

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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June 10, 2009
Start: 12:02pm
Recess: 12:04pm

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Maria del Carmen Arroyo
Tony Avella
Gale A. Brewer
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Eric N. Gioia
Sara M. Gonzalez
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
John C. Liu
Miguel Martinez
Joel Rivera
Helen Sears

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2 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: If I could start
3 the meeting on Land Use, if we could call all the
4 folks that are down in the lounge. Tell the
5 leadership if they're in a meeting, they are not
6 in a meeting. Also, tell the Republicans, Vinny
7 Ignizio, I believe is in the Republican Leader's
8 office, that would be great. Oh, there you go.
9 Why are you hiding? I'll taka Alonzo's joke and
10 I'll say Vinny, as usual, is to my right. There
11 you go.

12 LU numbers 107 [pause] Let's see
13 if we have a quorum. For the record [pause]
14 University as modified LU numbers 1077 through
15 1079. It is in Gale Brewer's district. It is a
16 special permit for 1077, another special permit
17 for 1078, another one 1079 and a zoning text
18 amendment. It is for the expansion of Fordham
19 University on the Lincoln Square campus. I'll
20 make comments on that in a second.

21 LU Number 1082 is an amendment to
22 the zoning text, modified the provision of the
23 Special Preservation district.

24 LU 1104 has been withdrawn so it is
25 a motion to file. I will open up to discussion if

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2 I could just make one comment on Fordham
3 University.

4 First of all, I want to
5 congratulate Council Member Gale Brewer and the
6 community for all of the hard work that they did
7 in achieving modifications to the Fordham
8 University expansion. A lot of work went into
9 this, not only between Gale, Alonzo and Christian,
10 and the entire Land Use staff but also Gale's
11 staff and the Council Members spent endless hours
12 reaching a better place for her community. The
13 expansion is going to create about 5,000 jobs in
14 the end and about 500 construction jobs. It is
15 also meant and designed in order to be an even
16 flow and work well with the Lincoln Center
17 modifications of expansions that happened a while
18 back also through this Committee.

19 This is exactly what the Land Use
20 Committee is meant to do. It is meant to take
21 something that is sent over to us, work it with
22 the community, with the Council Member, make it
23 better for the community in which it sits. If it
24 can not be better, it is meant to be voted down.
25 But when the agreement happens and we have a good

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2 project, one that is good for the overall health
3 of New York City then we have achieved a good
4 thing for our constituents.

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6 So I want to congratulate everyone
7 that was involve din this process. I look forward
8 to seeing the project move forward. I thank the
9 community for all the hard work that they always
10 do when it comes to projects like this. So I move
11 the motion on all the items.

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13 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Can I say
14 we have a problem with the number, though?

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16 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: By the way,
17 Fordham University as modified at the sub-
18 committee.

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20 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Just hold
21 on one second, we have one little typo in the
22 material.

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24 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: A typo? Does
25 the typo [pause] said it correct [pause]. The
26 typo doesn't say 400 feet instead of--I'm just,
27 700 feet.

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29 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: I'm glad I
30 read. It's okay now.

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32 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: The motion that

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2 you said on the record was correct.

3 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Yes. I
4 just want to be clear.

5 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Just so you
6 know, on the record it is the correct motion for
7 modification.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER BREWER: Thank you.
9 It scared the living daylights out of me.

10 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: So I call the
11 roll as modified by Council Member Brewer's
12 comments of the sub committee.

13 COUNSEL: William Martin committee
14 clerk, roll call on the Committee on Land Use.
15 Council Member Katz.

16 CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Aye on all.

17 COUNSEL: Garodnick.

18 COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Thank
19 you. Aye.

20 COUNSEL: Rivera.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: I vote aye.

22 COUNSEL: Avella.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye on all
24 except no on Sunnyside Gardens application.

25 COUNSEL: Comrie.

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COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye on all.

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COUNSEL: Gioia.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GIOIA: Yes, thank

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you.

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COUNSEL: Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye

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on all.

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COUNSEL: Liu.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

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COUNSEL: Martinez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MARTINEZ: Yes.

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COUNSEL: Sears.

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye.

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COUNSEL: Gonzalez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Yes.

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COUNSEL: Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Yes.

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COUNSEL: Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: Aye on

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COUNSEL: Ignizio.

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COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: With

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congratulations to my friend Gale Brewer, I vote

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aye.

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COUNSEL: Felder.

[No response]

COUNSEL: By a vote of 15 in the affirmative, zero in the negative and no abstentions, all items are adopted. Land Use item 1082 is adopted by a vote of 14 in the affirmative, one in the negative and no abstentions. Council Members please sign the committee reports. All items are adopted.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Has anyone seen Council Member Palma or Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo? Palma is on her way. How about Maria del Carmen Arroyo? We'll leave it open for five minutes, thanks.

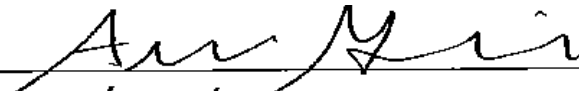
COUNSEL: Council Member Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Amber Gibson, 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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Gibson", written over a horizontal line.

Date October 1, 2009