

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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June 21, 2012

Start: 10:50 a.m.

Recess: 10:56 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:

MARK S. WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Daniel R. Garodnick
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Larry B. Seabrook
James Vacca
Albert Vann
Vincent M. Ignizio

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2 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay. Good
3 morning, everyone. We apologize for the late
4 hour. It's been a very busy day with budget and
5 graduations and everything, so we apologize to
6 those who have been sitting waiting. I am Mark
7 Weprin. I am the chair of the Zoning and
8 Franchises Subcommittee of the Land Use Committee.
9 It will be following by the Land Use Committee.
10 We have two items on the Zoning Subcommittee that
11 we'd like to take up.

12 The first item that we are going to
13 vote on—we've had the hearings on both of these
14 items the other day. Land Use No. 611 and 612 is
15 the Upper West Side neighborhood retail streets
16 amendment, which has been very strongly pushed by
17 the Department of City Planning as well as our
18 colleagues, Gale Brewer, Inez Dickens and Melissa
19 Mark-Viverito. We had a long hearing on this, a
20 lot of discussion from the community about their
21 desire to lower the sizes of storefronts in this
22 area—the Upper West Side. There seems to be very
23 strong community support for this and we are going
24 to have that on the agenda, and that item will be
25 coupled with Land Use No. 621, which is the

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2 Woodhaven Richmond Hill rezoning, which also
3 enjoys community support. The one addition is
4 there is a modification that was raised the other
5 day by Council Member Comrie on the edge of the
6 zoning map having to do with one of the R5s that
7 was switched to an R4A originally is going to
8 remain an R5. That's on right off Liberty Avenue
9 on the edge of the zoning map and that is going to
10 be modified and go back to City Planning, so those
11 two items or three items are going to be coupled.
12 That is 611 and 612, the Upper West Side, and then
13 Land Use No. 621, the Woodhaven Richmond Hill
14 rezoning. Those items are now coupled and we are
15 going to ask Christian Hilton to please call the
16 roll, and the recommendation is an aye vote.

17 COUNSEL: Chair Weprin?

18 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

19 COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

21 COUNSEL: Council Member Comrie?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: No, no.

23 I'm voting aye. I just want to congratulate
24 Council Member Brewer and Council Member Melissa
25 Mark-Viverito and Council Member Inez Dickens for

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2 all of the work that they did and also all of the
3 work that people that put in time and effort, and
4 also City Planning for working with all of the
5 folk that have been trying to make this the issue
6 on the Upper West Side more amenable for people.
7 I still have some concerns over what this will
8 have on long term impacts for other areas, but—and
9 I just wanted to make sure that the aye vote is to
10 amend the second rezoning. Correct?

11 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Right. There
12 is a modification included in the aye vote.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Okay, so I
14 vote aye on all to include the modification of the
15 Richmond Hill Woodhaven rezoning and I want to
16 congratulate Queens City Planning and - - and - -
17 to make that happen. Aye on all.

18 COUNSEL: Council Member Jackson?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
20 all.

21 COUNSEL: Council Member Vann?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

23 COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

25 COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

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COUNSEL: By a vote of eight in the

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affirmative, none in the negative and no

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abstentions, L.U. 611 and 612 are approved and

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L.U. 621 is approved with modifications.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you.

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[background conversation]

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Well, thank

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you. With that, we are going to adjourn this

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meeting. If Joel Rivera—I don't know if he is

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nearby or not, for a few minutes he has until we

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started the Land Use Committee to vote. With that

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in mind, the meeting is now adjourned.

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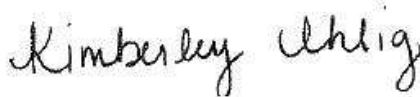
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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Kimberley Uhlig 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 _____



Date _____

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