

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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March 19, 2009  
Start: 10:29 am  
Recess: 10:39 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E: MELINDA R. KATZ  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Council Member Maria del Carmen  
Arroyo  
Council Member Tony Avella  
Council Member Maria Baez  
Council Member Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Council Member Inez E. Dickens  
Council Member Simcha Felder  
Council Member Daniel R. Garodnick  
Council Member Vincent Ignizio  
Council Member Robert Jackson  
Council Member Jessica S. Lappin  
Council Member John C. Liu  
Council Member Miguel Martinez  
Council Member Annabel Palma  
Council Member Joel Rivera  
Council Member Larry B. Seabrook  
Council Member Helen Sears  
Council Member Albert Vann

A P P E A R A N C E S [CONTINUED]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Good morning

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everyone. Let me just review the schedule for

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everyone so you know what's going on this morning.

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This morning is the hearing on the Fiscal Year

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2010 Preliminary Budget. We have the vote today,

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now, on the agenda brought up from the

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Subcommittees. At 11:00 o'clock A.M. we have the

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Landmarks Commissioner. At 12:00 o'clock we have

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the Department of City Planning. At 1:00 o'clock,

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jointly with the Committee on Technology, we have

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DUIT. So 11:00 o'clock, Landmarks; 12:00 City

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Planning; 1:00 o'clock DUIT; 2:00 o'clock is the

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public portion.

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What we've done in the past by

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the way, is if the Commissioners--if we finish

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earlier and the Commissioners are available

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earlier, we try to move it up. So if you are

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concerned with one aspect of today's hearing and

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you want to be notified when we start that, let me

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know, and we'll text message you when that

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Commissioner comes. Okay? If it's going to be

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early. Hopefully it won't be late. So.

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All right. So the agenda today

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2 is Preconsidered L. U. Number--well it's  
3 Preconsidered 20095156 SCK. It's in Council  
4 Member Barron's District. It is a 1,200 seat  
5 intermediate high school, school siting.

6 PS 264, Council Member Gentile's  
7 District is also a school siting, and L. U. Number  
8 930 567 West 183<sup>rd</sup> Street is Council Member  
9 Martinez' District. It is a ULURP UDAP to provide  
10 transitional housing in his area on 183<sup>rd</sup> Street.

11 L. U. Number 1014 is in Council  
12 Member Speaker Quinn's District, sidewalk café.

13 L. U. Number 1017 in Council Member  
14 Arroyo's District is a disposition to correct  
15 clerical error on the 2006 Yankee Stadium  
16 disposition.

17 L. U. Numbers 1018 through 1020 are  
18 related. They are called the Broadway Plaza;  
19 Amendment to the City Map is in Council Member  
20 Koppell's District to facilitate a retail center.  
21 It's an amendment to the City Map and amendment to  
22 the Zoning Map and a Disposition.

23 L. U. Number 1021 is a North Corona  
24 Rezoning. It's an Amendment to the Zoning Map to  
25 preserve the character of the neighborhood. It is

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2 in Council Member Ferreira's District. I assume  
3 it's her first item passed.

4 We have additional meetings just so  
5 everyone's aware of it, Tuesday March 24<sup>th</sup>, the Day  
6 of Session. Landmarks at 9:30, Land Use at 10:00  
7 A.M.

8 Any discussion? Call the roll.

9 MS. CAROL MS. SHINE: Carol Shine,  
10 Counsel to the Committee. Chair Katz.

11 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

12 MS. SHINE: Council Member Rivera.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER Rivera: I vote aye  
14 on all.

15 MS. SHINE: Council Member Avella.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER Avella: Aye on all.

17 MS. SHINE: Council Member Comrie.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

19 MS. SHINE: Council Member Jackson.

20 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye  
21 on all.

22 MS. SHINE: Council Member Liu.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

24 MS. SHINE: Council Member  
25 Martinez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Aye on

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MS. SHINE: Council Member

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Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Vann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: [off mic].

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MS. SHINE: He voted aye. Thank

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you. Thank you. Council Member Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Yes.

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MS. SHINE: Vote stands at 15 in

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the affirmative, none in the negative and no

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2 abstentions and please remember to sign the  
3 reports.

4 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We, huh-huh, we  
5 just--so you know, e-mailed Commissioner Tierney  
6 to tell him if he wanted to come over a little  
7 early he could. So we'll see what his office  
8 says.

9 [Pause]

10 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Madam  
11 Chair? Madam Chair. What's the issue on--how do  
12 we resolve conflicts if we had to be--like I had  
13 to miss the Committee Hearing yesterday 'cause I  
14 had an important meeting in my District. How do  
15 we resolve that conflict?

16 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: You're  
17 marked absent.

18 [Laughter, background noise,  
19 crosstalk]

20 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Yeah, I  
21 mean...

22 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Any other  
23 questions?

24 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Well wasn't  
25 there a protocol for that? I mean if there was--

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: [Interposing]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: --yes.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I know but

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I'm--I--

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: [Interposing]

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There used to be a protocol if I'm not mistaken

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for excused absences. I believe that that--

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA:

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[Interposing] They're only doing conflicts--

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: [Interposing]

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So.

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COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: If you have

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two committees at the same time.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: If you have two

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Committees at the same time I believe you get an

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excused absence. Other than that I suggest that

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you call 212-788-7210 and have the discussion

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there.

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[Pause]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: If anyone knows

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anyone who's not here and you want to text message

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2 them because you know that they're nearby, you  
3 might want to do that. We have to close this  
4 hearing at 11:00 o'clock apparently for the  
5 Finance Committee to start.

6 [Pause]

7 [Background noise]

8 [Pause]

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10 [Pause]

11 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Text message?

12 Council Member Arroyo. Aye on all?

13 [Pause]

14 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Council Member...

15 Council Member Felder how do you--?

16 [Pause]

17 COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Council Member

18 Baez.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER BAEZ: Aye.

20 [END TAPE 1003]

21 [START TAPE 1004]

22 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We are closing  
23 the hearing, the 10:00 o'clock Land Use hearing  
24 and reopening--and opening--

25 [Pause]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: No.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We can't. We

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have to do this. The Commissioner is here, you

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want to tell him he's got to wait? [Chuckling]

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I'm just saying you can't do it. This is a new -

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: We've got a

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Commissioner sitting here, I e-mailed him.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Hello.

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COMMITTEE CLERK WILLIAM MARTIN:

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Final vote on the Committee on Land Use. William

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Martin, Committee Clerk. It stands at 18 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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Thank you.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Okay. Just for

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the members. The meetings for the Land Use on the

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substantive issues that come up from the

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Subcommittee are scheduled on your schedules, I

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think already for six months or so, right? When

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we send the schedule out. We only added the 11:00

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o'clock.

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2                   So I think what might have happened  
3 is some folks replaced the 10:00 o'clock with the  
4 11:00 o'clock. So just internally, just know that  
5 when we go the next round of finance meetings,  
6 again, that we will add another Land Use Finance,  
7 again, that doesn't replace the meeting that's  
8 already scheduled on your schedule for Land Use.  
9 Okay? So that might have been some of the  
10 confusion that's out there, understandably. So.

11                   This is the opening--

12                   [END TAPE 1004]

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## C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Laura L. Springate 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.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Laura L. Springate". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Signature     Laura L. Springate    

Date     April 3, 2009