

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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July 22, 2008
Start: xx:xx am
Recess: xx:xx am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria Del Carmen Arroyo
Tony Avella
Charles Barron
C Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
Inez E. Dickens
Simcha Felder
Daniel R. Garodnick
Eric N. Gioia
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
John C. Liu
Mike McMann
Rosie Mendez
James S. Oddo
Annabel Palma
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears

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

William Martin
Committee Clerk
Committee on Land Use

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2 CHAIRPERSON AVELLA: Good morning
3 everyone. I'd like to reconvene this meeting of
4 the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises. We had
5 recessed the meeting in order to give the Speaker
6 more time to discuss the Hudson Yards Text
7 Amendment. The Speaker's asked that it be laid
8 over again to, what meeting is that, the August
9 meeting? The August meeting. So at this point I
10 will gavel in and get--

11 [Off mic]

12 CHAIRPERSON AVELLA: August 13th
13 meeting. And before I close the meeting out, I'd
14 like to call on Mike McMann to cast his vote for
15 the previous items.

16 MR. MARTIN: Council Member McMann.

17 COUNCIL MEMBER MCMANN: Thank you
18 Mr. Chairman, I vote aye.

19 CHAIRPERSON AVELLA: By a vote of
20 seven in the affirmative, none in the negative, no
21 abstentions, all items are referred to the full
22 Land Use Committee.

23 CHAIRPERSON AVELLA: That closes
24 this meeting of the Subcommittee on Zoning and
25 Franchises.

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: If everyone can
3 hang around, we will do Land Use as soon as we
4 can. We need a quorum and also on of the items in
5 the Speaker's District, we are still discussing.
6 So we'll be back in a few minutes. Thanks.

7 [Pause]

8 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: One item that is
9 still going to be postponed until tomorrow, that
10 is the Hudson Square North rezoning. The member
11 whose District is it in, who happens to be Speaker
12 Quinn, has asked for it to be postponed until
13 tomorrow. So we will do that.

14 Number two, we are closing the
15 meeting today and reopening another--

16 [Gavel banging]

17 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: --and reopening
18 another meeting for tomorrow. So if there's
19 anybody in the vicinity that thinks they're going
20 to vote tomorrow and you know that they're around,
21 please text message them or let them know, they
22 will not be able to vote tomorrow on today's
23 agenda for some technical reasons of resolutions
24 for tomorrow. So we are closing the meeting
25 today. We'll reopen it tomorrow for the Hudson

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2 Square North rezoning which has to be voted on
3 either way tomorrow. All right?

4 So today, Hudson Square North
5 rezoning C070575 CMM will be postponed until
6 tomorrow's vote, which by the way we're figuring
7 out what time now according to availability.

8 Pier A lease is in Council Member
9 Gerson's District. It is a lease agreement for
10 the redevelopment of Pier A. LU Number 773 is the
11 Heritage House; it is in Council Member Dickens'
12 District. It is a UDAAP project to facilitate the
13 development of a 6-story building with 40 rentals.
14 LU Number 826, Council Member Gerson's District,
15 is an East River Waterfront; it is a text
16 amendment to facilitate the development of the
17 East River Waterfront Park.

18 LU Number 828 is in Council Member
19 Arroyo's District. It is St. Ann's Avenue
20 Development, a zoning map change in the Bronx for
21 mixed use buildings, 618 residential units.
22 Council Member de Blasio's District has a text
23 amendment for Carol Gardens in Brooklyn, modifying
24 the narrow streets requirements. LU Number 835 is
25 the Leader House. It is in Council Member

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2 Brewer's District to facilitate a 29-story mixed
3 use building on 93rd Street.

4 The rest are all UDAAPs. Council
5 Member Viverito's District has one, LU Number 775.
6 There are three Preconsidered; one is in Council
7 Member Foster's District at 665 Jefferson Place in
8 Bronx. Another in Council Member Foster's
9 District at 665 Jefferson Place. One in Council
10 Member Weprin's District, 7604 Little Neck Parkway
11 and one in Council Member Comrie's District at
12 21814 103rd Avenue.

13 Any discussion? No. Okay. Just
14 remember we'll let you know what time the
15 Committee is tomorrow. It's at 10:00 A.M. here in
16 the Committee room. And there will be no
17 Subcommittees tomorrow, just Land Use. And we'll
18 just vote on the Hudson Square Text Amendment.
19 Call the roll.

20 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: Council Member
21 Katz.

22 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

23 MR. MARTIN: Avella.

24 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye on all.

25 MR. MARTIN: Barron.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: I know

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Councilman Barron is in the--in City Hall. Can we

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try and find him so that--

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[Laughter]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Oh he's right

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there. Okay. Why are you hiding?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Oh well I

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was just coming from the Police Commissioner's

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Office to receive my medal.

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[Crosstalk]

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: I didn't think

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you'd be back yet. How do you vote?

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

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Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Gioia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Thank you.

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I vote yes.

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MR. MARTIN: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

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MR. MARTIN: McMann.

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COUNCIL MEMBER McMANN: [No audible

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MR. MARTIN: Seabrook.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

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MR. MARTIN: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

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MR. MARTIN: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye on

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MR. MARTIN: Oddo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ODDO: Yes.

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MR. MARTIN: Liu.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

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MR. MARTIN: Felder.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Can I--I

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vote yes. May I be excused to make a comment?

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Sure.

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COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I just

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wanted to say that it's, this has nothing to do

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with the Land Use but the, our colleague

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Councilman Barron who was involved in saving

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someone's life and it was in the papers, I just

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wanted to say that it's rare that God gives you

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the opportunity to be in a situation to try to

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help someone but I am moved beyond description to,

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you know, about Charles being in a position that

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you were in and being able to do what you did with

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God's help. And I--it should give you strength.

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MR. MARTIN: By a vote of 17 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions,

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all items have been adopted. Members please sign

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the Committee reports.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Does anybody

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know if Council Member Rivera, Baez, Martinez,

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Stewart, Vann or--and that's it, are on their way?

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Anybody know? No? Okay I know Council Member

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Garodnick's on his way. We'll leave the vote

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open. Thank you very much. Tomorrow at 10:00

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A.M. The meeting is closed.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: It will remain open for ten minutes.

MR. MARTIN: Council Member Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: I vote aye, thank you.

MR. MARTIN: I'm sorry it was on hold. It was on hold. Final vote on the Committee on Land Use now stands at 18 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions.

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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 _____September 14, 2009_____