

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

LAND USE SUB COMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS,
PUBLIC SITITNG AND MARITIME USES

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March 24, 2009
Start: 10:29am
Recess: 10:35am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JESSICA LAPPIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
John C. Liu
Rosie Mendez
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma

CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Good morning.

Welcome to the Land Use sub committee of Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses. I'm the chair, Council Member Jessica Lappin, joined by Simcha Felder of Brooklyn, Sara Gonzalez of Brooklyn, Annabel Palma from the Bronx, Chair of the Committee Melinda Katz from Queens, Councilwoman Rosie Mendez from Manhattan, Councilwoman Maria del Carmen Arroyo from the Bronx, Council Member Charles Barron from Brooklyn, Council Member John Liu of Queens and Council Member Robert Jackson from Manhattan and Council Member Tony Avella from Queens.

This is a new meeting and we have two items that were on the agenda. The item that was in Council Member Julissa Ferreras' district, the Grace Asphalt plant has been withdrawn pursuant to a letter from Patrick Waley in the Mayor's office. Could I ask you folks to [bangs gavel]? Thank you very much. It's just going to be a very brief meeting and then you can continue your discussions. That item has been withdrawn pursuant to a letter from Patrick Waley in the Mayor's office so the only item that is on the

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2 agenda for a vote this morning is the item in
3 Council Member Jimmy Vacca's district, the 9-1-1
4 call center which is Peace Act Two.

5 There have been extensive
6 negotiations between the Council Member and the
7 administration over the last few weeks to come to
8 a reasonable and amicable solution. I wanted to
9 note we've been joined by Council Member Leroy
10 Comrie from the committee from Queens, Council
11 Member Dan Garodnick, Council Member Jimmy Oddo
12 from the Committee and Councilwoman Helen Sears as
13 well. There is a lengthy letter that will be
14 submitted for the record. I'm not going to read
15 but it's from Deputy Mayor Ed Skylar to Council
16 Member Jimmy Vacca.

17 I did want to highlight for the
18 committee members a couple of the items that were
19 negotiated and I think important because they
20 certainly came up in the hearing process, the
21 discussion of on and off ramps from the Hutchinson
22 River Parkway to access the site. It was recently
23 discovered in discussions with Council Member
24 Vacca that the city owns the section of the
25 Hutchinson River Parkway where the proposed on and

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2 off ramp would be located, which made it somewhat
3 easier to negotiate.

4 The city has committed \$900,000 in
5 expense funding to conduct a comprehensive traffic
6 study to determine whether the traffic impacts at
7 this site would support the use of city capital
8 funds to build the site. And also has committed
9 \$220,000 that would be necessary to conduct the
10 SEACOR and ULURP actions, which all together
11 totals \$1.1 million in commitments from the city
12 to continue if the study warrants it, install
13 these on and off ramps.

14 The city has also request that the
15 MTA extend bus service to this site and will be
16 pursuing this matter aggressively. There will be
17 a private shuttle service for the employees as
18 well. That is something that we discussed in
19 terms of public transportation.

20 There will also be further
21 discussions about several traffic mitigation
22 measures in addition to those that I just
23 mentioned. In terms of the antenna that will be
24 on the roof, the city has directed the vendor
25 Peercom Solutions to develop a plan that minimizes

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2 the amount of the visual impact of the rooftop
3 equipment in the surrounding area.

4 Council Member Jimmy Vacca is now
5 in support of this project with these concessions.
6 I just wanted to see if any of my colleagues
7 wanted to have some discussion before we vote on
8 this. Great. I would ask the counsel to call for
9 a vote and recommend a favorable vote.

10 CLERK: Christian Hill, counsel to
11 the Committee. Chairwoman Lappin.

12 CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: Aye.

13 CLERK: Council Member Barron.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

15 CLERK: Council Member Comrie.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

17 CLERK: Council Member Liu.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

19 CLERK: Council Member Palma.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

21 CLERK: Council Member Arroyo.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

23 CLERK: Council Member Mendez.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

25 CLERK: Council Member Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

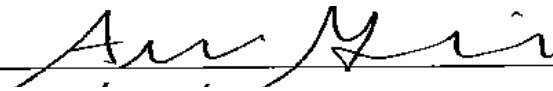
CLERK: By a vote of eight in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions, all items are approved and referred to the full Land Use committee.

CHAIRPERSON LAPPIN: I did want to note for the members of the committee, even though the administration withdrew the application for the Grace Asphalt plant, they actually, I think last night, reached an agreement with the owners to purchase the property. So it will be coming back to us. With that, this 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

Date April 6, 2009