

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUB-COMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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July 22, 2008
Start: 10:30am
Recess: 10:55am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
TONY AVELLA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Christine C. Quinn, Speaker
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Charles Barron
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Inez E. Dickens
Simcha Felder
Daniel R. Garodnick
Eric N. Gioia
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Melinda R. Katz
John C. Liu
James S. Oddo

A P P E A R A N C E S

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael E. McMahon
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears

2 FEMALE VOICE: Testing. Today's
3 date is July 22, 2008. This is the committee
4 hearing on Zoning and Franchises and it's recorded
5 by Eva Marlana [phonetic].

6 CHAIRPERSON TONY AVELLA: Good
7 morning everyone. I'd like to reconvene this
8 meeting of the sub-committee of Zoning and
9 Franchises. We had recessed the meeting in order
10 to give the Speaker more time to discuss the
11 Hudson Yard's text amendment. The Speaker has
12 asked that it be laid over again to--what meeting
13 is that, the August meeting? The August 13th
14 meeting. So at this point I will gavel in and--

15 And before I close the meeting out,
16 I'd like to call on Mike McMahon to cast his vote
17 for the previous items.

18 MALE VOICE: Council Member
19 McMahon.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER MICHAEL E. MCMAHON:
21 Thank you Mr. Chairman. I vote aye.

22 MALE VOICE: By a vote of seven in
23 the affirmative, none in the negative, no
24 abstentions, all items are referred to full Land
25 Use Committee.

2 CHAIRPERSON AVELLA: That closes
3 this meeting of the sub-committee of Zoning and
4 Franchises.

5 SPEAKER CHRISTINE C. QUINN: If
6 everyone can hang around we will do Land Use as
7 soon as we can. We need a quorum and also one of
8 the items in the Speaker's district we are still
9 discussing so we'll be back in a few minutes.
10 Thanks.

11 One item that is still going to be
12 postponed until tomorrow, that is the Hudson
13 Square north rezoning. The member whose district
14 it is in who happens to be Speaker Quinn, has
15 asked for it to be postponed until tomorrow so we
16 will do that.

17 Number two, we are closing the
18 meeting today and re-opening another meeting for
19 tomorrow. So if there's anybody in the vicinity
20 that thinks they're going to vote tomorrow and you
21 know that they're around, please text message them
22 or let them know they will not be able to vote
23 tomorrow on today's agenda for some technical
24 reasons of resolutions for tomorrow. So we are
25 closing the meeting today, we'll reopen it

1
2 tomorrow for the Hudson Square north rezoning,
3 which has to be voted on either way tomorrow. All
4 right?

5 So today, Hudson Square north
6 rezoning C 070575 ZMM will be postponed until
7 tomorrow's vote, which by the way we're figuring
8 out what time now according to availability. Pier
9 A lease is in Council Member Gerson's district.
10 It is a lease agreement of the redevelopment of
11 Pier A. L.U. Number 773 is the Heritage House, it
12 is in Council Member Dicken's district. It is a
13 UDAB project to facilitate the development of a
14 six-story building with 40 rentals. L.U. number
15 826, Council Member Gerson's district is an East
16 River waterfront. It is a text amendment to
17 facilitate the development of the East River
18 waterfront park. L.U. number 828 is in Council
19 Member Arroyo's district, it is Saint Ann's Avenue
20 development. A zoning map change in the Bronx for
21 mixed use buildings, 618 residential units.

22 Council Member de Blasio's district
23 has a text amendment for Carroll Gardens in
24 Brooklyn, modifying the narrow streets
25 requirement. L.U. number 835 is the Leader House.

2 It is in Council Member Brewer's district, to
3 facilitate a 29-story mixed use building on 93rd
4 Street. The rest are all UDAPs. Council Member
5 Viverito's district has one, L.U. number 775.

6 There are three pre-considered, one is in Council
7 Member Foster's district at 665 Jefferson Place in
8 the Bronx. Another one in Council Member Foster's
9 district is 665 Jefferson Place, one in Council
10 Member Weprin's district, 76-04 Little Neck
11 Parkway. And one in Council Member Comrie's
12 district at 218-14 103rd Avenue. Any discussion?
13 No?

14 Okay. Just remember we'll let you
15 know what time committee is tomorrow. It's at
16 10:00 a.m. here in the Committee Room. There will
17 be no sub-committees tomorrow, just Land Use. And
18 we'll just vote on the Hudson Square text
19 amendment. Call the roll.

20 MALE VOICE: Council Member Katz.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER MELINDA R. KATZ:

22 Aye on all.

23 MALE VOICE: Avella.

24 MR. AVELLA: Aye on all.

25 MALE VOICE: Barron.

2 SPEAKER QUINN: I know Council
3 Member Barron is in City Hall. Can we try to find
4 him? Oh, he's right there. Okay. Why are you
5 hiding?

6 COUNCIL MEMBER CHARLES BARRON: I
7 was just coming from the Police Commissioner's
8 Office to receive my medal of honor.

9 SPEAKER QUINN: I didn't think
10 you'd be back yet.

11 MR. BARRON: Aye on all.

12 SPEAKER QUINN: How do you vote?

13 MR. BARRON: Aye on all.

14 MALE VOICE: Comrie.

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LEROY G. COMRIE,
16 JR.: Aye on all.

17 MALE VOICE: Gioia.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER ERIC N. GIOIA:
19 Thank you. I vote yes.

20 MALE VOICE: Jackson.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER ROBERT JACKSON: Aye
22 on all.

23 MALE VOICE: McMahon.

24 MR. MAHON: Aye on all.

25 MALE VOICE: Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER LARRY B. SEABROOK:

Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Sears.

COUNCIL MEMBER HELEN SEARS: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER ANNABEL PALMA: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER MARIA DEL CARMEN

ARROYO: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER INEZ E. DICKENS:

Aye.

MALE VOICE: Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER ROSIE MENDEZ: Aye.

MALE VOICE: Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER VINCENT IGNIZIO:

Aye on all.

MALE VOICE: Oddo.

COUNCIL MEMBER JAMES S. ODDO: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Liu.

COUNCIL MEMBER JOHN C LIU: Yes.

MALE VOICE: Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER SIMCHA FELDER: I

vote yes. May I be excused to make a comment?

2 SPEAKER QUINN: Yeah, sure.

3 MR. FELDER: I just wanted to say
4 that this has nothing to do with the land use, but
5 our colleague, Councilman Barron, who was involved
6 in saving someone's life. It was in the papers.
7 I just wanted to say that it's rare that God gives
8 you the opportunity to be in a situation to try to
9 help someone. But I am moved beyond description
10 about Charles being in a position that you were in
11 and being able to do what you did with God's help.
12 It should give you strength. [No audio]

13 MALE VOICE: By a vote of 17 in the
14 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,
15 all items have been adopted. Members please sign
16 the Committee reports.

17 SPEAKER QUINN: Does anybody know
18 if Council Member Rivera, Baez, Martinez, Stewart,
19 Vann and that's it are on their way? Anybody
20 know? No? Okay. I know Council Member
21 Garodnick's on his way; we'll leave the vote open.
22 Thank you very much. Tomorrow, 10:00 am. Meeting
23 is closed. Will remain open for 10 minutes.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DANIEL R. GARODNICK:
25 Council Member Garodnick. I vote aye, thank you.

2 Sorry it's on all, it's on all.

3 MALE VOICE: Final vote on the
4 Committee on Land Use now stands at 18 in the
5 affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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 Amber Gibson

Date 08/18/2008