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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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June 7, 2012

Start: 10:43 a.m. Recess: 10:49 a.m.

HELD AT: Council Chambers

City Hall

B E F O R E:

JOEL RIVERA

Acting 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

James Sanders, Jr. Larry B. Seabrook Leroy Comrie, Jr.

## APPEARANCES

## 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

| 2  | CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay. Good                     |  |  |  |
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| 3  | morning, ladies and gentlemen. My name is Joe      |  |  |  |
| 4  | Rivera. I'll be the acting chair for today's Land  |  |  |  |
| 5  | Use Committee. Before we begin, let me introduce   |  |  |  |
| 6  | the members who are here with us today. We have    |  |  |  |
| 7  | Council Member Sanders, Council Member Weprin,     |  |  |  |
| 8  | Council Member Ignizio, Council Member Vacca,      |  |  |  |
| 9  | Council Member Seabrook, Council Member Dickens.   |  |  |  |
| 10 | To my right we have Council Member Palma, Council  |  |  |  |
| 11 | Member Barron, Council Member Koo. We have Council |  |  |  |
| 12 | Member Al Vann, Council Member Rosie Mendez, and   |  |  |  |
| 13 | Council Member Jessica Lappin with us. Today we    |  |  |  |
| 14 | have—I didn't miss anybody, right? So today we     |  |  |  |
| 15 | have a couple of items on our agenda. We have the  |  |  |  |
| 16 | first one is LU No. 613 and 614, both related.     |  |  |  |
| 17 | They're in Council Member Ignizio's district.      |  |  |  |
| 18 | They're a zoning text amendment. Do I need to-     |  |  |  |
| 19 | MALE VOICE: Yes.                                   |  |  |  |
| 20 | CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: The item is                    |  |  |  |
| 21 | C110077 ZMR and No. 110078 ZRR, which is L.U.      |  |  |  |
| 22 | number 614 also in Council Member Ignizio's        |  |  |  |
| 23 | district. We now move on to Land Use No. 615,      |  |  |  |
| 24 | which is in Speaker Quinn's district. It is Item   |  |  |  |
| 25 | No. 20125425 TCM, Monument Lane. We also have L.U. |  |  |  |

| 2  | No. 616 in Speaker Quinn's district, the Tea Set.  |  |  |  |
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| 3  | It's 20115529 TCM. Both sidewalk cafes. We move on |  |  |  |
| 4  | to L.U. No. 628, which is in Council Member        |  |  |  |
| 5  | Arroyo's district. It is 201567 HAM. It's Maria    |  |  |  |
| 6  | Estella and Aldus Three [phonetic]. It is to       |  |  |  |
| 7  | approve the regulatory agreement project between   |  |  |  |
| 8  | HPD and PRC, Westchester Avenue LLC. We then move  |  |  |  |
| 9  | on to numbers 564, 565, 626, and 564 is number     |  |  |  |
| 10 | 20125330 HAX in Council Member Foster's district.  |  |  |  |
| 11 | It is a UDAP, okay, and then we move on to 565,    |  |  |  |
| 12 | which is number 20125331 HAK, which is also a UDAP |  |  |  |
| 13 | in Council Member Reyna's district. We move on to  |  |  |  |
| 14 | No. 626 in Council Member Viverito's district.     |  |  |  |
| 15 | It's 20125695 HAM. It's also a HUD multi-family    |  |  |  |
| 16 | known program. At this point in time, I'm going to |  |  |  |
| 17 | ask the clerk-does anybody have any questions on   |  |  |  |
| 18 | these items? Seeing none, I'm going to ask the     |  |  |  |
| 19 | clerk to please call the roll and the Acting Chair |  |  |  |
| 20 | recommends an aye vote.                            |  |  |  |
| 21 | COUNSEL: Christian Hilton, counsel                 |  |  |  |
| 22 | committee. Chair Rivera?                           |  |  |  |
| 23 | CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.                    |  |  |  |
| 24 | COUNSEL: Council Member Barron                     |  |  |  |
| 25 | COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.                 |  |  |  |

| 1  | COMMITTEE ON LAND USE 5               |
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| 2  | COUNSEL: Council Member Sanders?      |
| 3  | COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Because       |
| 4  | the acting chair said it, I vote aye. |
| 5  | COUNSEL: Council Member Seabrook?     |
| 6  | COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on       |
| 7  | all.                                  |
| 8  | COUNSEL: Council Member Vann          |
| 9  | COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.      |
| 10 | COUNSEL: Council Member Palma?        |
| 11 | COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.            |
| 12 | COUNSEL: Council Member Dickens       |
| 13 | COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.          |
| 14 | COUNSEL: Council Member Lappin        |
| 15 | COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.           |
| 16 | COUNSEL: Council Member Mendez?       |
| 17 | COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.           |
| 18 | COUNSEL: Council Member Vacca?        |
| 19 | COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.            |
| 20 | COUNSEL: Council Member Koo           |
| 21 | COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye.              |
| 22 | COUNSEL: Council Member Weprin        |
| 23 | COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye.           |
| 24 | COUNSEL: Council Member Ignizio       |
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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

