my pleasure
19	and honor to welcome you to this a virtual meeting of
20	the New York City Council. If you would like to
21	follow along, the agenda for today's meeting is
22	posted on our website.
23	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Please join us for the
24	Pledge of Allegiance.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 5
2	ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of
3	the United States of America and to the republic for
4	which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible,
5	with liberty and justice for all.
6	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Roll call.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: Present.
9	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Present.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Present.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
14	COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Blessed, radical,
15	and present.
16	COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?
17	COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: Blessed,
18	normal, and present.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Present.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?
22	COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Present.
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
24	COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Present.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 6
2	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen? Constantinides?
3	Cornegy? Deutsch?
4	COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Here.
5	COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Presente.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Here.
9	COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: Present.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Present.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Still here.
15	COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?
16	COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Here.
17	COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Kallos?
18	COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Here.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: King?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Present.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?
22	COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Present.
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?
24	COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Present.
25	COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 7
2	COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Present.
3	COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?
4	COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Still not at all
5	sure where these Zoom meetings actually are taking
6	place, but wherever it is, I'm here.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Present.
9	COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: Present.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Present.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Here.
15	COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?
16	COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: Presente.
17	COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller? Moya?
18	COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Present.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Present.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?
22	COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Present.
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?
24	COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Present.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 8
2	COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Present.
3	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?
4	COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Present.
5	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permitted to
7	vote later on for the anti-racist budget, presente.
8	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?
9	COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Present.
10	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?
11	COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Here.
12	COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?
13	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: Present.
14	COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?
15	COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Present.
16	COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?
17	COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Here.
18	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?
19	COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: Present.
20	COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?
21	COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Here.
22	COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?
23	COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Here.
24	COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?
25	COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: Here.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 9
2	COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?
3	COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Here.
4	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?
5	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Present.
6	COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?
7	SPEAKER JOHNSON: I'm here.
8	COMMITTEE CLERK: Madame Majority Leader,
9	we have a quorum.
10	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much
11	and we will now have today's invocation which will be
12	delivered by the Reverend Dr. Robert M. Waterman, the
13	administrative Bishop and spiritual leader at Antioch
14	Baptist Church located at 828 Green Avenue in the
15	heart of Bedford-Stuyvesant Brooklyn.
16	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Is the pastor there?
17	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: You have to unmute
18	yourself, Reverend Waterman.
19	REVEREND WATERMAN: Yes. Can you hear
20	me?
21	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yes.
22	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Yes.
23	REVEREND WATERMAN: Okay. Once again,
24	we just want to thank all of you for the work that
25	you have been doing for our community. Let us pray.

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Our eternal, everlasting Father in heaven, some call you supreme God and others call you Elohim, Jehovah, and other Allah. It is our request that you would bless this Council. We desire that Your divine presence would be here with us today. Among other things, oh, God, you are the creator of the human mind, which you model in some fashion after your own great mind. Though we acknowledge that your thoughts are infinitely higher and more profound than ours, we glory in the notion that we may, on our own level, think some of our thoughts after you in this way. Father, we thank you for the precious gift of knowledge and discovery. May our efforts be blessed with insight, guided by understanding and grant us wisdom. We seek to serve with respect for all, though we are still in the middle of various pandemics and we still recognize that you are still in control. May our personal faith give us strength to act honestly and well in all matters before us. Bless today with chance of growth, with friendship, and sense of community. With work to do and the leisure to enjoy. Let us be a positive influence on those we meet. May we act with integrity and truth in all things giving the very best of ourselves in

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all that we do, living in appreciation of your gift today. I ask on behalf of those who are gathered here today, that you would bless us. Give us the grace that makes a difference for the good wherever that we may find ourselves in here today and now may you be pleased with what is done here today. Thank you for your presence. In the name above all other names, I pray, in Jesus' name according to my faith, Amen.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen.

COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY: Amen.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Amen. Thank you,
Reverend Waterman. I would now like to ask Council
member Robert Cornegy to spread the invocation on the
record.

and thank you, Madame Majority Leader. Dr. Robert M.

