

CITY COUNCIL  
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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ZONING AND FRANCHISES

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May 7, 2015  
Start: 11:13 a.m.  
Recess: 11:22 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:  
Daniel R. Garodnick  
Jumaane D. Williams  
Donovan J. Richards  
Antonio Reynoso  
Ritchie J. Torres  
Vincent M. Ignizio  
Vincent J. Gentile  
Ruben Wills  
Chaim M. Deutsch  
David G. Greenfield

[gavel]

CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Can I have everyone's attention, please? Thank you. I'm gonna talk in my deep voice; make it much more authoritative. [background comment]

Okay. Good morning. My name is Mark Weprin and I'm the Chair of the Zoning and Franchises Subcommittee; this is the continuation of a recessed meeting from the other day. And we will... [background comments] Okay. We've been joined by the following members of the Subcommittee, Council Member Garodnick, Council Member Gentile, Council Member Williams, Council Member -- [background comment] is Richards here -- Richards is here, Council Member... [background comment] Reynoso, [background comment] and Council Member Torres I know is gonna be back in a minute; he was here and he had to go outside, and Council Member Ignizio. So we have a full slate of Vinny's today.

We are also joined by members of the Land Use Committee, who are in the room, but there are too many of them to name at the moment, they know they're in my heart.

2 We left off the other day on an item in  
3 Brooklyn called the Cherry Hill Text Amendment in  
4 Council Member Deutsch's district, so what I'd like  
5 to do first is to call on Council Member Deutsch, who  
6 has a statement to make and then we will describe for  
7 the record the modification. Mr. Deutsch.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: Thank you, Chair  
9 and I will also be speaking in a deep voice.

10 I wanna start off by say... [crosstalk]

11 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: As usual. You and  
12 Garodnick have those good voices you know.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER DEUTSCH: I wanna start  
14 off by saying that I have listened to all the  
15 different positions regarding this proposed text  
16 amendment; I have weighed the merits of both sides at  
17 length in order to make a decision that is best for  
18 the 48th District and for the communities that I  
19 represent. It is important to preserve the  
20 significance of the Special Sheepshead Bay District  
21 while adapting and changing to remain relevant and  
22 current.

23 I would like to thank City Planning;  
24 after compromising the original text amendment I was  
25 able to limit [sic] Cherry Hill to its current usage,

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2 which addressed a significant issue that the Borough  
3 President of Brooklyn and I had with the original  
4 application.

5 I am extremely grateful to the Council's  
6 Land Use Division for working together with me to  
7 insert a ten-year renewal requirement to this  
8 application. With these adjustments I recommend that  
9 my colleagues on the Land Use Committee vote to  
10 approve this text amendment; these changes are  
11 acceptable and will grant Cherry Hill legal status.

12 The Cherry Hill Market is an important  
13 asset to our neighborhood, as it provides a unique  
14 service as well as jobs for many residents of our  
15 community. The lengthy review process that this  
16 applicant went through gave the community the  
17 opportunity to review and discuss the pros and cons  
18 of this proposal.

19 I am looking forward to working with all  
20 different parties involved and continue to make the  
21 48th District a wonderful place to live, work and  
22 raise a family. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Deutsch. Any members have any other comments;  
25 I'll read to you the modification to the Cherry Hill

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2 Text Amendment that we will be considering today;  
3 this is Land Use No. 211, called the Cherry Hill Text  
4 Amendment in Council Member Chaim Deutsch's district,  
5 as we mentioned. It would permit a food store of  
6 limited size in Area B, as in boy, of the Special  
7 Sheepshead Bay District. This Subcommittee held a  
8 public hearing on this item on May 5, 2015, which was  
9 recessed until today; the hearing was closed that  
10 day, and it is now before us today for a vote with  
11 the following modifications recommended for approval;  
12 that the text be amended to state that a food store  
13 of limited size be allowed in Area B for a period of  
14 10 years from the date this amendment becomes  
15 effective.

16 I will now call on Ann McCoy to have a  
17 vote on this item, as well as the other items that  
18 were on last agenda can be voted on too if you  
19 weren't here to vote on those last two items.

20 Counsel McCoy.

21 ANN MCCOY: Chair Weprin.

22 CHAIRPERSON WEPRIN: I vote aye.

23 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Gentile.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER GENTILE: I vote aye and I  
3 vote aye on the other matters that were before us on  
4 May 5th.

5 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Garodnick.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

7 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Williams.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye.

9 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Richards.

10 COUNCIL MEMBER RICHARDS: Aye.

11 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Reynoso.

12 COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOSO: Aye.

13 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Ignizio.

14 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye.

15 ANN MCCOY: And on all previously adopted  
16 items?

17 [background comments]

18 ANN MCCOY: Land Use Item 211, Cherry  
19 Hill Text Amendment is approved with modifications by  
20 a vote of 7 in the affirmative, 0 abstentions and no  
21 negatives and referred to the Full Land Use  
22 Committee.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Mr. Williams, did  
24 you have something..

25 [pause]

2 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Great. We are  
3 gonna keep the rolls open until the Land Use meeting  
4 begins; I know that there's at least one member who  
5 is here and had to step out. So with that in mind,  
6 we're gonna leave the rolls open.

7 [pause]

8 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Okay. So we're  
9 just gonna hold the rolls open until we can get  
10 Council Member Torres back and any other members.

11 [pause]

12 [gavel]

13 [background comment]

14 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Could I have  
15 everyone's attention again for a minute? Ann McCoy  
16 will continue the roll.

17 ANN MCCOY: Council Member Torres, on  
18 Land Use 211 with modifications.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER TORRES: I vote aye.

20 ANN MCCOY: Okay. [background comment]

21 [pause]

22 ANN MCCOY: Final vote on the Zoning  
23 Subcommittee, Land Use Items all adopted with  
24 modifications by the following votes. Land Use Item  
25 211; 8 in the affirmative, 0 abstentions, 0

negatives. Land Use Items 197 through 201; 9 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative, 0 abstentions. Land Use Items 209 and 210; 8 in the affirmative, 0 negative and 1 abstention. All items are referred to the Full Land Use Committee.

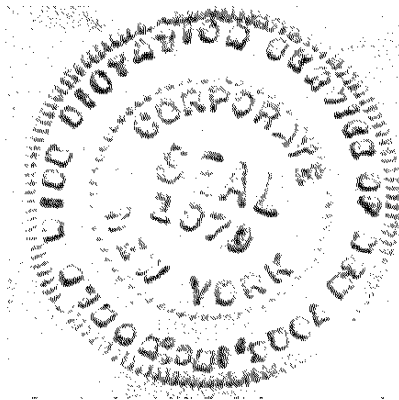
COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Thank you very much, Ms. McCoy and with that, the meeting of the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises is now adjourned, immediately followed by the Land Use Committee.

[gavel]



C E R T I F I C A T E

World Wide Dictation certifies that the foregoing transcript is a true and accurate record of the proceedings. We further certify that there is no relation to any of the parties to this action by blood or marriage, and that there is interest in the outcome of this matter.



Date May 13, 2015