

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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April 26, 2012  
Start: 10:40 a.m.  
Recess: 11:02 a.m.

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. We have  
3 sound. We can start the Committee hearing, so... We  
4 are up and rolling. We have--today is April 26,  
5 2012. This is the full Land Use Committee. I am  
6 Leroy Comrie. I'm honored to be chair of the  
7 Committee. I'm joined by Council Member Daniel  
8 Garodnick, James Sanders, Steve Levin, Vincent  
9 Ignizio, Sara Gonzalez, Charles Barron, Larry  
10 Seabrook, Peter Koo, Joe Rivera, Annabel Palma,  
11 Diana Reyna, Mark Weprin, Inez Dickens and Jessica  
12 Lappin.

13 We have a short agenda today; it  
14 should go quickly. We are laying over Land use  
15 Item No. 490 the authorizing--

16 [background conversation]

17 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: [off mic]  
18 We've been joined by the most important person in  
19 the room, Mark Weprin's daughter, Ellie  
20 [phonetic]. Today is "Take Your Daughter to Work  
21 Day," take your child to work day. - - . Giving  
22 you credit anyway, Mark. - - . We are laying  
23 over Land Use Item No. 590 the authorizing  
24 resolution for the cable television services  
25 because they didn't get back to us about issues

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2 that we brought up at the hearing. We are voting  
3 on two items today. Land Use No. 600, which is  
4 the Queen's Plaza sign regulation dealing with the  
5 city-wide text amendment to facilitate the—I'm  
6 sorry—the text amendment to allow accessory  
7 business signs on rooftops of non-residential  
8 buildings in the Queen's Plaza sub district within  
9 the special Long Island City misuse district to  
10 allow Jet Blue to put up a sign letting folks know  
11 that they exist at that site in Long Island City.  
12 The Council District is 26--Council Van Bramer,  
13 who wholeheartedly supports this, along with  
14 Community Boards 1 and 2. It's Item No. N10110223  
15 ZRQ. The next item that we're doing is the Zone  
16 Green text amendment [phonetic], Land Use Item No.  
17 601. It's a city-wide application for amendment  
18 of the zoning resolution of the city. It's Item  
19 No. N120132 ZLY. It's a city-wide text amendment  
20 to facilitate the retrofitting of existing  
21 buildings and construction of new buildings with  
22 green building - - . This will allow people that  
23 want to do green roofs and other green items to  
24 improve energy efficiency to be able to do so, - -  
25 the rules and regulations of the city.

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2 With that, we have our entire  
3 agenda. We can recommend a yes vote on all items.  
4 Yes will be to lay over Intro Land Use No. 590.  
5 Oh yes, I want to remind the members that we have  
6 a joint hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup> with the Housing and  
7 Buildings Committee to talk about a few bills, so  
8 please keep that date open on your calendar. With  
9 that, I recommend a yes vote on everything on  
10 today's calendar and we will have Billy to call  
11 the roll.

12 COMMITTEE CLERK: William Martin,  
13 Committee Clerk. Roll call vote in the Committee  
14 on Land Use. Council Member Comrie?

15 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

16 COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

17 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye  
18 on all.

19 COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye on all.

21 COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I abstain  
23 on the - - sign.

24 COMMITTEE CLERK: Sanders?

25 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: If my

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Chair is going this way, I will aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on  
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Dickens?

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: I'm  
thinking. I'm thinking. Alright. There.

FEMALE VOICE: Aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By a vote of 15  
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no  
abstentions, L.U. 601 is adopted by a vote of 14  
in the affirmative, zero in the negative and 1  
abstention. L.U. 600 is adopted-

[background conversation]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. That's  
everything on today's agenda - - . I want to  
thank all the members for coming in. We're going  
to hold the roll open-we have some that are in  
traffic that are on their way, so we'll hold the  
roll open for 15 minutes so that they can arrive.  
Thank you all for being here. - - see everyone on  
May 2<sup>nd</sup>. - - . With that, the meeting is  
adjourned.

[gavel]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: I vote aye  
on all.

[background conversation]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member  
Jackson?

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye

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on all.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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Lander?

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

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Aye on both.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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Williams?

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Aye on

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COMMITTEE CLERK: Council Member

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Arroyo?

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

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COMMITTEE CLERK: the final vote in

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the Committee on Land Use now stands at L.U. 600

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is adopted by a vote of 20 in the affirmative,

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601 is adopted by a vote of 21 in the affirmative,

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zero in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: The Committee

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for April 26<sup>th</sup> is hereby adjourned.

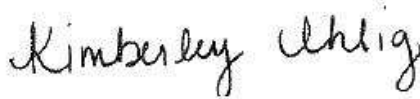
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[gavel]

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

5/9/12