

# The New York City Council

*City Hall*  
*New York, NY 10007*



## Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 5, 2011

1:30 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Emigrant Savings Bank - 49-51 Chambers Street

### City Council

*Christine C. Quinn, Speaker*

*Members: Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Charles Barron, Gale A. Brewer,  
Fernando Cabrera, Margaret S. Chin, Leroy G. Comrie, Jr., Elizabeth S. Crowley,  
Inez E. Dickens, Erik Martin Dilan, Daniel Dromm, Mathieu Eugene, Julissa Ferreras,  
Lewis A. Fidler, Helen D. Foster, Daniel R. Garodnick, James F. Gennaro,  
Vincent J. Gentile, Sara M. Gonzalez, David Greenfield, Daniel J. Halloran III,  
Vincent M. Ignizio, Robert Jackson, Letitia James, Peter A. Koo, G. Oliver Koppell,  
Karen Koslowitz, Brad S. Lander, Jessica S. Lappin, Stephen T. Levin, Melissa  
Mark-Viverito, Darlene Mealy, Rosie Mendez, Michael C. Nelson, James S. Oddo,  
Annabel Palma, Domenic M. Recchia, Jr., Diana Reyna, Joel Rivera,  
Ydanis A. Rodriguez, Deborah L. Rose, James Sanders, Jr., Larry  
B. Seabrook, Eric A. Ulrich, James Vacca, Peter F. Vallone, Jr., James G.  
Van Bramer, Albert Vann, Mark S. Weprin, Jumaane D. Williams and Ruben Wills*

*The President Pro Tempore (Council Member Rivera)*

1. Roll Call

**Present:**

Speaker Quinn, Arroyo, Barron, Brewer, Cabrera, Chin, Comrie Jr., Crowley, Dickens, Dilan, Dromm, Eugene, Ferreras, Fidler, Foster, Garodnick, Gennaro, Gentile, Gonzalez, Greenfield, Halloran III, Ignizio, Jackson, James, Koo, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Lappin, Levin, Mark-Viverito, Mealy, Mendez, Nelson, Odde, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Van Bramer, Vann, Weprin, Williams and Wills

**Excused:**

Gennaro and Jackson

*The presence of a quorum was announced by The President Pro Tempore (Council Member Rivera).*

2. Invocation

*The Invocation was delivered by: Rabbi Yossi Blesofsky, Director of Chabad of Northeast Queens, 212-12 26th Avenue, Bayside, N.Y. 11360.*

*Council Member Halloran moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the Record.*

3. Adoption of Minutes

*Council Member Levin moved that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of November 30, 2010 be adopted as printed.*

4. Messages & Papers from the Mayor

*None*

5. Communications from City, County & Borough Offices

*None*

6. Petitions and Communications

*None*

7. Land Use Call-Ups

*None*

8. Communication from the Speaker

9. Discussion of General Orders

10. Reports of Special Committees

*None*

11. Reports of Standing Committees

## Report of the Committee on Finance

**Int 0451-2011**      **A Local Law in relation to the date of submission by the mayor of a preliminary management report and the date prior to which the council shall conduct public hearings and the date by which the council shall submit a report or reports pertaining thereto, the date of submission by the director of management and budget and the director of city planning of a draft ten-year capital strategy, the date of submission by the city planning commission of a report on the draft ten-year capital strategy, the date of submission by the mayor of the preliminary certificate regarding debt and reserves and appropriations and expenditures for capital projects, the date of submission by the mayor of the preliminary budget, the date of publication by the director of the independent budget office of a report on revenues and expenditures, the date of submission by the community boards of statements in regard to the preliminary budget, the date of submission by the commissioner of finance of an estimate of the assessed valuation of real property and statement of real property taxes due, expected to be received, and uncollected, the date of submission by the mayor of a tax benefit report, the date of submission by the borough boards of statements on budget priorities, the date of submission by the council of estimates of the financial needs of the council, the date of submission by the borough presidents of proposed modifications of the preliminary budget, the date of publication by the director of the independent budget office of a report analyzing the preliminary budget, the date by which the council shall hold hearings and submit recommendations in regard to the preliminary budget, and the date of submission by the campaign finance board of estimates of the financial needs of the campaign finance board, relating to the fiscal year two thousand twelve.**

**Attachments:**    Memo In Support, Committee Report

*With Message of Necessity*

**A motion was made that this Introduction be Approved by Council approved by Consent Roll Call.**

## Report of the Committee on Housing and Buildings

**Int 0436-2010      A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the alternative enforcement program.**

**Attachments:** Int. No. 436 - 11/30/10, Committee Report 12/15/10, Hearing Testimony 12/15/10, Hearing Transcript 12/15/10, Committee Report 1/5/11

