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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

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7     LEGISLATOR VINCENT MUSCARELLA

8                     Vice Chair

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12    LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

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14    LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15                     Ranking member

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17    LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

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19    LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

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2 MR. PULITZER: Mr. Chairman, I  
3 will read the roll call. Thank you.  
4 Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

5 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

6 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold  
7 Drucker.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member  
10 Ellen Birnbaum.

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Rose  
13 Marie Walker.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Thomas  
16 McKevitt.

17 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Vice Chairman  
19 Vincent Muscarella. And Chairman Howard  
20 Kopel.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

22 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum  
23 sir.

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you. We  
25 are going to start out with a motion to

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2 suspend the rules and that motion is made by  
3 Ms. Walker. Seconded by Ms. Birnbaum. That's  
4 because we have some items on the addendum.  
5 All those in favor of suspending the rules  
6 please so indicate. Any opposed? The rules  
7 are suspended. Thank you.

8 We have several items relating to  
9 the budget and what we're going to do is  
10 simply tee those up because we still have a  
11 hearing coming up on Wednesday and we're going  
12 to have a full legislative discussion coming  
13 up on that in a couple of weeks.

14 So, without objection I hope, we  
15 will call 351, 352, 353 and 354. All those in  
16 favor of those items please so indicate by  
17 saying aye. Any opposed? Those items pass  
18 unanimously. I didn't have a motion on that.  
19 So moved by Legislator Walker. Thank you.  
20 And seconded by Legislator Drucker. Once  
21 again, all those in favor please say aye. Any  
22 opposed?

23 We have several items on the  
24 consent calendar. Those would be numbers 355,  
25 362 and 367. Motion by Mr. McKevitt.

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2 Seconded by Mr. Lafazan. All those in favor  
3 of those three items please so indicate by  
4 saying aye. Any opposed? Those items are  
5 unanimous again. Thank you.

6 Number 363 is authorizing a grant  
7 agreement between Parks, Recreation and the  
8 Glen Cove Downtown District Management.  
9 Motion by Ms. Walker. Seconded by  
10 Ms. Birnbaum.

11 MS. KASO: Tori Kaso with the  
12 Parks Department. This is a hotel-motel tax  
13 grant to support the Glen Cove Downtown Sound  
14 concert series in the amount of \$10,000 to the  
15 Glen Cove Downtown District Management  
16 Association.

17 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Do we have any  
18 questions or discussions? Hearing none, all  
19 those in favor please so indicate by saying  
20 aye. Any opposed? That item is unanimous.

21 Number 364 authorizes transfer of  
22 appropriations. That motion is made by  
23 Mr. Muscarella. Seconded by Mr. Drucker.  
24 Anybody here on 364?

25 MR. NEDELKO: Larry Nedelko from

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2 the Board of Elections. This is a board  
3 transfer from our primary fund to our general  
4 election fund. We are asking for it primarily  
5 because of new changes that have come down.

6 We've got several requirements that we have to  
7 fill that were not available to us at the time  
8 we prepared the budget from last year.

9 However, because we had a light primary, this  
10 money is available to transfer to cover those  
11 expense and obviously whatever is left over at  
12 the end of the year goes back to the general  
13 fund revenues.

14 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: How much is  
15 this?

16 MR. NEDELKO: A little over \$1.9  
17 million.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any  
19 questions? Any discussion? All those in  
20 favor please say aye. Any opposed? That item  
21 is unanimous.

22 Number 365 is a supplemental  
23 appropriation in connection with the Office of  
24 Management and Budget. Motion by Ms. Walker.  
25 Seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

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2 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich,  
3 Office of Management and Budget. Item 365  
4 appropriates \$2,002,054 for distribution  
5 arriving from ILS funding that we received  
6 from the state. This is for grant years one  
7 and two. They usually come in tranches of  
8 three years but this is just the first two  
9 years for this amount.

10 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: How much was  
11 that again?

12 MR. PERSICH: \$2,002,054.

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any  
14 questions? All those in favor please say  
15 aye. Any opposed?

