

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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September 30, 2009
Start: 10:00 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
Leroy G. Comrie Jr.
Elizabeth Crowley
Inez E. Dickens
Simcha Felder
Daniel R. Garodnick
Sara M. Gonzalez
Vincent Ignizio
Robert Jackson
Jessica S. Lappin
John C. Liu
Rosie Mendez
Annabel Palma
Joel Rivera
Larry B. Seabrook
Helen Sears

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

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Albert Vann

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

Joel Rivera
Announcing agenda
Acting Chairperson
Committee on Land Use

Carol Shine
Counsel
Committee on Land Use

[START 1003.MP3]

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Good morning ladies and gentlemen. I am the Acting Chair for today's Land Use hearing. Before we begin, let me just introduce the members who are here with us today. We have Council Member Inez Dickens, Council Member Sara Gonzalez, Council Member Tony Avella, Council Member Dan Garodnick, Council Member Charles Barron, Council Member Maria del Carmen Arroyo, and then we have Deputy Majority Leader Council Member Leroy Comrie, Council Member Peter Vallone, Simcha Felder, Council Member--

[Off mic]

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Well because Simcha is such a powerful, powerful name, it goes before the Council Member title.

[Laughing]

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay fine. Council Member Simcha Felder, Council Member Vincent Ignizio--

[Off mic]

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I just--that was supposed to be a compliment Simcha.

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2 COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Leave it
3 alone.

4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay.
5 If you say leave it alone, I'll leave it alone.
6 Council Member Annabel Palma--

7 [Off mic]

8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Oh.

9 [Laughing]

10 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: We're
11 good. We're good. All right. Council Member
12 Annabel Palma, Council Member Larry Seabrook,
13 Council Member Al Vann and Council Member Helen
14 Sears and Council Member Jessica--

15 [Off mic]

16 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --yes I
17 did, yes I did, Council Member Al Vann. Yes. I
18 did. Council Member Al Vann from Brooklyn.
19 Brooklyn is in the house. And Council Member
20 Jessica Lappin as well. So today we only have one
21 item on the calendar. See Simcha what you
22 started. There's a hustle and bustle action in
23 here today.

24 [Applause]

25 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And

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2 Council Member John Liu.

3 [Applause, cheering]

4 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And the
5 Democratic nominee for the New York City
6 Comptroller's Office.

7 [Off mic, laughter]

8 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA:
9 Congratulations John. As you can tell,
10 everybody's excited today. We only have one item
11 on today's agenda. It's Land Use Item 1109 in the
12 Speaker's District, it's ULURP number 20095572HAM
13 on 63rd Thompson Street in Manhattan. The Acting
14 Chair is recommending an aye vote. And at this
15 point in time, let's call the roll.

16 MS. CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine,
17 Counsel to the Committee. Council Member Rivera.

18 ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote
19 aye.

20 MS. SHINE: Council Member Avella.

21 COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

22 MS. SHINE: Council Member Barron.

23 COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Yes.

24 MS. SHINE: Council Member Comrie.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Liu.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye.

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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: Yes.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Palma.

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Arroyo.

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COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Yes.

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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.

MS. SHINE: Council Member Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Can you say that once more please?

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: He wants to hear it louder.

MS. SHINE: Council Member Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

MS. SHINE: Council Member Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Yes.

[Pause]

MS. SHINE: By a vote of 17 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions, the aforementioned item is approved and referred to the full Committee.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: And we're going to hold the vote open for another five minutes to allow more members to come up and vote. Thank you very much everybody. Thank you very much Council Members.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: It's an honor.

ACTING CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: It's an honor.

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[Pause]

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Katz.

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COUNCIL MEMBER KATZ: Aye.

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MS. SHINE: By a vote of 18 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions, the aforementioned item is approved.

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[Pause]

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MS. SHINE: Council Member Jackson.

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COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye

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MS. SHINE: the vote stands at 19 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions.

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[Pause]

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MS. SHINE: I'll give you the vote--
-announce the final vote. Ready? Council Member
Crowley.

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COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: I vote
aye.

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MS. SHINE: Vote stands at 20 in the affirmative, none in the negative and no abstentions.

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CHAIRPERSON KATZ: I now close the

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meeting on Land Use.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I thought
adjourned.

CHAIRPERSON KATZ: Adjourned.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I thought--
[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: I thought--
[END 1003.MP3]

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 _____October 8, 2009_____