**A motion was made that this Introduction be Approved by Council approved by Consent Roll Call.**

12. General Orders Calendar

**T2010-0002      Commissioner of Deeds**

**Attachments:** Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1/6/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1/21/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2/3/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 2/11/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 3/3/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 3/25/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4/14/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 4/29/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 5/12/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 5/25/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 6/9/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 6/29/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 7/29/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 8/25/10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 9-16-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 9-29-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 10-13-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 10-27-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 11-17-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 11-30-10, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 12-8-10

**A motion was made that this Commissioner of Deeds be Approved, by Council approved by Consent Roll Call.**

Coupled on General Order Calendar

Finance

Int 0451-2011

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Housing and Buildings

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General Order Calendar

**T2010-0002      Commissioner of Deeds**

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*The President Pro Tempore (Council Member Rivera) put the question whether the Council would agree with and adopt such reports, which were decided in the affirmative by the following vote:*

Passed The Consent Agenda

**A motion was made that these files be approved by consent vote.**

**Affirmative:** 49 -

Speaker Quinn, Arroyo, Barron, Brewer, Cabrera, Chin, Comrie Jr., Crowley, Dickens, Dilan, Dromm, Eugene, Ferreras, Fidler, Foster, Garodnick, Gentile, Gonzalez, Greenfield, Halloran III, Ignizio, James, Koo, Koppell, Koslowitz, Lander, Lappin, Levin, Mark-Viverito, Mealy, Mendez, Nelson, Oddo, Palma, Recchia Jr., Reyna, Rivera, Rodriguez, Rose, Sanders Jr., Seabrook, Ulrich, Vacca, Vallone Jr., Van Bramer, Vann, Weprin, Williams and Wills

**Excused:** 2 -

Gennaro and Jackson

- 13. Introduction & Reading of Bills  
See Attached
- 14. Discussion of Resolutions
- 15. Resolutions  
*None*
- 16. General Discussion
- 17. Extension of Remarks

**INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS**

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**Sponsors:** By Council Members Recchia Jr., Fidler, Mealy and Rose (by request of the Mayor)

**Attachments:** Memo In Support, Committee Report

**This Introduction was Referred to Comm by Council**

**Res 0625-2011**      **Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature and the Governor to enact a law that will expunge misdemeanor convictions from the criminal record of any individual who committed such misdemeanors before the age of twenty and is not rearrested for at least ten years from the time of such misdemeanor convictions.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Williams

**This Resolution was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Public Safety**

**LU 0281-2011**      **Application no. 20115289 HKQ (N 110135 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.434, LP-2386) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of The Jamaica Chamber of Commerce Building, located at 89-31 161st Street (Block 9760, Lot 27) as a historic landmark, Council District no. 24.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**

**LU 0282-2011**      **Application no. 20115290 HKQ (N 110136 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.434, LP-2393) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Jamaica Savings Bank, located at 146-21 Jamaica Avenue (Block 9676, Lot 37) as a historic landmark, Council District no. 24.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**



**LU 0283-2011**      **Application no. 20115291 HKQ (N 110137 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.434, LP-2404) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of The Queens General Court House, located at 88-11 Sutphin Boulevard (Block 9691, Lot 1) as a historic landmark, Council District no. 24.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**

**LU 0284-2011**      **Application no. 20115293 HKQ (N 110138 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.434, LP-2394) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of Grace Episcopal Church, located at 155-24 90th Avenue (Block 9754, Lot 7) as a historic landmark, Council District no. 24.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**

**LU 0285-2011**      **Application no. 20115292 HKQ (N 110139 HKQ), pursuant to §3020 of the Charter of the City of New York, concerning the designation (List No.434, LP-2348) by the Landmarks Preservation Commission of the Ridgewood South Historic District, Council District no. 34.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses**

LU 0286-2011      **Application no. C 080293 ZMQ submitted by the Department of City Planning pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 11a, eliminating within an existing R6B District a C1-2 District and establishing within an R6B District a C2-2 District, Council District no. 19.**

**Sponsors:**      By Council Member Comrie Jr.

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use**

**Attachments:**      Land Use Calendar - Week of January 10 - January 14, 2011

**This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises**

*At this point the Speaker (Council Member Quinn) made the following announcements:*

*Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Quinn), the President Pro Tempore (Council Member Rivera) adjourned to meet again on Tuesday, January 18, 2011.*

*MICHAEL McSWEENEY, City Clerk  
Clerk of the Council*