

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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April 12, 2011
Start: 9:58 am
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HELD AT: Committee Room, 14th Floor
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MARK WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Leroy Comrie, Jr.
Daniel Garodnick
Vincent Ignizio
Diana Reyna
James Vacca
Albert Vann

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

Christian Hilton
Staff

2 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: We're going to
3 get started. Good morning everyone we're going to
4 get started. Delighted to be joined by special
5 guest former Assemblyman Matthew Mirones is here.
6 Welcome, council. Did you meet Nick. Nick
7 Accademu [phonetic] the most famous Greek in the
8 building. Okay.

9 Ladies and gentlemen my name is
10 Mark Weprin. I am the Chair of the Zoning in
11 Franchises Subcommittee, and I'd like to welcome
12 you to Brad Lander day at the subcommittee. We
13 have two items on today both in Councilman Lander
14 district on Carroll Street. We're going to stay
15 on Carroll Street today.

16 We had the hearings already on
17 these two items land use number 360 C0909225ZMK
18 and land use 361 C110118ZMK. And these two items
19 Council Member Lander was working on to try to get
20 agreement and everything in order and I'm happy to
21 say I have a letter here of support from Council
22 Member Lander, which it the committee doesn't mind
23 I will read into the record and then I will
24 introduce the members of the committee that are
25 here which I haven't done yet.

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2 But this is to Chair Weprin and the
3 members of the Zoning and Franchises Committee.
4 Thank you for your consideration of the proposed
5 rezoning of 25 and 33 Carroll Street in Brooklyn
6 and for your flexibility, we're all very flexible,
7 in allowing an additional week to resolve these
8 items.

9 I apologize for not being there
10 this morning, and for making you guys come just
11 for my meeting actually I added that, but
12 [laughter] I want you to know that thanks to the
13 extra week, they had enormous progress and I'm
14 pleased as to ask you to vote yes on these items.

15 As noted at the public hearing last
16 week the owner of 33 Carroll Street a privately
17 owned lot with the rezoning law allow 8 new market
18 rate units has agreed to deepen the affordability
19 of the least six units on nearby sites, where he
20 has been designated as a developer under HPD new
21 foundation's program. My 20 percent of AMI thus
22 enabling low income families to stay in our
23 community and committed to permanent
24 affordability.

25 At 25 Carroll Street with a

1 rezoning will allow the owner to convert the
2 relatively small ground floor of a mixed-use
3 building into residential use. The owner has
4 agreed to contribute \$20,000 for physical
5 improvements at the Urban Meadow, a community
6 garden, small park around the corner.
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8 As a result, this small rezoning
9 will make contributions to affordable housing and
10 neighborhood open space. I thank both developers
11 Marshall Sloan [phonetic] at 33 Carroll Street and
12 Alex Barrett [phonetic] of 25 Carroll, for working
13 with us and the community.

14 I want to especially thank Michael
15 Freedman-Schnapp, who is here today, of my staff.
16 Michael take the bow. Who's creativity and
17 persistence made this possible as well as Richard
18 Bearak from Borough President Marty Markowitz's
19 Office, who was instrumental in the agreement of
20 33 Carroll street. Thanks also to HPD, to the
21 Council's land use staff, and again to you and
22 members of the subcommittee, as well as all the
23 general public. I, enthusiastically, I added that as
24 well, I ask you to vote yes on this rezoning site.

25 Thank you Council Member Lander.

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2 He also has a little public service announcement
3 here. He wants to invite all members of the
4 subcommittee to an oversight hearing on the fair
5 share criteria which governed the siting of the
6 municipal facilities such as which transfer
7 stations and homeless shelters. The hearing will
8 be today at 1:00 on the 14th floor. And I assume
9 Council Member Lander and will be there

10 MALE VOICE: [off mic] Sixteenth
11 floor.

12 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: It been moved
13 to the 16th floor? Okay, so you say. Thank you
14 and I'm delighted this morning to be joined by
15 Council Member Al Van, Council Member Dan
16 Garodnick, Council Member Leroy Comrie, Council
17 Member Vincent Ignizio, Council Member Jimmy
18 Vacca, a and the coat of Council Member Diana
19 Reyna, but I am sure she will be right back in.

20 I will now call on Christian Hilton
21 [phonetic] to call the roll on these two items.

22 CHRISTIAN HILTON: Chair Weprin.

23 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye on both.

24 CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
25 Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on both
CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [off mic]
Aye.

CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.
CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
Vacca.

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye, and I
will never engage in negative thinking. I want
you to know.

CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes, I
vote aye.

CHRISTIAN HILTON: Council Member
Reyna.

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

CHRISTIAN HILTON: My vote is 7
affirmative, none the negative, no abstentions.
LU360 and LU 361 are approved and referred to the
full and use committee.

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CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: okay. That is
it the motion is passed. The meeting will be
adjourned, but we are going to hold the rolls open
for about 10 minutes to see if the other members
do get back here. Okay. Thank you very much.
The meeting is adjourned.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson 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 4/28/11