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| 2  | COUNSEL: By a vote of 13 in the                   |  |  |  |
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| 3  | affirmative, none in the negative and no          |  |  |  |
| 4  | abstentions, all items have been approved and     |  |  |  |
| 5  | referred to the full Land Use Committee.          |  |  |  |
| 6  | CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We will leave                 |  |  |  |
| 7  | the vote open for an hour-half an hour. Thank you |  |  |  |
| 8  | very much, everybody. We will leave the vote open |  |  |  |
| 9  | for an additional 20 minutes to allow for other   |  |  |  |
| 10 | members who need to come down and vote. We have   |  |  |  |
| 11 | several on their way. Thank you very much, and    |  |  |  |
| 12 | thank you to the counsel to the Committee and to  |  |  |  |
| 13 | the Land Use director. Thank you.                 |  |  |  |
| 14 | We have been joined by the real                   |  |  |  |
| 15 | chair to the Land Use Committee, Council Member   |  |  |  |
| 16 | Leroy Comrie.                                     |  |  |  |
| 17 | CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Thank you.                    |  |  |  |
| 18 | Thank you, Joel, for stepping in. I had a program |  |  |  |
| 19 | that we committed to a year ago that was started- |  |  |  |
| 20 | it didn't start until 9:30, but I'm here. I vote  |  |  |  |
| 21 | aye on all.                                       |  |  |  |
| 22 | COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 14                |  |  |  |
| 23 | in the affirmative, none in the negative and no   |  |  |  |
| 24 | abstentions.                                      |  |  |  |

[long pause]

| 1  | COMMITTEE ON LAND USE 7                         |  |  |  |
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| 2  | COUNSEL: Council Member Garodnick?              |  |  |  |
| 3  | COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.                  |  |  |  |
| 4  | COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 15              |  |  |  |
| 5  | in the affirmative, none in the negative and no |  |  |  |
| 6  | abstentions.                                    |  |  |  |
| 7  | [long pause]                                    |  |  |  |
| 8  | [background conversation]                       |  |  |  |
| 9  | COUNSEL: Council Member Reyna?                  |  |  |  |
| 10 | COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye                |  |  |  |
| 11 | on all.   |  |  |  |
| 12 | COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 16              |  |  |  |
| 13 | in the affirmative, none in the negative and no |  |  |  |
| 14 | abstentions.                                    |  |  |  |
| 15 | [long pause]                                    |  |  |  |
| 16 | COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo                  |  |  |  |
| 17 | COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.                     |  |  |  |
| 18 | COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 17              |  |  |  |
| 19 | in the affirmative, none in the negative and no |  |  |  |
| 20 | abstentions.                                    |  |  |  |
| 21 | [long pause]                                    |  |  |  |
| 22 | COUNSEL: Council Member Gonzalez?               |  |  |  |
| 23 | COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on                 |  |  |  |
| 24 | all.  |  |  |  |
| 25 | COUNSEL: The vote now stands at 18              |  |  |  |
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| 1  | COMMITTEE ON LAND USE 8  |  |
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| 2  | in the affirmative, none in the negative and no                |  |
| 3  | abstentions.   |  |
| 4  | [long pause]   |  |
| 5  | COUNSEL: Final vote in the                                     |  |
| 6  | Committee on Land Use for June 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 is 18 in |  |
| 7  | the affirmative, none in the negative and no                   |  |
| 8  | abstentions. L.U. 613, 614, 616, 628, LU. 565 and              |  |
| 9  | L.U. 626 are approved and referred to the full                 |  |
| 10 | City Council.  |  |
| 11 | FEMALE VOICE: Land Use meeting                                 |  |
| 12 | 11:15 adjourned.   |  |
| 13 | [gavel]  |  |
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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 | Kimberley | Uhlig |
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| Date      | 6-26-12   |       |