

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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December 15, 2011

Start: 1:15pm

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HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

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

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. Good  
3 afternoon everyone. I am Leroy Comrie. We are  
4 holding the Land Use Committee meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup>  
5 floor in the wrong room at the wrong time in the  
6 right building. Today I am not happy. I am not a  
7 happy man.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: No happy meal?

9 [laughter]

10 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: No happy meal.  
11 Peter Koo.

12 [applause]

13 [laughter]

14 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Peter, you're  
15 - - , people. But when new folks come in and give  
16 you a good shot...

17 [laughter]

18 [background noise]

19 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay.  
20 Alright. That was a good one. Oh No. Okay. I'm  
21 sorry. Okay. - - . He's been hanging around us  
22 too long. That's the problem. Oh man. But no,  
23 I'm not sad because-

24 FEMALE VOICE: [Interposing] - - .

25 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: That's true.

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2 Everybody has got to have a sense of humor around  
3 here. This is the holiday season, so I have a  
4 lot to be happy about, but I'm sad today because  
5 today is our last meeting with Carol Shine, who is  
6 the counsel for the Committee. And before we  
7 start our agenda—it's kind of short—I just want to  
8 say that I would be anywhere near as happy and  
9 jovial as I am at the meetings because Carol  
10 handles everything in such a way that I can just  
11 handle it seamlessly and easily and because she's  
12 made my tenure as Chairman so easy because she is  
13 so thorough, she is so knowledgeable, she is so  
14 caring about making sure that the Committee's  
15 issues are handled properly that when she told me  
16 she was leaving... No, no, I'm not crying. I  
17 haven't had a happy meal in a while. Going  
18 through withdrawal.

19 [laughter]

20 [background conversation]

21 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We will be  
22 going through withdrawal because we're losing  
23 Carol and Carol has been a mainstay of the  
24 Committee. She has truly been someone that has  
25 been looking out for the interest of the Council.

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[background conversation]

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: No, will you

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guys stop for a minute? I'm trying to be serious.

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I'm trying to at least say something to just

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acknowledge the fact that Carol has truly been an

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important cog. While she's been quiet in her

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demeanor, but she's been forceful in her thoughts

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and again, she has given me the training so that I

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can handle the Committee and do all of the

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interior work because truly at this point in the

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Committee everything is done; it's just making

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sure that we follow the proper rules and

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regulations so that we meet everything legally, so

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that we don't get challenged on anything. In the

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subcommittees and in the committees, Carol has

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been focused on making that happen, so I'm going

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to miss her. I know the staff at Land Use

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Committee is going to miss her terribly and as we

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move on, the entire city is going to miss her

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dedication to making sure it was doing right. I

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just want to say thank you.

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[applause]

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: This is her

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last full Committee, but on January 4<sup>th</sup> hopefully

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2 at her last Stated, we'll do something more and I  
3 just wanted to say that I have your New York Times  
4 permanent subscription on order, so you won't  
5 steal my New York Times anymore. You won't have  
6 to come all the way downtown to Manhattan to take  
7 the New York Times puzzle anymore, but with that,  
8 I want to just say I'm going to miss you.

9           Anyhow, we have just a few items on  
10 the agenda today. Thank you for letting me take a  
11 minute and thank you for quieting down finally.  
12 We have a couple of sidewalk cafes—one in Council  
13 Member Mendez's district, Land Use No. 542,  
14 Scarpina Bar & Grill, Manhattan Community Board 2,  
15 Item No. 20125025 TCM, to continue to operate an  
16 unenclosed sidewalk café located at 88 University  
17 Place. - - .

18           Land Use No. 543, another sidewalk  
19 café in Speaker Quinn's district called the Wallse  
20 Restaurant, Item No. 201125094 TCM, also in  
21 Community Board 2, to continue to operate a  
22 sidewalk café at 342, 344 West 11<sup>th</sup> Street.

23           And then, the only other thing we  
24 have on the agenda are the Land Use Nos. 544 and  
25 545, which are related. They're two related

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2 applications—a zoning text amendment and an  
3 amendment to the city map to establish parkland on  
4 the Broadway Malls between 94<sup>th</sup> Street and 97<sup>th</sup> and  
5 it's to ensure that it remains a wide street in  
6 the rezoning resolution. This touches both  
7 Council Member Brewer and Council Member Viverito.  
8 The zoning text amendment, the Item Nos. are  
9 N120037 ZRM and C100122 MMM. With that, the next  
10 Subcommittee meetings will be held on January 10<sup>th</sup>  
11 and the full Committee on the 12<sup>th</sup>. This will be  
12 the last meeting of this year, and if we are ready  
13 to... If anyone has any questions or comments on any  
14 of the items on today's agenda... Since this is the  
15 last meeting of the year, I want to thank the  
16 Subcommittee Chairs Levin and Lander for  
17 everything that they've done and especially Mark  
18 Weprin for—not to say one is more important than  
19 the other. - - But just thank all my three  
20 Subcommittee Chairs for everything that they've  
21 done this year to make sure that the Subciommittee  
22 meetings have been held thoroughly, so that we  
23 don't have to have full meetings or re-meetings in  
24 the full Committee. Again, I would recommend a  
25 yes vote on everything on today's calendar. With

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that, I would ask the clerk to call the roll.

CLERK: William Martin, Committee Clerk, roll call vote Committee on Land Use Council Member Comrie?

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

CLERK: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Arroyo?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CLERK: Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

CLERK: Levin?



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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

CLERK: Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I'm going to miss you, Carol. I vote aye and welcome Peter Barron to the City Council.

CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

CLERK: Halloran?

COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye.

CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

CLERK: By a vote of 16 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions--

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: [Interposing]  
The Committee Reports are not here yet because we're used to be on 16 and we're on 14, so you're not officially here if you didn't sign the Committee Report, so if anybody else... Nobody move, and - - introduce any new visitors. Any new business? Okay. We will be adjourning the meeting and leaving the roll open for members that

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haven't arrived yet, but that said they are on their way.

[background conversation]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member Sanders?

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: If my Chair said aye, then I say aye. Aye.

[background conversation]

CLERK: Final vote in the Committee on Land Use is now 18 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions.

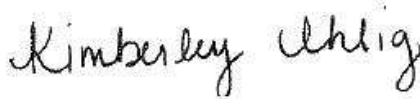
CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: With that, we will adjourn the Land Use Committee meeting for December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Thank you.

[gavel]

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

Handwritten signature of Kimberley Uhlig in cursive script, written over a horizontal line.

Date

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