

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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September 20, 2012
Start: 10:45 a.m.
Recess: 10:55 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

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: --Council

Member Williams, Council Member Vann, Council
Member Gonzalez, Council Member Garodnick, Council
Member Vacca, Council Member Weprin, Council
Member Lappin, Council Member Rivera, Council
Member Palma, and Council Member Reyna. We have a
quorum. I did say Lappin. I'll say Lappin again.
We have a few items on today's agenda, which we
can run through quickly. They have all been
vetted in the subcommittee meetings, and hearings
have been held and discussions have been had. If
anyone has a final comment, they can let me know
after I go through the calendar.

First we have a motion to file and
an application corrected and resubmitted as it
will be Land Use 700, Land Use number 699, the
Yorkville Bank Building in Manhattan Community
Board 8, Item number 20125791 HKM regarding a
landmark designation of the Yorkville Bank
Building. We have a motion to withdraw pursuant
to DCA's request in Speaker Quinn's district, a
unenclosed sidewalk café, 131 7th Avenue South,
known as Land Use Item 685, Item number 20125783
TCM—I'm not even going to say the name of this—Sel

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2 Et Gras in Council Member chin's district. Toby's
3 Public House, a sidewalk café to be continued to
4 maintain an unenclosed sidewalk café at 86 Kenmore
5 Street, Land Use Item number 686 in Community
6 Board 2, Item number 20125776 TCM. This is item
7 in Council Member Palma's district, the - -
8 apartments, Land Use number 687 in Bronx Community
9 Board 9, Council District 18, Item number C120173
10 ZMX. It's an application submitted by the Housing
11 Authority pursuant to Sections 197c and 201, which
12 were changed a rezoning to construct 18 new
13 residential buildings; one eight-story building,
14 one building to contain senior housing and 16 two-
15 family homes. It's going to be a property bounded
16 by Randall Avenue, Rosedale Avenue, Lacombe
17 [phonetic] Avenue, Bronx River Avenue and - -
18 passing at a point 70 degree southerly, to the
19 southerly street line of Randall Avenue. We have
20 in Council Member Lappin's district a landmark
21 designation for the corrected application for is
22 now known as Land Use Item number 700, the
23 Yorkville Bank Building, Manhattan Community Board
24 8, Item number is now 20125791 HKM. It's the
25 Yorkville Bank Building at 1511 Third Avenue. In

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2 Council Member Chin's district and in Council
3 District 1 in Manhattan Community Board 2, Item
4 number 20135013 HKM. It's to landmark the Bowery
5 Bank Building, Land Use Item 701, located at 124
6 Bowery as a historic landmark. Also, two others
7 in Council Member Chin's building, a landmarks
8 preservation again is looking to landmark the
9 Bowery Mission in Council District 1, Manhattan
10 Community Board 3, Item number 20135014 HKM known
11 as the Bowery Mission at 227 Bowery. Also Land
12 Use Item number 703 in Council Member Chin's
13 district, Manhattan Community Board 1, Item number
14 20135015 HKM to landmark a building known as the
15 New York Curb Exchange later known as the American
16 Stock Exchange located at 86 Trinity Place as a
17 historic landmark. And finally, the last item is
18 in Council Member James' district, Community
19 District 35, Brooklyn Community Board 8, Land Use
20 number 704, Item number 2013506 HKK. This is to
21 landmark the Park Place Historic District. It
22 consists of the properties bounded by a line
23 beginning at the point in the northern curb line
24 of Park Place formed by its intersection with a
25 line extending southerly from the eastern property

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2 of 675 Park going northerly to 675-655 Park,
3 angularly along the lines of 653 and 651 Park
4 southerly along the western property line of 651
5 Park to the northern curb line of Park Place and
6 easterly along - - curb line to the point of the
7 beginning, which will be now known as the Park
8 Place Historic District. Would any members like
9 to comment on anything on today's agenda? You can,
10 if you want your members to turn on you.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Can I? I'm
12 very brief.

13 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: The Council
14 Member Palma needs to comment on her item.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Thank you.
16 I just want to thank Chairman Weprin and Chairman
17 Leroy. Yesterday my statement about the project
18 in my district was read into the record, and I
19 just want to again state that it is a good
20 project. I'm not going to go through the details
21 because they were stated yesterday. There was a
22 concern about a compost site directly in front of
23 or in the vicinity of the project. I just want to
24 say that the compost site is a non-active compost
25 site. It is not in use particularly because

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2 sanitation doesn't have the money to operate it,
3 so that's a good thing, but if it was an
4 operational compost site, they would only be doing
5 leaves and Christmas trees. Right now we are
6 working with the community and some organizations
7 and sanitation and the Parks Department to bring
8 lessons about composting into the area, so the
9 residents of that area can feel comfortable about
10 what goes into composting, and I again want to
11 express support for this project and thank my
12 colleagues for their support. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member
14 Lappin?

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: I did want
16 to just thank the Landmarks Subcommittee and the
17 full Committee for designating today the Yorkville
18 Bank. It's a lovely building and will be a very
19 worthy landmark.

20 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Any other
21 comments on topics by members involved? Seeing
22 none, I would recommend an aye vote on everything
23 on today's calendar. Please check with the
24 committee staff for the next dates for the
25 hearings. October 3rd is the Subcommittee.

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2 Probably October 5th is the full Committee. With
3 that, I recommend an aye vote. Is the clerk here
4 to call the roll? Then we will have Christian
5 Hilton, the counsel for the Committee, to call the
6 roll.

7 COUNSEL: Chair Comrie?

8 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

9 COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
11 on all.

12 COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna?

13 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

14 Congratulations to the members in which whose
15 districts these items are in.

16 COUNSEL: Council Member Vann?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

18 COUNSEL: Council Member Gonzalez?

19 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on
20 all.

21 COUNSEL: Council Member Palma?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

23 COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

25 COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

[background conversation]

COUNSEL: Council Member Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: No on 701.

Aye on all others.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Committee members, please sign the reports. I want to thank all of the Subcommittee Chairs and see you all later today. With that, we will keep the roll open. Are we expecting any other members? We will keep the roll open for three hours—

[laughter]

[background conversation]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We will keep the roll open until 11 o'clock, and then we will shut it down. With that, the Committee—oh, I'm

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COUNSEL: All items are approved and referred to the full Council by a vote of 13 in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions except item L.U. 701, which was approved by 12 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: With that, the Committee is adjourned. We will hold the roll open for ten minutes.

[gavel]

COUNSEL: Council Member Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COUNSEL: The vote now stands 14 in the affirmative, none in the negative on L.U. 685, 686, 687, 700, 702, 703 and 704, and items filed and withdrawn 699 and 685, and 13 in the affirmative, 1 in the negative on L.U. 701.

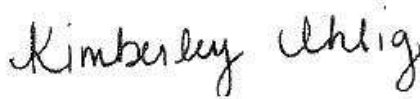
COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: This meeting is adjourned.

[gavel]

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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