

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

Of the

SUBCOMMITTEE ON LANDMARKS, PUBLIC SITING  
AND MARITIME USES

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August 22, 2017  
Start: 11:10 a.m.  
Recess: 11:21 a.m.

HELD AT: Committee Room - City Hall

B E F O R E: PETER A. KOO  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS: Annabel Palma  
Deborah L. Rose  
Rosie Mendez  
Stephen T. Levin  
Inez D. Barron  
Ben Kallos

A P P E A R A N C E S (CONTINUED)

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2 [sound check, pause] [background  
3 comments]

4 CLERK: Quiet, please.

5 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet, please.

6 CLERK: Can you please be quiet, please.

7 Please quite, please for the Subcommittee. Thank you  
8 so much.

9 CHAIRPERSON KOO: [shushing for quiet]

10 [background comments] Hi. [gavel]

11 CLERK: Quiet please. [background  
12 comments]

13 CHAIRPERSON KOO: We're about to start  
14 the Subcommittee meeting on Landmarks, Public Siting  
15 and Maritime Uses. [background noise] Thank you.  
16 Yeah.

17 MALE SPEAKER: It's on.

18 CHAIRPERSON KOO: It's on.

19 MALE SPEAKER: You're safe to go. They  
20 came with that and I said no.

21 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Good morning, yeah. I'm  
22 Council Member Peter Koo, Chair of the Subcommittee  
23 on Landmarks, Public Siting and Maritime Uses. We  
24 are joined by Council Members Palma, Kallos, Barron,  
25 and Rose. Today we will be voting to modify our site

1 selection and acquisition in the Speaker's district.  
2 LU 727 is an application submitted by the Department  
3 of Sanitation and the Department of Citywide  
4 Administrative Services pursuant to Section 197-c of  
5 New York City Charter for the site selection and  
6 acquisition of property located at 207-217 east 127<sup>th</sup>  
7 Street, Block 1792, Lots 5 and part of 28 to  
8 facilitate the location of the Department of  
9 Sanitation's Manhattan District 11 Garage and  
10 Manhattan Lot Cleaning Unit and Manhattan Lot  
11 Cleaning Unit Headquarters. This committee held a  
12 public hearing on this siting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. I think  
13 we had a subcommittee meeting going on. Please be  
14 quiet. This garage will replace the existing  
15 Sanitation Garage located at 343 East 99<sup>th</sup> Street,  
16 which is undersized structurally and in size and  
17 under pressure from hospital and residential  
18 development on the block. Due to overcrowding,  
19 Sanitation vehicles are currently forced to park on  
20 the street. The city will enter into a lease for  
21 property for the new facility. The property owner  
22 will retrofit the existing building to accommodate  
23 employee support space, office and small vehicles and  
24 accessory parking. The owner will also construct a  
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1 one-story building addition, which will store  
2 vehicles and include a wash bay and mechanic space.  
3 An outdoor parking area will accommodate up to 25-up  
4 to 24 collection trucks. The facility will have a  
5 total capacity of 41 vehicles. Although DSNY will-  
6 although DSNY has changed the design to incorporate a  
7 more attractive façade than the original proposal.  
8 The proposed facility is still an enclosed, and there  
9 are still significant concerns about the lack of a  
10 permanent enclosed adequately size facility. For  
11 that reason, we will vote to approve LU 727 with the  
12 modification to limit the acquisition to a term of 20  
13 years. DSNY has agreed to immediately begin planning  
14 for a permanent long-term facility to serve District  
15 11's sanitation needs, which includes to following  
16 goals:

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18           There's four options for a permanent  
19 consolidated facility that could house multiple  
20 facilities including District 11, District 10,  
21 District 9, and/or the Manhattan Lot Cleaning Unit.

22           Create a state-of-the-art Sanitation  
23 facility that would be fully enclosed, and utilize  
24 the most advanced technology in air filtration, air  
25 efficiency and energy efficiency and storm water

1 management using the Spring Street garage as a model.

2 In addition, DSNY has agreed that all trucks and  
3 equipment at this new temporary facility will be  
4 fully contained within it. Those trucks or the  
5 equipment will be parked on the adjacent streets.

6 Going forward, DSNY will engage with local  
7 stakeholders on a quarterly basis. The stakeholders  
8 group will include representatives from Community  
9 Board 11, the local council member, the Manhattan  
10 Borough President and additional members that the  
11 stakeholders identify. With these conditions, the  
12 Speaker is in support of approval with a modification  
13 to restrict the acquisition to a 20-year term.

14 Counsel, please call the roll on a vote to approve  
15 the modifications I have described.

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17 LEGAL COUNSEL: Koo.

18 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yes.

19 LEGAL COUNSEL: Palma.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: [off mic] Yes.

21 LEGAL COUNSEL: Rose.

22 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Council Member Rose.

23 LEGAL COUNSEL: Barron.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: I vote aye.

25 LEGAL COUNSEL: Kallos.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KALLOS: Aye.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: The vote is now open.

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yeah. [pause]

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Rose.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ROSE: Aye.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: We'll hold the vote open.

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yeah. Just one more.

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Oh.

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Two more.

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Two more, oh. [pause]

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LEGAL COUNSEL: Leave the vote open.

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yeah, we will—we will

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for the--leave it for a few more minutes for the two

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other members to show up if they want to vote. Yeah.

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[pause]

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LEGAL COUNSEL: By a vote of 5 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative with 0 abstentions,

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the item is recommended for approval with

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modifications and referred to the full Land Use

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Committee and the vote is held open for--

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CHAIRPERSON KOO: Yeah, we will vote—hold

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the vote for a few more minutes. Yeah. I would like

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to thank the members of public, my colleagues,

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counsel and Land Use staff for attending today's

1 meeting. No, no, we are not adjourned yet no.

2 [pause] [background comments]

3 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Council Member Mendez,  
4 would you like to vote?

5 COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Thank you, Mr.  
6 Chair. I vote aye on all. [background comments]

7 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Counsel, could you read  
8 the final vote?

9 SERGEANT-AT-ARMS: Quiet please.

10 LEGAL COUNSEL: By a vote of 6 in the-

11 CHAIRPERSON KOO: [shushing for quiet]

12 LEGAL COUNSEL: By a vote of 6 in the  
13 affirmative, 0 in the negative with 0 abstentions,  
14 the item is recommended for approval with  
15 modifications and referred to the full land use  
16 committee. [background comments]

17 CHAIRPERSON KOO: Okay, the Subcommittee  
18 meeting is hereby adjourned. [gavel]

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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 September 2, 2017