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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND
FRANCHISES

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May 10, 2023
Start: 11:15 a.m.
Recess: 11:21 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway - Committee Room, 14th
Floor

B E F O R E: Kevin C. Riley, Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
Erik D. Bottcher
David M. Carr
Kamillah Hanks
Farrah N. Louis
Francisco P. Moya
Lynn C. Schulman

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check for the Committee on Zoning and Franchises,
4 located on the 14th Floor, recorded on May 10, 2023,
5 by Nazly Paytuvi.

6 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning and
7 welcome to today's New York City Council hearing for
8 the Committee on Zoning and Franchises.

9 At this time, please silence all
10 electronic devices.

11 Chair Riley, we are ready to begin.

12 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: [GAVEL] Good morning
13 and welcome to a meeting of the Subcommittee of
14 Zoning and Franchises. I am Council Member Kevin
15 Riley, Chair of the Subcommittee.

16 This morning, I am joined by Council
17 Members Louis, Bottcher, Schulman, Abreu, Hanks,
18 Carr, and remotely by Council Member Moya.

19 Today we will vote on an Authorizing
20 Resolution for an amendment and extension of the
21 Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise Agreement that
22 was heard by the Subcommittee on May 2nd.

23 Before we begin, I recognize the
24 Subcommittee Counsel to review the hearing
25 procedures.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Thank
3 you, Chair Riley. I am Angelina Martinez-Rubio,
4 Counsel to the Subcommittee.

5 This meeting is being held in hybrid
6 format so Council Members who would like to ask
7 questions should either indicate so verbally or, if
8 participating remotely, Council Member Moya, by using
9 the Zoom raise hand function. The Chair will
10 recognize Members to speak.

11 We ask all participants for your
12 continued patience should any technical difficulties
13 arise.

14 Chair Riley will now continue with
15 today's agenda items.

16 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you, Counsel.
17 Today we will vote to approve a Preconsidered
18 Resolution and Authorizing Resolution to allow for
19 the Amendment and Extension of the Citywide
20 Coordinated Street Furniture Franchise Agreement. In
21 2003, the City Council adopted Resolution 1004, LU
22 226-A, authorizing the New York City Department of
23 Transportation acting on behalf of the City of New
24 York to grant a nonexclusive franchise for the
25 occupation and the use of the inalienable property of

2 the City for the installation and maintenance of
3 newsstand structures and the installation, operation,
4 and maintenance of bus stop shelters, self-cleaning
5 automatic public toilets, and public service
6 structures.

7 Today, approval will allow the City and
8 JCDecaux, the current franchise, to amend the
9 controlling franchise agreement, in particular to
10 extend the term for an additional five years and
11 allow for the installation of up to an additional 360
12 new bus stop shelters and up to an additional 40 new
13 automatic public toilets.

14 Members of the Subcommittee who have
15 questions or remarks about today's item should use
16 the raise hand button now. Counsel will announce
17 Members in the order that their hands are raised.

18 Counsel, are there any Council Members
19 with questions or remarks at this time?

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Doesn't
21 look like there is anyone with questions at this
22 time, Chair.

23 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you. I will now
24 call for a vote to approve a Preconsidered Resolution
25 and Authorizing Resolution for an Amendment and

2 Extension of the Coordinated Street Furniture
3 Franchise Agreement.

4 Counsel, please call the roll.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Chair
6 Riley.

7 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Aye.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Council
9 Member Moya.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Chair
12 Louis.

13 CHAIR LOUIS: Permission to explain my
14 vote.

15 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Permission granted.

16 CHAIR LOUIS: Thank you, Chair. I vote aye
17 on all, but I do want to share at our last hearing my
18 Colleagues raised concerns, particularly you, Chair
19 Riley, on lack of infrastructure and implementation
20 of bus stop shelters in the Bronx and Staten Island,
21 and my hope is that the Administration would support
22 implementing more bus shelters in these particular
23 boroughs so that we have a more equitable process in
24 this new agreement. Thank you so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you, Chair
3 Louis.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO:
5 Continuing the vote. Council Member Abreu.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Council
8 Member Bottcher.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER BOTTCHEER: Aye.

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Council
11 Member Hanks.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: Aye.

13 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Council
14 Member Schulman.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: Aye.

16 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: Council
17 Member Carr.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Permission to
19 explain my vote.

20 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Permission granted.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Thank you, Chair. I
22 just want to associate myself with the comments of
23 Chair Louis, in particular the need to insert some
24 equity into the bus shelter location installations,
25 and I hope we get some progress on that over the

2 course of the five-year term that we're extending. In
3 particular what I'm going to be looking for with
4 respect to the franchisee is, again, how they handle
5 bus shelter maintenance, particularly snow removal,
6 because most of theoretically could still be here in
7 five years, and when this comes up again we're going
8 to be judging the franchisee on how they performed
9 and how they cooperated with Council Member officers
10 and agencies for the City of New York. With that
11 said, I vote aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you, Council
13 Member Carr.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL MARTINEZ-RUBIO: By a
15 final vote of eight in the affirmative, no negatives,
16 no abstentions, the items are approved and will be
17 referred to the full Land Use Committee.

18 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you, Counsel.
19 That concludes today's business.

20 I would like to thank the members of the
21 public, my Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land Use
22 and other Council Staff, and the Sergeant-at-Arms for
23 participating in today's meeting.

24 The meeting is hereby adjourned. Thank
25 you.

C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date May 13, 2023