Waterman is a graduate of Drew University where he
obtained his Doctorate degree, New York Theological
Seminary Master of Divinity, a Bachelor's Degree from
Hunter College, political science degree, and
Associates Degree in public administration from
Eugena Maria de Hostos Community College of City of
New York. A recipient of the Bells Delos [sp?]

scholar and New York University scholarship, All 2 3 American Academic Team Dean's List, college 4 scholarship, talent roster and Phi Theta Kappa. life member of NAACP and, dare I say it, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, incorporated, which we still do not 6 7 hold against him. Dr. Robert M. Waterman has served as assistant to the Vice President and Dean of 8 Student Affairs and Medgar Evers College and conduct officer for three years. He served as a director of 10 11 Teen Service Corps in the Officer of Career Management Office where Dr. Waterman recruits 12 13 students for the CUNY Service Corps to interview and participate in the cohort of students who will serve 14 15 as ambassadors for the institution and CUNY. 16 Students bridge the gap between the classroom and workforce. Students contribute to advancing the 17 18 mission of the specific service organization and 19 learn the value of civic engagement. Now, going into 20 his fifth year, he is serving as the Career Manager 21 and Officer of the Medgar Evers Career Management Services. He served as a substitute teach in the 2.2 2.3 Department of Education for six years in District 16. Dr. Robert Waterman, pastor of Antioch Baptist 24

Church, located in the Bedford Stuyvesant area for 19

years. He worked in the engineering field for over
20 years before going into education. Dr. Waterman
is actively engaged in the fight against issues such
as poor education, poverty, lack of jobs, and limited
healthcare. He serves as the president of the
African-American Clergy and Elected Official
Organization of Brooklyn for the last 10 years. Dr.
Waterman serves as the Chair of the Trustee Board of
Interfaith Medical Center and Vice Chair of the
Trustee Board of One Brooklyn Health, Interfaith,
Brookdale, and Kings Brooke Jewish Medical Center.
He served on Community Board three for over 10 years
and serves at District 16 Diversity Committee for the
Department of Education in District 16. I don't know
when Dr. Waterman sleeps. I'm actually tired just
reading that bio. No. But Dr. Waterman has been a
tremendous service and has been a community pastor
for a very long time and is the go-to person for
spiritual guidance for many residents of Bedford
Stuyvesant. I'd like to now have the have his
words read into the record. Thank you.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you. And I would also like to call on Council member Inez

Barron, who also would like to join you, Council

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2 member Cornegy, in spreading the invocation onto the record.

Majority Leader. I just wanted to take this occasion to echo the comments that have already been read into the record and to just say that Pastor Waterman has done so much for the community and for Medgar Evers College and for individual people, as well, and has made many sacrifices and we continue to think him for the leadership that he provides and wish him and his family well. Thank you so much.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you so much,

Council member Barron, as well as Council member

Cornegy. We will now go into the adoption of

minutes.

SPEAKER JOHNSON: I move that the minutes from the last Stated Meeting be adopted as printed.

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Messages and papers from the Mayor?

SPEAKER JOHNSON: Hold on one second. Mr. Clerk, I don't have this portion in my remarks. Are there none?

PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mr. Speaker--

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and favorably reported for our consideration two technical resolutions that are necessary to close out the fiscal year that ends today. We will meet later today to vote on the items necessary to adopt the fiscal 2021 adopted budget, but in order to give the city comptroller enough time to effectuate the transfers of funds necessary to close out fiscal 2020, we are voting on these two items this morning. The first resolution is an expense budget modification which represents movements of approximately 4 billion dollars in funding from various agencies and 1.8 billion dollars to various city agencies to implement fiscal 2020 expense budget changes including reallocations of appropriations that were included in the fiscal 2020 budget to fund Council local initiatives. The second resolution is a transparency resolution that sets forth a new designation. The changes in the designation of certain organizations receiving local, aging, and youth discretionary funding and funding pursuant to certain initiatives in the budget. Since we're meeting later today, in the interest of time, I ask that member please hold their remarks on the fiscal 2021 budget until we vote on those items. Again,

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 18
2	SPEAKER JOHNSON: I would ask the clerk
3	please take roll call vote on all items coupled on
4	today's general order calendar.
5	PARLIAMENTARIAN: Mr. Speaker?
6	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Yep?
7	PARLIAMENTARIAN: What would you like to
8	do with the last items? Preconsidered M 243
9	SPEAKER JOHNSON: Couple under general
10	orders. And I would ask that all items be voted on
11	right now.
12	COMMITTEE CLERK: Adams?
13	COUNCIL MEMBER ADAMS: I vote aye.
14	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ampry-Samuel?
15	COUNCIL MEMBER AMPRY-SAMUEL: Aye.
16	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ayala?
17	COUNCIL MEMBER AYALA: Aye.
18	COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron.
19	COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.
20	COMMITTEE CLERK: Borelli?
21	COUNCIL MEMBER BORELLI: I vote aye.
22	COMMITTEE CLERK: Brannan?
23	COUNCIL MEMBER BRANNAN: Aye.
24	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cabrera?

