

CITY COUNCIL
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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May 10, 2012
Start: 10:25 a.m.
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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.
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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: we'll now
3 convene the Land Use Committee meeting for today
4 Thursday May 10th, 2012. We'll-

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6 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Oh, sorry.
7 Let me introduce the members of the hearing.
8 Council member Daniel Garodnick, Peter Koo, Lew
9 Fidler, Vinny Ignizio, Mark Weprin, Charles
10 Barron, Jimmy Vacca, Larry Seabrook, Joel Rivera,
11 Al Vann, Diana Reyna, and Jessica Lappin. We have
12 a few items before us this morning. First is Land
13 Use No. 552, known as West Tremont Avenue, Bronx
14 Community Board 5, in Council Member Foster's
15 district, Item No. C120107HAX. It's dealing with
16 92 West Tremont Avenue-

17 [audio interference]

18 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: --in Council
19 District 16 to facilitate the development of a six
20 story building with approximately 61 dwelling
21 units. We also have a city-wide authorizing
22 resolution, Land Use No. 590, Item No. 2012545
23 authorizing franchises for DUIT to grant non-
24 exclusive franchises for cable television
25 services. This allows the Department of

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2 Information and Technology to have the authority
3 to grant non-exclusive franchises for cable
4 television services and all of that requires there
5 within. I want to remind folks that all of these
6 items have been fully vetted at the subcommittee
7 meetings and today's meeting is to formally vote
8 for them. We have the next item in Council Member
9 Lew Fidler's district 46, Brooklyn Community Board
10 18, Item No. C120108 ZMK. It's Land Use No. 595
11 through 598, which are related. It's a no basin
12 [phonetic] rezoning, demapping [phonetic]
13 authorization and disposition to facilitate the
14 development of an auto services establishments and
15 also to continue the existence and sell Toys R Us
16 - - Toys R Us could also purchase the land of
17 approximately 106,781 square feet and reconfigure
18 parking, and also a partial demapping of the
19 street. And then we have Land Use Item No. 599,
20 which is in my district, 11903 Springfield
21 Boulevard in Queens Community Board 13, Item No.
22 C090466 ZMQ. This is the rezoning to facilitate
23 the construction of a two story medical office
24 building in Cambria Heights, Queens. We have Land
25 Use Item No. 602 known as Serafina; it's in the

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2 Speaker's district, Community Board 2, Item No.
3 20125364 TCM to allow a sidewalk café to continue
4 at Serafina Restaurant located at 7 Ninth Avenue.
5 Finally, we have in Council Member Chin's
6 district, Land Use No. 607, Community Board 1
7 area, Item No. 20125571 PNM. It's an application
8 to the maritime lease at the Battery Maritime
9 Building between the Department of Small Business
10 Services and the Governor's Island Trust for
11 Governor's Island. It's a proposed lease to
12 formalize and set forth the rights and
13 responsibilities of the Trust in connection with
14 its continued use of the Battery Maritime
15 Building. That's everything on today's agenda. I
16 would recommend a yes vote, and if anyone would
17 like to speak to anything on today's agenda,
18 please indicate now. Seeing that all members have
19 talked about everything in the subcommittee
20 meetings, I won't repeat what I said about my item
21 either. I'll remind members that the next
22 subcommittee meetings are May 22nd and the next
23 full Land Use Committee will be held on May 24th.
24 I recommend an aye vote, and then we can have the
25 clerk call the roll. Mr. Martin?

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COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Rivera?

COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Reyna?

COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Barron?

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Seabrook?

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vann?

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Palma?

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Garodnick?

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lappin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Mendez?

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Vacca?

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Koo?

COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Lander?

COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye on all.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Levin?

COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: [no audible

response]

COMMITTEE CLERK: Weprin?

COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: Ignizio?

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

COMMITTEE CLERK: By vote of 15 in

the affirmative, zero in the negative and no

abstentions, all items have been adopted.

Members, please sign the Committee Reports. Thank
you.

CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. We will

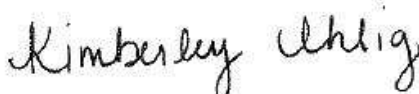
hold the roll open for 15 minutes. Who is still

missing?

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 5/23/12