

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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December 18, 2025
Start: 12:34 p.m.
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HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - 8TH FLOOR -
HEARING ROOM 1

B E F O R E: Kevin C. Riley, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
David M. Carr
Francisco P. Moya
Yusef Salaam
Lynn C. Schulman

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchise
4 recorded on December 18, 2025, located in Hearing
5 Room 1 by Nazly Paytuvi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good afternoon, and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council vote for the
8 Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchise.

9 At this time, please silence all
10 electronic devices, and no one may approach the dais.

11 Chair, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: [GAVEL] Good
13 afternoon, and welcome to the meeting of the
14 Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchise. I am Council
15 Member Kevin Riley, Chair of the Subcommittee. This
16 afternoon, I'm joined remotely by Council Member
17 Moya, and in the room by Council Member Abreu,
18 Schulman, Salaam, and Carr.

19 Today, we are voting on two items. We
20 will vote to approve Resolution 1109 of 2025, an
21 authorizing resolution related to the City's existing
22 citywide public communications structures franchise,
23 known as LinkNYC. A request for approval of this
24 resolution was submitted by the Mayor, seeking to
25 modify the franchise agreement. The resolution will

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2 authorize the Administration to extend the existing
3 franchise agreement with CityBridge for up to five
4 years, so that the current franchise agreement will
5 terminate in 2035. Once the resolution is approved,
6 the City Office of Technology and Innovation, also
7 known as OTI, will negotiate an extension of the
8 agreement with CityBridge, and the continued
9 operation and expansion of the City's free public Wi-
10 Fi program.

11 We will also vote to approve Resolution
12 1157 of 2025, a second authorizing resolution related
13 to the City's existing citywide coordinated street
14 furniture franchise, which includes bus shelters,
15 newsstands, and public toilets. A request for
16 approval of this resolution was also submitted by the
17 Mayor. The resolution will authorize the extension of
18 the existing franchise agreement with JCDecaux for
19 approximately three years and nine months, so that it
20 ends at the same time as the franchise agreement with
21 CityBridge. This extension will allow the City to
22 assess the possibility of combining both the street
23 furniture and LinkNYC franchises. The restructuring
24 of these franchises could generate more investment in
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2 the City's infrastructure and more revenue for the
3 city.

4 I will now call for a vote to approve
5 Resolution 1109 for the Public Communications
6 Structure Franchise Authorizing Resolution, and
7 Resolution 1157 for the Coordinated Street Furniture
8 Franchise Authorizing Resolution.

9 Counsel, can you please call the roll?

10 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Chair Riley.

11 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Aye on all.

12 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council
13 Member Moya. Council Member Moya.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye. I vote
15 aye. Hello, yes.

16 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Is that a
17 yes?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: Yes. I vote aye.

19 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Thank you.

20 Council Member Abreu.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

22 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council
23 Member Schulman.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

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2 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council
3 Member Salaam.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

5 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council
6 Member Carr.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

8 SUBCOMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: By a vote of
9 six in affirmative, zero opposing, and zero
10 abstention, the items are approved as described by
11 the Chair, and these items are now referred to a full
12 Land Use Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you, Counsel.
14 That concludes today's business.

15 I would like to say this is my last
16 meeting as the Chair of the Subcommittee, and it has
17 been an honor Chairing the Subcommittee. We have
18 approved so much affordable housing within our city.
19 We had tons and tons of meetings, so I have to give
20 it up to the rest of my Colleagues who share the
21 Subcommittee with me. Thank you so much for showing
22 up. We did a lot of great work for the city, and to
23 our Committee Counsel, William, I really appreciate
24 you. Thank you so much. I'm going to miss you. I
25 won't be too far, though, okay?

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2 And with that being said, I would like to
3 also thank the members of the public, my Colleagues,
4 Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use and other Council
5 Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for participating in
6 today's meeting.

7 This meeting is hereby adjourned. Thank
8 you. [GAVEL]

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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 December 29, 2025