16 Number 366 is a resolution  
17 authorizing transfer of appropriations  
18 heretofore made. Motion by Mr. Muscarella.  
19 Seconded by Ms. Walker.

20 MS. LAURAIN: Good afternoon.  
21 Mary Ellen Laurain, Department of Health.

22 Item 366-21 is a board transfer in  
23 the amount of \$4,175. It's for one of our New  
24 York State Department of Health grant-funded  
25 programs and it's to maximize reimbursement

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2 with no impact on the budget.

3 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Thank you.

4 Any questions? All those in favor please say  
5 aye. Any opposed? That item is unanimous.

6 Now on the addendum, number 369, is  
7 supplemental with Parks. And motion by  
8 Mr. Lafazan. Seconded by Mr. Muscarella.

9 MS. KASO: 369 is a supplemental  
10 appropriation in the amount of \$163,300 of  
11 funds representing the annual amount of fees  
12 anticipated to be collected from hotel and  
13 motel tax and will cover expenses for fiscal  
14 year 2021 in the historic building  
15 restoration. And then also \$570,000 similarly  
16 of funds representing the annual amount of  
17 fees that are anticipated to be collected for  
18 hotel-motel tax for fiscal year 2021.

19 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: That's just a  
20 routine transfer then?

21 MS. KASO: Yes.

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any  
23 questions? All those in favor please say  
24 aye. Those opposed?

25 Number 371 is a supplemental



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2 agreement with the New York State Department  
3 of Transportation. That motion is made by  
4 Mr. McKevitt and seconded by Ms. Birnbaum.

5 MR. FIELD: William Field,  
6 inspector with the police department.

7 Item 371-21 is a grant agreement  
8 resolution for the New York State Department  
9 of Transportation construction and maintenance  
10 grant. The term is January 2022 through the  
11 end of 2024. This award provides funding for  
12 the police department to provide police  
13 officer overtime and vehicle usage  
14 reimbursement for patrols to protect and make  
15 sure that safety of the roads during New York  
16 State Department of Transportation  
17 construction projects.

18 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any  
19 questions? All those in favor of 371 please  
20 say aye. Any opposed? That item is  
21 unanimous.

22 I'm told that I did not mention  
23 number 368, which is a consent item. I  
24 thought I did. It's a consent item I'm told.  
25 That motion is made by Mr. Muscarella.

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2 Seconded by Mr. McKevitt. Any discussion?

3 All those in favor please say aye. Any

4 opposed? That's unanimous.

5 Number 372 is our last item.

6 Making certain determinations pursuant to

7 SEQRA relative to an amendment to a lease

8 between Nassau County as tenant and 89th

9 Jamaica Realty Company as landlord. That

10 motion is by Ms. Walker. Seconded by

11 Mr. Lafazan. Anyone here on that lease?

12 MR. WALSH: Good afternoon

13 legislators. Kevin Walsh from the Office of

14 Real Estate Services. You have before you an

15 amendment or an extension for a lease for our

16 Jamaica bus bays which services our NICE bus

17 system in Jamaica, Queens. It is a one-year

18 extension on a lease that expired to provide a

19 point of pick up for our NICE bus in Jamaica,

20 Queens.

21 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Obviously this

22 is not susceptible of being bidding or

23 anything like that?

24 MR. WALSH: Correct. Limited

25 opportunities. Next year we're looking at

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2 other alternatives when this expires next  
3 year.

4 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: What kind of  
5 other alternatives might there be?

6 MR. WALSH: It's centrally  
7 located in the area of the Jamaica train  
8 station. So there's limited places where you  
9 can have bays to pick up buses.

10 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Anyone else  
11 have any questions? Hearing none, all those  
12 in favor please say aye. Any opposed? That  
13 item is unanimous.

14 We have no further items.  
15 Mr. Muscarella moves to adjourn. Mr. Drucker  
16 seconds the motion. All those in favor of  
17 adjourning say aye. Any opposed? Finance is  
18 adjourned.

19 (Committee was adjourned at 1:50  
20 p.m.)

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I, FRANK GRAY, a Notary  
Public in and for the State of New  
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
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