

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITING AND MARITIME
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October 13, 2010
Start: 10:11am
Recess: 10:18am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
BRAD S. LANDER
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
- Council Member Daniel J. Halloran III
- Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio
- Council Member Peter A. Koo
- Council Member Rosie Mendez
- Council Member Annabel Palma
- Council Member Diana Reyna
- Council Member James Sanders, Jr.
- Council Member James Vacca
- Council Member Mark S. Weprin
- Council Member Jumaane Williams

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

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2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: We good to go?

3 MALE VOICE: - - business.

4 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you.

5 Good morning. [gavel] [laughs] This very brief
6 meeting of the Land Use Subcommittee on Landmarks,
7 Public Siting and Maritime Uses is hereby called
8 to order. I'm Brad Lander, I'm joined today by
9 Council Members Rosie Mendez, Annabel Palma, and
10 James Sanders on our Subcommittee, and also
11 Council Members Diana Reyna, Peter Koo and Vinnie
12 Ignizio, and Jimmy Vacca joining us for this very
13 exciting meeting of the Subcommittee. We have
14 items number, Land Use Items number 214 and 215 to
15 consider. And the motion we are entertaining is a
16 motion to file pursuant to withdrawal. The
17 administration has withdrawn those actions.
18 Before we, we make the motion and call the roll,
19 Council Member Reyna, would you like to say
20 something for the record?

21 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Thank you,
22 Chairman Lander. I just wanted to express to my
23 colleagues, and you, Mr. Chair, my gratitude for
24 allowing conversations that had been ongoing since
25 our last hearing on this matter. This particular

2 garage in Community Board Three, Nostrand Avenue,
3 has been an ongoing issue for the last three
4 decades. And this particular matter, at the end
5 cannot be resolved because of the unwillingness of
6 the Department of Sanitation with the
7 Administration to prioritize this. I am not an
8 unreasonable individual, I was looking for
9 commitments of making sure that this garage would
10 be built in our lifetime. In my last effort to
11 work with the Department of Sanitation and the
12 Administration a seven year lease was granted when
13 I had been the representative of Community Board
14 Three and this particular garage. Today, East
15 Williamsburg, the manufacturing industrial park,
16 is home to 16 waste transfer stations, three
17 different community boards host their garages for
18 sanitation trucks to park their vehicles within
19 this zone. While we're talking about health
20 disparities, this is the number one area that
21 affects our environment. And when we look for the
22 swampland to be implemented, it cannot carve out
23 the garage for Community Board Three to be built
24 out. I want it to be noted that I'm very
25 disappointed and frustrated at the process that

2 the Administration has partaken in delaying this
3 garage to be built out. I was told multiple
4 issues concerning the economy were a factor and
5 that there is no money, and therefore a ten year
6 lease was the only option; when in fact, in the
7 last seven year lease, nothing was accomplished.
8 Today we're hearing the Mayor claim how the
9 economy is getting better, and yet Community Board
10 Three can't receive its garage that it unanimously
11 voted, and Community Board One will never see the
12 day of these types of environmental impact
13 facilities transferred and providing the only
14 burden upon Community Board One implied by making
15 sure that these matters are resolved in real time.
16 So, I just wanted to express to my colleagues my
17 appreciation for their indulgence and I look
18 forward to further dialogue, hopefully with the
19 Department of Sanitation, and the Administration,
20 the Mayor's Office of Operation in particular, to
21 resolve this matter. I have been in touch with
22 Community Board Chairman Henry Butler from
23 Community Board Three, and my own Community Board
24 One, who have unanimously gone against providing a
25 ten year lease. Thank you so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thank you,
3 Council Member. I just want to note as well that
4 Community Board Three is on record, eager to have
5 a new Sanitation Garage built within their
6 confines. It's not often necessarily that a
7 community says, "Yes, please build a, you know,
8 build the sanitation garage in our, in our
9 community," and they deserve credit for being
10 willing to bear the burden that goes along with
11 good public services. And I know that
12 Councilwoman James who chairs the Sanitation
13 Committee, this is an important issue for her, as
14 are the other sanitation garages that everyone
15 agrees needs to get built, and hopefully we can
16 get the resources to do so, moving quickly. And
17 we've spoken with her and hope that she'll be able
18 to work with the Administration to accelerate the
19 day when we can build the new garage in Community
20 Board Three, and also the other five sanitation
21 garages that need to be built around the City.
22 With that, we'll move forward on the Motion to
23 File Pursuant to Withdrawal. The Chair recommends
24 a vote of aye.

25 COUNSEL: Christian Hilton, Counsel

2 to the Committee. Chair Lander?

3 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Aye.

4 COUNSEL: Council Member Sanders.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote
6 aye, and I applaud Council Member Diana Reyna for
7 her stand and this Committee for its support.

8 Aye.

9 COUNSEL: Council Member Palma.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

11 COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

13 COUNSEL: By a vote of our in the
14 affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions,
15 LU214/LU215, Motion to File Pursuant to Withdrawal
16 is approved for to, for Land Use committee.

17 CHAIRPERSON LANDER: Thanks very
18 much to the Council and the staff for their work
19 on this. This--[pause, background noise] Thank
20 you. The, the meeting is adjourned. We'll hold
21 the roll open till the Land Use Committee meeting
22 begins.

23 [gavel, background noise]

24 [break in audio]

25 COUNSEL: Council Member Williams.

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Vote aye.

3 COUNSEL: Vote now stands five in
4 the affirmative, none in the negative, no
5 abstentions.

6 [pause, break in audio]

7 COUNSEL: Council Member Halloran.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on
9 all.

10 COUNSEL: Vote stands six in the
11 affirmative, none in the negative, non
12 abstentions.

13 [pause, break in audio]

14 [background noise]

15 COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo.

16 [background noise] Council Member Arroyo.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

18 COUNSEL: Vote stands seven in the
19 affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

20 [pause]

21 COUNSEL: Subcommittee Landmarks is
22 now adjourned.

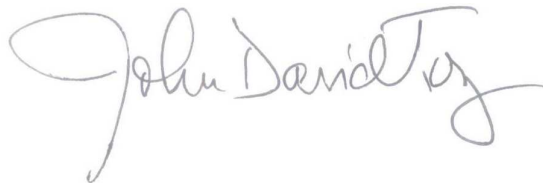
23 [pause, background noise]

24 [gavel, pause until end]

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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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John David Tong". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Signature_____

Date October 28, 2010