COUNCIL MEMBER CABRERA: Aye.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 19
2	COMMITTEE CLERK: Chin.
3	COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Aye.
4	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen? Council member
5	Cohen? Constantinides?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER CONSTANTINIDES: Aye.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cornegy?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER CORNEGY? Aye on all.
9	COMMITTEE COUNCIL: Deutsch?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Aye.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Diaz?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER DIAZ: Aye.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Dromm?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER DROMM: Aye.
15	COMMITTEE CLERK: Eugene? Gibson?
16	COUNCIL MEMBER GIBSON: I vote aye.
17	COMMITTEE CLERK: Gjonaj?
18	COUNCIL MEMBER GJONAJ: Aye.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Grodenchik?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER GRODENCHIK: Aye.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Holden?
22	COUNCIL MEMBER HOLDEN: Aye.
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you. Kallos?
24	COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: King?

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 20
2	COUNCIL MEMBER KING: Aye on all.
3	COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?
4	COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.
5	COMMITTEE CLERK: Koslowitz?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER KOSLOWITZ: Aye.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Lancman?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER LANCMAN: Aye.
9	COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Levine?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER LEVINE: I vote aye.
15	COMMITTEE CLERK: Louis?
16	COUNCIL MEMBER LOUIS: Aye.
17	COMMITTEE CLERK: Maisel?
18	COUNCIL MEMBER MAISEL: Yes.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Menchaca?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER MENCHACA: I vote aye.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Miller? Council member
22	Miller?
23	COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: I vote aye.
24	COMMITTEE CLERK: Thank you.
25	COUNCIL MEMBER MILLER: Uh-hm.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 21
2	COMMITTEE CLERK: Moya?
3	COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.
4	COMMITTEE CLERK: Perkins?
5	COUNCIL MEMBER PERKINS: Aye.
6	COMMITTEE CLERK: Powers?
7	COUNCIL MEMBER POWERS: Aye.
8	COMMITTEE CLERK: Reynoso?
9	COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye.
10	COMMITTEE CLERK: Richards?
11	COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.
12	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?
13	COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: With many thanks to
14	all of the organizations that quickly adapted to
15	serving their communities, I vote aye.
16	COMMITTEE CLERK: Rodriguez?
17	COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: Permission to
18	explain my vote?
19	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Permission granted.
20	SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Time starts now.
21	COUNCIL MEMBER RODRIGUEZ: I hope that
22	all of us who had the opportunity to serve all
23	[inaudible 00:21:12] that we represent the 51,
24	realize that we are doing this modification, the last
25	one, for the 2020 at a point in time in history where

we have inherit a society that, unfortunately, has
not been focusing on closing the gap in the city of
New York. That this should be the last budget that
we should approve that should not be focused on
serving the most [inaudible 00:21:53] community.
Speaker Johnson and all of us who should be proud to
move our budget, to move the agenda the most we can,
but unless we realize that our white Council member
has privilege in the areas that they serve in, then
we will not be voting on this modification
understanding that there's a lot more that we've got
to do. So as we are voting today, I also hope that
for the few hours, everyone here realize that George
Floyd, coronavirus, show the reality of how we've
been spending money in the city of New York. Black,
Latino, Asian, poor, has not been priority, as it
should be and, as we are adopting this modification
today, I hope that we also can put a strong
[inaudible 00:22:52] on sharing the privilege that
certain districts have over the poorest ones in the
city of New York. With that, I vote aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rose?

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rosenthal?

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED MEETING 23
2	COUNCIL MEMBER ROSENTHAL: Aye.
3	COMMITTEE CLERK: Salamanca?
4	COUNCIL MEMBER SALAMANCA: I vote aye.
5	COMMITTEE CLERK: Torres?
6	COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.
7	COMMITTEE CLERK: Treyger?
8	COUNCIL MEMBER TREYGER: Aye.
9	COMMITTEE CLERK: Ulrich?
10	COUNCIL MEMBER ULRICH: I vote aye.
11	COMMITTEE CLERK: Vallone?
12	COUNCIL MEMBER VALLONE: Aye on all.
13	COMMITTEE CLERK: Van Bramer?
14	COUNCIL MEMBER VAN BRAMER: Aye.
15	COMMITTEE CLERK: Yeger?
16	COUNCIL MEMBER YEGER: With my gratitude
17	to the prior gentleman who spoke and his reflections
18	on his own racism, I vote aye.
19	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cohen?
20	COUNCIL MEMBER COHEN: I vote aye.
21	COMMITTEE CLERK: Matteo?
22	COUNCIL MEMBER MATTEO: Yes.
23	COMMITTEE CLERK: Cumbo?
24	MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: I vote aye.
25	COMMITTEE CLERK: Speaker Johnson?

MAJORITY LEADER CUMBO: Thank you.

1	CITY COUNCIL STATED	MEETING 25
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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 _____ July 10, 2020