

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING & FRANCHISES

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December 6, 2012
Start: 10:04 a.m.
Recess: 10:07 a.m.

HELD AT: 250 Broadway
Committee Room 16th Floor

B E F O R E:
MARK S. WEPRIN
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Daniel R. Garodnick
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
Diana Reyna
Joel Rivera
James Vacca
Albert Vann

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2 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Good morning
3 everyone, my name is Mark Weprin, I am Chair of
4 the Zoning & Franchises Subcommittee of the Land
5 Use Committee, I'm joined by the following members
6 of the Subcommittee, Council Member Dan Garodnick,
7 Council Member Diana Reyna, Council Member James
8 Vacca, Council Member Robert Jackson, Council
9 Member Jessica Lappin, Council Member Joel Rivera
10 and the Chair of the Land Use Committee, Leroy
11 Comrie to my left. We are reconvening a meeting
12 that took place earlier this week, we have one
13 item yet to be voted on. Okay, for the members ...
14 all right, okay, fine. Fine, and when we vote on
15 this one item that is left on the agenda, you can
16 ... your vote can be tallied for all the items from
17 last week's agenda as well, if anyone has a change
18 of vote, or would like to cast a vote. So with
19 that in mind, the one item on this agenda is Land
20 Use #726, this was the downtown Brooklyn parking
21 text amendment, which had wide support here in the
22 Committee and from the people who testified. We
23 do have a letter before you from City Planning to
24 Council Member James, she had raised the issue of
25 use of certain parts of the properties over there,

1 parking garages, and it's a letter discussing the
2 future considerations of what may be done with
3 that, and to have future dialogue on the space.
4 In addition, Council Member Steve Levin and a
5 number of members of the community had raised the
6 issue of a school in the area, and their need for
7 a school to be put there in the future. It's my
8 understanding that Council Member Levin has been
9 having conversations with the administration about
10 the importance of this school, and that will be
11 something that continues in the future. So with
12 those things in mind, we are moving ahead to pass
13 the downtown Brooklyn parking text amendment, and
14 I would now like to call on counsel to please call
15 the roll on this item, Land Use #726, of the
16 members of the Subcommittee.

18 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Chair Weprin.

19 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Aye.

20 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
21 Rivera.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye,
23 and with your permission, I'd like to vote aye on
24 all previous items on the agenda.

25 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: So moved.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye,
thank you.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
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COUNCIL MEMBER REYNA: I vote aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Comrie.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: I vote
aye, and I'd like permission to vote on all items
on the agenda.

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Permission
granted.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
on all the items on the agenda that ... aye on all.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Okay, aye on
all. Vann is not here. Council Member Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member
Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Council Member

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2 Vacca.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye.

4 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: By a vote of
5 eight in the affirmative, zero in the negative and
6 no abstentions, Land Use Item 726 is approved and
7 referred to the full Land Use Committee. With
8 respect to Land Use items 733, 734, 735, 736, 737,
9 the vote now stands at nine in the affirmative,
10 zero in the negative and no abstentions, and are
11 likewise approved and referred to the full Land
12 Use Committee.

13 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you very
14 much, Anne, we are going to hold the rolls open
15 until the Land Use Committee meeting begins, which
16 should be in a few minutes, for the members who
17 may not have arrived yet, for the two members of
18 the Committee who are not here yet. With that in
19 mind, that we are holding the rolls open until the
20 start of the Land Use Committee meeting, this
21 meeting is now adjourned.

22 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: Land Use Item
23 726, Council Member Vann.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye.

25 COMMITTEE COUNSEL: The vote now

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2 stands nine in the affirmative, zero in the
3 negative, zero abstentions for Land Use Item 726.

4 Can you gavel us out of Zoning?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE, JR.: All
6 right, we're going to close the Zoning & Franchise
7 Subcommittee meeting for December 6th, and we are
8 ready to ...

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Richard A. Ziats, 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 _____ December 18, 2012 _____