

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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January 14, 2016
Start: 11:24 a.m.
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HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E:

DONOVAN J. RICHARDS
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Daniel R. Garodnick
Jumaane D. Williams
Antonio Reynoso
Ritchie J. Torres
Vincent J. Gentile
Ruben Wills

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

2 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Alrighty. Good
3 morning, [background comments] joyous morning; the
4 gold star goes to Dylan this morning. [background
5 comments].

6 So good morning; I am Donovan Richards,
7 Chair of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises;
8 we are here continuing our meeting that was recessed
9 on Tuesday, January 12th. We are joined today by
10 Council Members... okay, Jumaane Williams, Ritchie
11 Torres, Inez Barron... Okay, here, he gave me the list
12 so I get it right. Alright, Council Member
13 Garodnick, Gentile, Williams, Reynoso, Torres,
14 Matteo... what is this? [background comment] Oh...
15 [background comment] okay, Barron, Dickens, Palma,
16 Greenfield.

17 Today we'll be considering five items on
18 the agenda -- Land Use Item Nos. 0315, 0316 and 0317,
19 all sidewalk cafes in Council Mendez' district. The
20 council member supports these cafes.

21 Then we are moving on to Land Use Item
22 Nos. 0321, 521-529, Durant Avenue, an application to
23 modify the text of the zoning resolution to eliminate
24 13,362 sq. ft. of designated open space in Special
25 South Richmond Development District. This action

2 would facilitate the development of these two-family
3 homes. This item is in Council Member Borelli's
4 district and the council member supports this
5 application.

6 Next, Land Use Item Nos. 0322, 0323 and
7 0324, Landmark Colony in Council Member Matteo's
8 district. This application includes a text amendment
9 concerning the bulk parking, grading and private road
10 regulations, a Zoning Map amendment to establish a
11 C1-3 district on a portion of the property and a
12 disposition of City-owned property. These actions
13 would facilitate the development and rehabilitation
14 of the New York Farm Colony, a landmark property with
15 historic buildings that will be repaired by the
16 developer. The property will be developed with 344
17 units of age-restricted senior housing; the property,
18 once again, is in Council Member Matteo's district
19 and he has indicated his support for this
20 application.

21 We also have two cafes that have been
22 withdrawn, Land Use Items 0299 and 0300; we will be
23 voting to remove these items from our calendar.

24 Lastly, we will be laying over two items
25 until the next regularly scheduled subcommittee

2 meeting, Land Use Item Nos. 0320, Poco New York City
3 sidewalk café and Res. 0935 to authorize the granting
4 of telecommunication franchises.

5 We will now move on to a vote to approve
6 Land Use Item Nos. 0315, 0316, 0317, 0321, 0322,
7 0323, 0324 and approve with motions to file Land Use
8 Item Nos. 0299 and 0300. I will ask the counsel to
9 please call the vote.

10 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Richards.

11 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Just wanna say
12 congratulations to my colleagues, especially Minority
13 Leader, Council Member Matteo, who is doing something
14 historic in Staten Island and congratulations to your
15 borough president and former boss, Borough President
16 Oddo as well on a great job on a great project as
17 well. So with that I vote aye.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
19 Gentile.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: It's a long time
21 in coming, congratulations to Councilman Matteo and I
22 vote aye on all.

23 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
24 Garodnick.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

2 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
3 Williams.

4 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Abstain from
5 Land Use Nos., 0322, 0323, 0324 and aye on all the
6 rest.

7 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
8 Reynoso.

9 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: I vote aye on
10 all.

11 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
12 Torres.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: Just permission
14 to explain my vote. I just wanna commend Council
15 Member Matteo; the site has obviously been
16 chronically vacant for 40 years, so it speaks to your
17 leadership that you were finally able to get it done.
18 So with that said, I vote aye.

19 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Land Use Items 0315,
20 0316, 0317, 0321, 0322, 0323 and 0324 approved with a
21 vote of 6 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative; 0
22 abstentions, with the exception of Land Use Items
23 0322, 0323 and 0324, which were approved with a vote
24 of 5 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and 1
25 abstention, and motions to file Land Use Items 0299

2 and 0300 are approved; 6 votes in the affirmative, 0
3 in the negative and 0 abstentions. All items are
4 referred to the full Land Use Committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON RICHARDS: Alrighty, this
6 meeting is now closed.

7 [gavel]

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Date January 15, 2016