

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 20, 2013

Start: 10:17 a.m.

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HELD AT: Committee Room
 City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick
Council Member Sara M. Gonzalez
Council Member Robert Jackson
Council Member Jessica S. Lappin
Council Member Rosie Mendez
Council Member Diana Reyna
Council Member Joel Rivera
Council Member Albert Vann
Council Member Stephen S. Levin
Council Member Mark S. Weprin
Council Member Jumaane D. Williams

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Daniel J. Halloran, III

Council Member Vincent M. Ignizio

Council Member Peter A. Koo

Council Member Ruben Wills

Council Member Margaret Chin

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

Lee Martin
Committee Clerk
Committee on Finance

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay, good
3 morning. We are going to convene the Full Land
4 Use Committee for Wednesday, March 20th, 2013.
5 We're joined by Council Members Daniel Halloran,
6 Mark Weprin, Sara Gonzalez, Jessica Lappin, Diana
7 Reyna, Margaret Chin, Al Vann, Daniel Garodnick,
8 Ruben Wills, Joel Rivera, Peter Koo and Vinnie
9 Ignizio. We have a quorum in the House. We are
10 working to approve the items around the South
11 Street Sea Port, Land Use numbers 766, 767, 768,
12 769, 770, 771, and 772, they're all related. Do I
13 have to read all these item numbers? Okay. Okay.
14 So, we read the item numbers in the Subcommittee
15 so we won't have to read them again. Council
16 Member Margaret Chin, would you like to make a
17 statement on it?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CHIN: Yes. Thank
19 you, Chair Comrie. First I really want to thank
20 my colleagues on this Committee and on the
21 Subcommittee. This is my third - - in less than a
22 year. I know you guys, like, you again? But
23 there are a lot of things going on in my district.
24 And on this one I want to really thank the Howard
25 Hughes [phonetic] Corporation and for their

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2 cooperation in working with us and also the
3 Mayor's office and EDC as well as our Land Use
4 staff and my staff. As you heard earlier in the
5 Subcommittee, we have, were able to get a lot of
6 the issue addressed that was raised at the
7 hearing. So, the main thing is that I'm really
8 happy about is that the businesses that were
9 devastated by Hurricane Sandy will have an
10 opportunity to stay beyond the summer to recoup
11 the loss and I think that is really a big win for
12 the community. And also they will, the ones that
13 are in good standing will have an option, you
14 know, to talk to Howard Hughes Corporation about
15 coming back in the future. But also, I think we
16 have gotten a lot more open space for the
17 community, especially in the rooftop area. They
18 have also agreed to allow at least four times a
19 year where community groups, like the senior
20 centers and PTA's can do events there for free.
21 So, that is really very good for the community.
22 And they also recognize the need to hire a sound
23 engineer to look at sound mitigation that will
24 address issue raised, not just in lower Manhattan
25 but also for Brooklyn residents. And also looking

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2 at providing active maritime use on Pier 17. So,
3 a lot of these issues have been addressed and I
4 really urge my colleague to support this and I
5 really thank you all for your support.

6 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Any other
7 member? Can we get Council Member Reyna back in
8 the room for the vote? She went into the
9 Committee Room. With that, I would ask our
10 Members that are on the Finance Committee right
11 after this hearing to go straight into the
12 Committee Room. The Finance hearing is ready to
13 go. I would recommend an aye vote on this
14 application and congratulate Council Member Chin
15 on her hard work to ferret out a fair and
16 equitable deal for her community. Can we have
17 Billie Martin, the clerk, call the roll please?

18 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William
19 Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote. Vote
20 Committee on Land Use, Council Member Comrie?

21 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

22 MR. MARTIN: Rivera?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye.

24 MR. MARTIN: Reyna?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

MR. MARTIN: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Wills?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLS: Aye on all.

MR. MARTIN: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

MR. MARTIN: By a vote of 12 in the affirmative, zero in the negative, no abstentions, all items have been adopted. Members, please sign on the Committee Reports. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Those members on Finance, please go right into the Finance

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2 Committee. Their hearing is ready to start.
3 Please check your Council calendars and email for
4 the next set of Subcommittee Hearings and Land Use
5 Committee Hearings. With that, we can adjourn the
6 meeting but we'll leave the roll open and members
7 are at other meetings and they're on their way
8 here. Meeting adjourned. [off mic]

9 FEMALE VOICE 1: Council Member
10 Mendez?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: I vote aye
12 on all.

13 FEMALE VOICE 1: Vote now stands 13
14 in the affirmative, no abstentions, no negatives,
15 Land Use Items 766 through 772. [pause] Council
16 Member Levin?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: I vote aye
18 on all.

19 FEMALE VOICE 1: Vote now stands 14
20 in the affirmative, zero abstentions, zero
21 negatives, Land Use items 766 through 772
22 inclusive. [pause] Council Member Arroyo?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

24 FEMALE VOICE 1: Vote now stands at
25 15 in the affirmative, zero negative, zero

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abstentions. [pause] Council Member Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
on all.

FEMALE VOICE 1: [pause] Vote now
stands 16 in the affirmative, zero abstentions,
zero negatives. [off mic]

MR. MARTIN: Council Member
Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye. [off
mic] [pause]

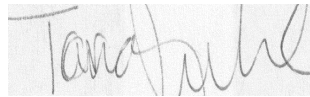
MR. MARTIN: Final vote on the
Committee on Land Use is now 17 in the
affirmative, zero in the negative and no
abstentions. Thank you.

MALE VOICE 1: This Land Use
Committee is hereby adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tara Juhl 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 rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tara Juhl".

Date 4/3/13