

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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October 4, 2011  
Start: 10:04am  
Recess: 10:10am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E:

MARK S. WEPRIN  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo  
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie  
Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick  
Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio  
Council Member Robert Jackson  
Council Member Jessica S. Lappin  
Council Member Annabel Palma  
Council Member Diana Reyna  
Council Member Joel Rivera  
Council Member Larry B. Seabrook  
Council Member James Vacca  
Council Member Albert Vann

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

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2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

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4 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Well, good  
5 morning. Welcome back, everyone, this is the  
6 Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee. I am Mark  
7 Weprin, the Chair of the Committee, and I'm joined  
8 this morning by Council Member Al Vann, Council  
9 Member Larry Seabrook, Council Member Dan  
10 Garodnick, Council Member Joel Rivera, and Council  
11 Member Jimmy Vacca from the Committee, and we're  
12 delighted to have back Councilman Annabel Palma.  
13 Council Member Annabel Palma, who's here for the  
14 Land Use meeting directly after this meeting.  
15 When we last left off, the one item we had  
16 outstanding that we hadn't voted on was Land Use  
17 Nos. 485 through 490, inclusive. This is the  
18 Crotona Park application, rezoning and text  
19 amendment. There was some issues raised regarding  
20 Parks Department and public space. And last night  
21 we received a letter which satisfied a lot of the  
22 members of the Committee, from Parks Department,  
23 which I will read for the record. "Dear Council  
24 Members Rivera and Arroyo," who represent the area  
25 in question, "This letter addresses the concerns

1 raised at today's hearing of the Subcommittee on  
2 Zoning and Franchises, of this New York City  
3 Council, on the above referenced application,  
4 regarding ongoing monitoring and mitigation of  
5 potential impacts on the proposed action on area  
6 parks and open space. The applicant, Industco  
7 Holdings, has confirmed its commitment by separate  
8 letter, a copy of which is annexed. This  
9 applicant has committed to notify the Department  
10 of Parks and Recreation, Bronx Community Boards 3  
11 and 6, the Office of the Borough President, both  
12 of you" that's Members Rivera and Arroyo, "or your  
13 successors in the City Council" [laughs] "each  
14 time a new building permit is issued for one of  
15 the applicants proposed buildings. The applicant  
16 has also committed to prepare a report on an  
17 annual basis, identifying residential buildings  
18 for which new building permits have been issued on  
19 non-applicant controlled properties in the  
20 rezoning area. At this time, the Department will  
21 evaluate the current open space conditions to  
22 determine what opportunities there may be to  
23 improve open space within the rezoning area. The  
24 Department will meet with Community Board's 3 and  
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2 6 throughout the year, OMB community board's  
3 consultation process, to discuss proposed capital  
4 projects within those community boards. The  
5 Department will meet yearly with the Council  
6 Members of the Council districts that fall within  
7 the rezoning area to discuss capital projects  
8 and/or programmatic needs. We believe these  
9 commitments address the issues raised at today's  
10 hearing and we look forward to continuing to work  
11 with you on parks and open space concerns." And  
12 we have discussed this with Council Member Arroyo  
13 and she is okay with this letter. And so, we have  
14 resolved that issue, and with that, we're going to  
15 move to vote on this issue. Again, it's Land Use  
16 Nos. 485 through 490, which are all going to be  
17 coupled together. We will recommend an aye vote,  
18 and I'm going to call on Christian Hylton to call  
19 the roll on this item.

20 COUNSEL: Chair Weprin.

21 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

22 COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

24 COUNSEL: Council Member Seabrook.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote

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aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: May I be excused to vote on items that was on the agenda--

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Yes.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: --before the recess? I vote aye on those items and I vote aye on all.

COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: With congratulations to all those who worked very hard on this, I say aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye, and I ask permission to vote aye on items on the agenda of yesterday's recessed meeting.

COUNSEL: Thank you. By a vote of six in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions, LU 485, 486, 487, 488, 489 and 490 are approved and referred to the full Land Use Committee. And previous items LU 468, 484 and 491 are approved now by a vote of eleven in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you very

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2 much, Mr. Hylton. With that in mind, we are going  
3 to hold the rolls open until the Land Use meeting  
4 starts, which will be sometime after this meeting.  
5 Until next time, the meeting is now adjourned.

6 [gavel]

7 [pause]

8 COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

10 [background noise, "Hold on, wait"]

11 COUNSEL: Got to do it again, Jess.

12 Do it for the cameras.

13 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: That was

14 practice, that was a practice run.

15 COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

17 COUNSEL: Vote now stands seven in  
18 the affirmative, none in the negative, no  
19 abstentions, LU 485 through 490.

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22 COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

24 COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I vote

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2 aye.

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COUNSEL: Vote now stands nine in

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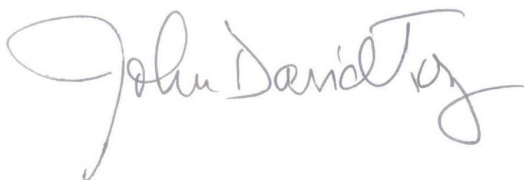
abstentions, on LU 485--



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, JOHN DAVID TONG 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the printed word "Signature".

Date October 19, 2011