

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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August 24, 2010
Start: 9:58am
Recess: 10:05am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
MARK S. WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Daniel R. Garodnick
Vincent M. Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
Larry B. Seabrook
James Vacca
Albert Vann

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

Frank Nolvaco
Representative
Watawa, Inc.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: --awaiting
though--morning everybody. Good, Nick! Hello,
everyone, my name is Mark Weprin, I am the Chair
of the Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee. And
I'm joined this morning by the following members
of the Subcommittee, not to insult of the Members
in the Land Use Committee who happen to be in the
room, but just briefly, Diana Reyna is here, Jimmy
Vacca, Leroy Comrie, Dan Garodnick, Joel Rivera,
Larry Seabrook. Did I miss anybody? All right.
And I'll let you know if anyone else shows up.
First, the items on the Vornado, Penn, 15 Penn
Plaza, will not be addressed today. They will be
put off till our next meeting, which will be
tomorrow, those who are in the room who are
interested in that. We do have a café item on the
agenda, as we're joined by Council Member Robert
Jackson. And that café is Land Use No. 168-
20105611, Watawa Café, in--Watawa, I shouldn't say
café, in Council Member Vallone's district. If
the applicant could come up to that microphone
over there. You'll have to push the button, state
your name and tell us about your application.
Thank you.

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2 FRANK NOLOVACO: The name is,
3 scuze, Frank Nolovaco [phonetic], I'm the
4 representative, it's Watawa, Inc., it's a
5 restaurant--Okay, they're located at 33-12/33-10
6 Ditmars Boulevard, Astoria. And they're modifying
7 their seating plan, so we're submitting new plans.
8 And if you'd like I can read the affidavit.

9 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Yeah, why
10 don't you read it into the record.

11 FRANK NOLOVACO: Okay. "To whom it
12 may concern, I, Guo Qu Xiang [phonetic], President
13 of Watawa, Inc., hereby agree to change my
14 proposed sidewalk café seating configuration from
15 15 tables and 40 seats to ten tables and 26 seats,
16 as proposed by Community Board One of Queens. The
17 sidewalk café seating area will be located on the
18 sidewalk in front of 33-12/33-10 Ditmars
19 Boulevard, Astoria, New York, 11105. I have
20 produced a new set of architectural drawings
21 indicating the new configuration of ten tables and
22 26 seats. The representative," myself, "Frank
23 Nolovaco, will be presenting the affidavit and new
24 plans to the New York City Council Land Use
25 Committee." Signed Guo Qu Xiang, President,

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2 Watawa, Inc.

3 [pause]

4 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay, great,
5 it is our understanding that Council Member
6 Vallone is supportive of this now. Sir, we just
7 want to make sure that the owner knows that he has
8 to comply with the approved plans in the future,
9 and not go beyond that.

10 FRANK NOLOVACO: Correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Okay?

12 FRANK NOLOVACO: Mm-hmm.

13 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Any of the
14 members of the Committee have any questions?
15 Seeing none, we thank you very much.

16 FRANK NOLOVACO: Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: This hearing
18 is now closed. I will call on Counsel Christian
19 Hilton to call the roll. The Chair recommends and
20 aye vote.

21 COUNSEL: Chair Weprin?

22 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

23 COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

25 COUNSEL: And on previous items?

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye,
3 aye on all previous items.

4 COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

6 COUNSEL: Council Member Comrie.

7 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

8 COUNSEL: Council Member Jackson.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye.

10 COUNSEL: Council Member Seabrook.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: I vote
12 aye and aye on all previous items.

13 COUNSEL: Thank you. Council
14 Member Vann.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

16 COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

18 COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

20 COUNSEL: By a vote of nine in the
21 affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions,
22 LU 168 is approved and referred to the full Land
23 Use Committee. LU 166 and 167 are approved by a
24 vote of ten in the affirmative and none in the
25 negative. And Reso 191 is approved by a vote of

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2 nine in the affirmative and one in the negative.

3 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you, Mr.
4 Hilton. There is no other business today. There
5 will be a meeting of the Subcommittee on Zoning
6 and Franchises tomorrow morning. The time will be
7 determined at a later point today. So, keep your
8 schedules open, if you can. And with that, the
9 meeting is now adjourned.

10 [gavel]

11 [long pause]

12 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: --do the--
13 should I say that now? [pause] Okay. So, for
14 the record, the rolls are open until the Landmarks
15 Subcommittee meets.

16 [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 a dark ink and is positioned above the printed word "Signature".

Signature

Date September 9, 2010