

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE LAND USE

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April 14, 2011
Start: 10:30 am
Recess: 10:45 am

HELD AT: Committee Room 16th Floor
City Hall

B E F O R E:
LEROY COMRIE, JR.
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Inez Dickens
Daniel Garodnick
Sara Gonzales
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Peter Koo
Brad Lander
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
James Sanders, Jr.
Larry Seabrook
James Vacca
Albert Vann
Mark Weprin
Jumaane Williams

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

Carol Shine
Committee Counsel
Land Use Committee

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay we are
3 ready to start the land use meeting. April 14,
4 with the full Land Use Committee. April 14 2011
5 joining me Mark Weprin, Council Member Weprin from
6 Queens, Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo
7 from the Bronx, Council Member Sara Gonzalez from,
8 and Council Member-

9 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [off mic]
10 From Brooklyn.

11 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: From Brooklyn,
12 sorry, Council Member Al Vann from Brooklyn. I
13 was combining you. From Brooklyn, I said from
14 Brooklyn. Council Member Robert Jackson from
15 Manhattan, Council Member Brad Lander from
16 Brooklyn, Majority Leader Joel Rivera from the
17 Bronx, Council Member Inez Dickens from Manhattan,
18 the representing the great area of Harlem, yes
19 ma'am. Council Member Peter Koo and James Sanders
20 from Queens, Vinnie Ignizio from Staten Island,
21 and Council Member Jimmy Vacca from the Bronx.
22 And I thought I saw Council Member Larry Seabrook
23 come in the room.

24 Today we have. Thank you, Council
25 Member Larry Seabrook is here. Today we have a

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2 heavy agenda we have two items for the entire
3 agenda so from Council Member Landers district
4 it's the only reason why he's here that's why you
5 brought treats for everyone for coming in today.

6 And their two items regarding a
7 Carroll Street rezoning land use items 360 and
8 361. Both are amendments to the zoning map within
9 Brooklyn community boards 6, item number
10 C090225ZMK and item number C110118ZMK.

11 And we're prepared to have the vote
12 on these two items. Council Member Lander you
13 want to say something.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Thank you
15 very much Mr. Chairman are one of thank you and
16 all the members of this committee and of Chair
17 Weprin's subcommittee for your extra time both on
18 Tuesday and today. I am very grateful and my
19 residence of my community are very grateful for
20 the extra time and that is why we indeed have
21 munchkin here which I hope both members and staff
22 who would like when avail themselves of. Chairman
23 you'll know there are new toys provided with the
24 box of munchkins.

25 The extra week did make a big

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2 difference in getting a good deal on these two
3 properties of developers are both 25 and 33
4 Carroll Streets have made significant improvements
5 to this project at 33 Carroll where eight market
6 rate units are developed the developer has agreed
7 to deepen the affordability on six units in other
8 developments nearby and make them permanently
9 affordable and HPD has consented to that.

10 And a 25 Carroll Street where the
11 owner is being allowed to convert the ground floor
12 of a building from manufacturing into residential,
13 he's agreed to make a \$20,000 contribution for
14 improvements to a community garden on the block.
15 None of which is in place by last, so thank you
16 very much for the additional week.

17 With that I want to thank the
18 developers they are Marshall Slone [phonetic]
19 known at 33 Carroll and Alex Barrett [phonetic] at
20 25 Carroll, as well as Richard Bearak from the
21 Borough President's Office and Freedman-Schnapp
22 which is part of my staff, as well as HPD and the
23 Council's land use that for helping make all of
24 that possible.

25 They're small projects but still I

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2 believe the public benefit that is coming to the
3 community is appropriate and commensurate with a
4 benefit that you are encouraged to the zoning.

5 So thanks very much to you and to
6 Chair Weprin and to everyone on the committees
7 join the munchkins and I enthusiastically ask you
8 to vote yes on these items.

9 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: The next
10 meeting for subcommittees are scheduled for
11 Tuesday, May 3 and the full committee will be the
12 day after on May 4. I just want to wish everyone
13 a good Easter, holiday, Passover break and with
14 that I'll-, Council Member

15 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Mr.
16 Chairman.

17 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yes

18 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Can I say
19 just one more thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: We also
22 separate from the zoning committee meeting of had
23 a wonderful oversight hearing in the subcommittee
24 on the fare share rules. And Alonzo Carr
25 [phonetic] who wasn't there that day that he did a

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2 lot of work to put together so I want to say
3 special thank you to him as well as again to Gail
4 and Christian and Carol and you for helping us to
5 do it, but thank you Alonzo.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Alright,
7 Council Member Vann, that him I called.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Yes, Mr.
9 Chairman and wondering if there's anything in the
10 rules relative to members providing snacks when
11 they have members is have issues before the
12 committee. [laughter] Have you looked into that?

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: There is not
14 rule to it but you can make a rule, that they must
15 have. [laughter]

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Well if they
17 are going to bring goodies I suggest they bring
18 toys with them. [Laughter]

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Here we go,
20 here we go. All right, well now just to let you
21 know McDonald's released a new commercial
22 yesterday talking about a healthy option Happy
23 Meal, so we're making progress so I would suggest
24 you get a headache of the curve and not behind the
25 curve because we've already moving them.

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MALE VOICE: Get your toys now.

[laughter]

MALE VOICE: Or you'll be say
later.

[background noise]

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: There was a
Happy Meal in there. There was a toy in there.
So. O man anyhow with that I will ask our Carol
Shine our intrepid and always ready legal counsel
to call the roll.

CAROL SHINE: Chair Comrie.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on both

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Rivera.

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye

CAROL SHINE: Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: [off mic]
Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Sanders.

COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: [off mic]
Let me explain my vote, the donors had nothing to
do with this I vote aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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2 Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: [off mic]

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I vote aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vann

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [speaking

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with mouth full] [laughter]

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CAROL SHINE: Fortunately, I speak

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munchkin so that's an aye. Council member

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Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: [off

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mic] Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: A humble

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and appropriate chasten, aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Reyna.

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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: [off mic]

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Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: I can

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only be swayed by a full doughnut [laughter] and

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not a munchkin. I vote aye on all.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: This

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really does feel like the day before recess. I

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want to say. I vote aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member Koo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: By a vote of 17 in

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the affirmative and none in the negative and no

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abstentions two items are approved and refer to

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the full council.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Have a good

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break everybody. We are going to hold the roll

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opened for 10 minutes because a couple of people

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are acting like their members are on their way,

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so. With that the meeting, the land use meeting

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for April 14 is concluded.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson 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



Date

4/28/11