

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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February 9, 2012
Start: 10:21 a.m.
Recess: 10:55 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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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Good morning.
I'm Leroy Comrie, chairing the Land Use Committee today on Thursday, February 9th. We are joined by Council Member Mark Weprin, Council Member Al Vann, Council Member Brad Lander, and Jumaane Williams from Brooklyn, Council Member Peter Koo and Jimmy Vacca, Council Member Vincent Ignizio, Daniel Garodnick, Diana Reyna, Annabel Palma, Rosie Mendez, and Inez Dickens. We have a quorum and we're ready to vote on the long agenda today of which we have three entire items.

First one is the motion of file approval for withdrawal for a sidewalk café in Community Board 2 in Brooklyn, Council Member Levin's district, Land Use Item No. 557, known as Broken English. It's Item No. 2025008 TCK. It is a sidewalk café that is filing a motion to withdraw. We're having a motion for approval for a sidewalk café at a restaurant known as Basil, Land Use No. 558 in Council Member Tish [phonetic] James' district, Brooklyn Community Board 8, Item No. 20125051 TCK, to operate a sidewalk café at 268 Kingston Street. We also have in the next...

[background conversation]

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: It says Avenue
3 on here. Kingston Avenue. Oh boy, I need some
4 coffee. And Land Use Item No. 499, which is in
5 Article 16 of the general municipal law, an
6 exemption—and tax exemption pursuant to Section
7 577 of the general municipal law to facilitate the
8 construction of 24 units of affordable housing at
9 7 different address. It's all under ULEP
10 [phonetic] number—Item No. 20125161 HAK. It's
11 Land Use Item No. 499. The addresses are 106
12 Hopkinson Avenue, 237 Sumter Street, 230 McDougal
13 Street, 2019 Fulton Street, 728 Madison Street,
14 766 Herkimer [phonetic] Street and 516 Crescent
15 Street. They're in Council member Mealy and
16 Barron's district. That is the entire agenda for
17 today. We've also been joined by Council Member
18 Larry Seabrook, Council Member Maria del Carmen
19 Arroyo, Council Member Joel Rivera—I said Council
20 member Inez Dickens, but she is so nice, I'll say
21 it twice.

22 [background conversation]

23 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: I know. I
24 feel like being in trouble today. [laughter] I
25 don't know where Charles is. If he was here... I

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2 thought I saw him. Okay. I recommend an aye vote
3 on all of the items on today's agenda, reminding
4 members that the next meetings will be March 6th
5 for the Subcommittee. The full Committee is
6 scheduled for March the 8th. With that, I'll ask
7 that our counsel, Christian Hilton, call the roll.

8 COUNSEL: Chair Comrie?

9 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

10 COUNSEL: Council Member Rivera?

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye
12 on all.

13 COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna?

14 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: - - .

15 COUNSEL: Council Member Seabrook?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

17 COUNSEL: Council Member Vann?

18 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: - - .

19 COUNSEL: Council Member Palma?

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

21 COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo?

22 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: - - .

23 COUNSEL: Council Member Dickens?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

25 COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick?

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: - - .

COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca?

COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: - - .

COUNSEL: Council Member Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Williams?

COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COUNSEL: Council Member Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.

COUNSEL: By a vote 16 in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions, L.U.558 and L.U.499 are approved and L.U.557 motion to file pursuant to withdrawal is approved and referred to the full City Council.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: We're going to hold the roll open for another 15 minutes as we have members that have said they're on their way, but we will be closing down. Thank you very much.

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With that, the hearing is adjourned.

[gavel]

COUNSEL: Council Member Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

COUNSEL: The vote now stands 17 in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

COUNSEL: Council Member Gonzalez?

COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on all.

COUNSEL: Council Member Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye on all.

COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 19 in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

COUNSEL: Council Member Jackson?

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye on all.

COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COUNSEL: The vote now stands 21 in the affirmative, none in the negative, no abstentions.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Land Use

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meeting for February 9th is hereby adjourned. Oh,

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sorry. I thought you said ready - - .

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Alright. The

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Land Use Committee Meeting for Thursday, February

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9th, 2012 is adjourned.

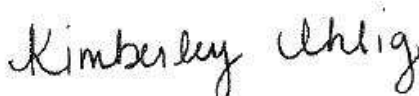
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[gavel]

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 _____

Date 2/27/12