

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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November 1, 2011
Start: 10:35 a.m.
Recess: 11:00 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Sara M. Gonzalez
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry B. Seabrook

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James Vacca
Albert Vann
Brad S. Lander
Stephen T. Levin
Mark S. Weprin
Jumaane D. Williams
Daniel J. Halloran III
Vincent M. Ignizio
Peter A. Koo

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: --Committee meeting, full Land Use Committee meeting for today, November 1st, 2011. We are joined today by Council Member Mark Weprin, Council Member Albert Vann, Council Member Vinny Ignizio, Council Member Robert Jackson, Council Daniel Garodnick, Council Member Jimmy Vacca, Council Member Peter Koo, Council Member Inez Dickens, Council Member Joel Rivera, Council Member Annabel Palma, Council Member Charles Barron, Council Member Dan Halloran and Council Member Jessica Lappin and Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo.

We have just a few items on the calendar for today--one item in Council Member Sara Gonzalez's district that she is ecstatic about and that's the Green Wood Cemetery, Land Use Item No. 466 in Brooklyn Community Board 7--it's Halloween; it's a Halloween - - , Charles--Item No. 20125043 CCK. It's an application for acquisition of the land known as the Weir Greenhouse, located on Block 655, Lots 31-33 in Council Member Gonzalez's district--she approves of...

A landmark in Council Member Chin's

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2 district, which she approves of, known as the
3 Citizens Savings Bank, Land Use Item No. 492, Item
4 No. 20125039 HKM, Manhattan Community Board 3.

5 It's the landmark the building known as the
6 Citizens Savings Bank, located at 58 Bowery.

7 We have some sidewalk cafes in
8 Council Member Reyna's district. It's known as
9 Carino [phonetic]. It's in Brooklyn Community
10 Board 1, Land Use No. 495, Item No. 20115771 TCK.
11 It's to operate and maintain an unenclosed
12 sidewalk located at 82 South 4th Street. The next
13 one is in--there's three in Council Member Reyna's
14 district--Land Use No. 496 La Piazzetta, also in
15 Community Board 1, Item No. 20115847 TCK. It's to
16 operate a sidewalk cafe located at 442 Graham
17 Avenue. The last one in Council Member Reyna's
18 district is Land Use Item No. 502, Brooklyn
19 Community Board 1 also, Item No. 20115843 TCK,
20 known as Alligator Lounge located at 600
21 Metropolitan Avenue. And we have one in Council
22 Member Jackson's district, sidewalk cafe known as
23 Taconia Mexican Grill, Item No. 20115782 in
24 Manhattan Community Board 12. It's a sidewalk
25 cafe to be located at 591 Fort Washington Avenue.

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2 We have one in Speaker Quinn's district, which is
3 Land Use No. 503 called Brasserie in Manhattan
4 Community Board 12, Item No. 20115845 TCM to
5 operate an unenclosed sidewalk cafe at 409 West
6 13th Street. We have one that is a motion to file
7 pursuant to withdrawal of a sidewalk cafe, Land
8 Use No. 504 in Council Member Landers' district
9 called The Double Windsor in Brooklyn Community
10 Board 7, Item No. 20125018 TCK to withdraw the
11 application for a sidewalk cafe located at 210
12 Prospect Park West. Another sidewalk cafe in
13 Council Member Jackson's district, known as Hashi
14 in Manhattan Community Board 12, Land Use No. 505,
15 Item No. 20115835 TCM. It's to operate an
16 unenclosed sidewalk located at 5009 Broadway.

17 We have a Coney Island grade
18 change--an amendment to the City Map to modify
19 street grades in Council Member Recchia's
20 district, Land Use No. 506 in Brooklyn Community
21 Board 13, Item No. C 100469 MMK. It's to amend
22 the City Map involving modification of the grades
23 on West 21st Street between Surf Avenue and the
24 public beach and then Ocean Way between West 22nd
25 Street and Parachute Way in accordance with map

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2 number x2726 dated April 25th and signed by the
3 borough president.

4 We have a TIL [phonetic], which is
5 a UDAP in Council Member Chin's district, Land Use
6 Item No. 500. It's pursuant to--where's the
7 location? Oh, okay. It's for 166 Mulberry Street,
8 168-70 Mulberry Street in Manhattan, and it's a
9 tenant interim lease section 577 TIL. I believe
10 that is it for the entire agenda. All items have
11 been vetted thoroughly in the Subcommittee
12 hearings. I just wanted to thank all the
13 Subcommittee Chairs. If there is any member that
14 would like to speak to any item on the agenda,
15 please indicate. And I just want to introduce
16 everyone in the Land Use Committee to my new staff
17 person Richard Lee [phonetic], who has joined me.
18 I'm honored that he has joined me. He's had an
19 excellent record up until now, so I hope I don't
20 mess it up.

21 [laughter]

22 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We've been
23 joined by Council Member Levin and with that, I'll
24 ask the clerk to call the roll and ask for a yes
25 vote on all items on today's calendar.

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COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,
Committee Clerk, roll call vote in the Committee
on Land Use. Council Member Comrie?

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER REIVERA: I vote aye
on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

[background conversation]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [no audible
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
all, except for the landmarking designation from
out of my subcommittee, which I voted no to as I'm
voting no on all landmarking until they come to my
district and start landmarking.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: [no audible
response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: All items on
today's Land Use agenda have been adopted by a
vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the
negative and no abstentions with the exception of

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2 Land Use Item 492, which has been adopted by a
3 vote of 15 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative
4 and no abstentions. Thank you.

5 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Next Committee
6 meetings are Wednesday, November 16th for Zoning
7 and Planning. Landmark, there's no change. The
8 full Committee is November 17th. We are going to--
9 --the times are different. Note that the times are
10 one o'clock instead of ten o'clock--instead of
11 9:30. Alright. Other than that, we are going to
12 hold the roll open. We going to adjourn the
13 meeting and hold the roll open. We are - - for
14 people who have not voted. - - . In fact, I'm
15 upset she's leaving me for a week, so anyhow, with
16 that, we are adjourning today's Land Use meeting.
17 We will hold the roll open for the members who
18 have said they're on their way and we expect them
19 shortly. Thank you all.

20 [gavel]

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
22 Reyna?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member
25 Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I vote
aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Final vote in the
Committee on Land Use now stands all items have
been adopted by a vote of 18 in the affirmative,
zero in the negative and no abstentions, again
with the exception of Land Use Item 492, which has
been adopted by a vote of 17 in the affirmative, 1
in the negative and no abstentions. Thank you.
This hearing is now adjourned.

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 Kimberley Uhlig

Date 11/15/11