

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND
FRANCHISES

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January 15, 2025
Start: 11:48 a.m.
Recess: 11:53 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 BROADWAY - COMMITTEE ROOM, 16TH
FLOOR

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Shaun Abreu
David M. Carr
Kamillah M. Hanks
Francisco P. Moya
Yusef Salaam
Lynn C. Schulman

2 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: This is a microphone
3 check on the 16th floor on 1-15-2025, recorded by
4 James Marino on the vote on zoning and franchises.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Good morning. Welcome
6 to today's New York City Council hearing from the
7 Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises.

8 I'd like to remind everyone attending, at
9 this point, please silence all electronic devices and
10 at no point is anyone to approach the dais.

11 If you have any questions or want to sign
12 up for a testimony, please see one of Sergeant-at-
13 Arms at the desk in the back.

14 Chair, we are ready to begin.

15 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: [GAVEL] Good morning,
16 and welcome to a meeting of the Subcommittee on
17 Zoning and Franchises. I am Council Member Kevin
18 Riley, Chair of the Subcommittee. This morning I'm
19 joined by Council Members Carr, Hanks, and remotely
20 by Council Members Moya and Schulman.

21 Today will be a short meeting because
22 there is only one item on the agenda. The vote is to
23 approve LU 206 concerning the application by Gleason
24 Funeral Home for a commercial overlay. The funeral
25 home is a longstanding business in the Whitestone

2 section of Queens in Council Member Paladino's
3 District. The funeral home is located on a parcel of
4 land zoned only for residential use. The application
5 seeks to map a commercial overlay to bring the
6 funeral home into conformance as well as provide
7 additional parking. Council Member Paladino supports
8 this application.

9 Counsel, are there any Council Members
10 who have questions or remarks at this time? Members
11 appearing remotely who have questions or remarks
12 about today's item should use the raise hand button
13 now. Counsel will announce members in the order their
14 hands are raised.

15 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Chair, there are
16 no Council Members with questions.

17 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: I now call for a vote
18 to approve L.U. 206 relating to the Gleason Funeral
19 Home commercial overlay application. Counsel, please
20 call the roll.

21 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Chair Riley. Aye.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council Member
23 Moya.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER MOYA: I vote aye.

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2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council Member
3 Hanks.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER HANKS: I vote aye.

5 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council Member
6 Schulman?

7 COUNCIL MEMBER SCHULMAN: I vote aye.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council Member
9 Salaam?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER SALAAM: I vote aye.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Council Member
12 Carr.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER CARR: Aye.

14 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Chair, would you
15 like to leave the vote open to see if Council Member
16 Abreu?

17 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Yes, we will leave the
18 vote open. Thank you.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Chair, I'm going
20 to announce the votes tallied so far so that the
21 other Council Members can go and we can leave a vote
22 open for Council Member Abreu.

23 By a vote of six in the affirmative, zero
24 abstentions, and zero in opposition, the item is
25 approved and referred to the Full Land Use Committee,

2 and we will be holding the vote open as Council
3 Member Abreu is on his way up. The other Council
4 Members, if you wish to go, you are free to go.

5 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Council Member Abreu.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER ABREU: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: Thank you.

8 COMMITTEE COUNSEL VIDAL: Thanks. So to
9 restate the tally by a vote of seven in the
10 affirmative, zero in opposition, and zero abstention,
11 the item is approved and referred again to the Land
12 Use Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON RILEY: That concludes today's
14 business. I would like to thank the members of the
15 public, my Colleagues, Subcommittee Counsel, Land
16 Use, and other Council Staff, and the Sergeant-at-
17 Arms for participating in today's meeting. This
18 meeting is hereby adjourned. Thank you. [GAVEL]

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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 January 26, 2025