

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 23, 2001  
Start: 10:06am  
Recess: 10:26am

HELD AT: Committee Room  
250 Broadway - 16<sup>th</sup> Floor

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  
G. Oliver Koppell

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're going to  
3 start the full committee right now.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Calm down.  
5 Okay. Well, okay we're now going to adjourn this  
6 meeting. We will keep the rolls open until the  
7 start of the Land Use meeting, which is going to  
8 follow immediately after this meeting. Did I ever  
9 tell you about the time... just kidding. [laughter]  
10 I know Councilman Garodnick is on his way back in  
11 and is right around the corner, so hopefully, he  
12 will be here in a matter of minutes, Councilman  
13 Comrie. With that in mind, I now move that the  
14 meeting is adjourned. I don't have a gavel, so I  
15 will use my fist. The meeting is now adjourned.

16 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay, we now -  
17 - start the--Jerry, you ready? Jerry? All set?  
18 Okay, we are starting the full Committee Land Use  
19 hearing for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Present are Council Member  
20 Rosie Mendez, Jessica Lappin, Robert Jackson, Joel  
21 Rivera, Peter Koo, Brad Landers, Mark Weprin,  
22 Steve Levin, Inez Dickens, Diana Reyna, Al Vann,  
23 Sara Gonzalez, Vinny Ignizio, Larry Seabrook,  
24 Charles Barron, Oliver Koppell, Jimmy Vacca,  
25 Jumaane Williams and Annabel Palma.

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2 We are hearing and closing out the  
3 matter regarding the Webster Avenue re-zoning. We  
4 did delay the hearing because there was a group  
5 that came and spoke to the Committee about a  
6 unique situation that they were trying to address,  
7 but after consulting with the council members and  
8 the community board involved, we are going to move  
9 forward with the re-zoning as is.

10 If we could get a bit of quiet, so  
11 that I can read the items into the record, so that  
12 it can be heard clear on the tape. There's two  
13 related items amendment to the zoning map and an  
14 amendment to the zoning text. It encompasses three  
15 council districts, Rivera, Seabrook and Koppell.  
16 The items numbers are Land Use 325 and 326, Bronx  
17 Community Boards 7 and 12; Land Use No. 325 and  
18 326, item No. C 110085 ZMX and N 110086 ZRX. I  
19 would recommend a yes vote and we will call the  
20 roll, unless someone has to say anything else.  
21 Council Member Koppell, are you okay?

22 Okay, with that I have just been  
23 informed that today is Council Member Jimmy  
24 Vacca's birthday, so we should wish him a--

25 [applause]

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2 --happy birthday. Since it's his  
3 birthday, we ask the clerk to call his name first  
4 on the roll since it's his birthday--whoever is  
5 calling the roll. Are you calling the roll,  
6 Carol? Alright, that will be it for his birthday  
7 present, so enjoy.

8 [background conversation]

9 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vacca?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I thank the  
11 Chair for your [off mic], but yes.

12 [laughter]

13 CAROL SHINE: Chair Comrie?

14 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on both.

15 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Rivera?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

17 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Reyna?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

19 CAROL SHINE: Council Member Barron?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

21 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

22 Jackson?

23 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on all.

24 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

25 Sanders? Council Member Sanders?

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[no response]

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Dickens?

[no response]

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Levin?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member  
Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 21 in  
the affirmative, none in the negative and no  
abstentions, the aforementioned items are approved  
and referred to the Council. Please remember to  
sign the reports. Pardon me. Council Member  
Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote  
aye.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We will hold

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2 the roll open. We'll hold the roll open for  
3 anyone that's... only until the Finance Committee  
4 actually starts. Yes, she told me she was coming.  
5 So we will hold the roll open until the Finance  
6 Committee starts and I believe Finance Committee  
7 is almost ready to start, but with that the  
8 meeting of the Land Use Committee is hereby  
9 adjourned. Thank you all.

10 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

11 Arroyo?

12 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye on all.

13 CAROL SHINE: The vote stands at 22  
14 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no  
15 abstentions.

16 CAROL SHINE: Council Member

17 Sanders?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: I vote  
19 aye.

20 CAROL SHINE: The final vote 25 in  
21 the affirmative, pardon me—23 in the affirmative,  
22 none in the negative and no abstentions.

23 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're waiting  
24 for Finance. If you're on Finance, don't leave.  
25 They're just bringing up the paperwork. We have a



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2 quorum so please don't leave. Rules will be  
3 downstairs, but we can now—let me turn around—we  
4 can now adjourn the Land Use Committee meeting.  
5 We're trying to keep Rules up here also.  
6 [background conversation]  
7 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Do you want  
8 me to reopen it for you?  
9 MALE VOICE: [Off mic]  
10 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're done.  
11 Land Use meeting for the 23<sup>rd</sup> is hereby 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

April 4, 2001