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THE council members conjured up old Abe Lincoln. And George Orwell. Even Venezuelan beastie Hugo Chavez made a cameo appearance at City Hall - when one member said he preferred him to our mayor, better known as the man who wants to rule New York for life.

But the star of yesterday's

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show wasn't a dead politician. It was Mama Vacca, mother of Councilman James.

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She's a lady who watches a lot of "Matlock," but her recent conversion to New York 1 scared the heck out of ol' mama - and made her persuade her boy to give Mayor Bloomberg everything he asked for.

"They said I can't vote for who I want!" James Vacca screeched, adopting the voice of his mom.

The City Council chamber was jammed with an overflow crowd that watched the council capitulate to Bloomberg - and extend the limit a politician can hold office from two terms to three.

Councilwoman Rosie Mendez, who opposed the extension, actually quoted a familiar commercial to make her point. "Democracy - priceless."

Councilman Bill de Blasio showed off an education wasted on his chosen profession, finding it "Orwellian" that Bloomberg said he wanted to force the council to extend his term in office - because it would give voters a "better choice."

Not to be outdone, Charles Barron said Venezuela's Chavez brought a term-limit extension to voters, but they turned him down. "He said 'fine,' Mayor Bloomberg - be like Hugo," Barron chided.

And this, my friends, is the way your City Council does business.

Embarrassing? Yes. Inevitable? To quote Sarah Palin - You betcha.

Still, a stench of inevitability clung to the council chamber like mildew.

The mayor yesterday became the first man to profit handsomely from the city's financial mess, doing an end run around voters by threatening that he's the only guy who can lead them out of financial darkness.

And, like sheep, the council members, one by one, fell into lock step.

I'm no great fan of term limits, but they're the law of the land. And this was a blatant political power grab, executed by a crafty mayor.

A mayor who's smarter than all of us.

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Kelley Eidem
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