

CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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November 24, 2009
Start: 10:45 am
Recess: 10:50 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers
City Hall

B E F O R E:
JOEL RIVERA
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:
Helen Sears
Albert Vann
Annabel Palma
Simcha Felder
Inez E. Dickens
Daniel R. Garodnick
Jessica S. Lappin
Charles Barron
Tony Avella
Rosie Mendez
John C. Liu
Vincent Ignizio
Larry B. Seabrook
Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.

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2 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Good morning,
3 ladies and gentlemen, I'm going to start the--

4 [Pause]

5 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --going to
6 start the Land Use hearing for today. Before we
7 begin, let me introduce the Committee members who
8 are here with us. We have to my left we have
9 Council Member Helen Sears, Council Member Al Vann
10 was in the room just a second ago, Council Member
11 Annabel Palma, to my right, we have Council Member
12 troublemaker Simcha Felder, Council Member Inez
13 Dickens, Council Member Dan Garodnick, we have in
14 front of us Council Members Jessica Lappin,
15 Council Member Charles Barron, Council Member Tony
16 Avella, Council Member Rosie Mendez, Council
17 Member and Comptroller-elect John Liu, and we have
18 Council Member Vincent Ignizio who joined us as
19 well.

20 Today we have a couple of--and
21 Council Member Larry Seabrook, the house reverend
22 and pastor, right in back of me sitting in the
23 king's chair.

24 Today we are voting on various
25 items that are on today's agenda. The first one

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2 is Land Use number 1244, which is a modification,
3 and then it's a citywide issue, and then we're
4 voting on Land Use number 1251, which is in
5 Council Member Gerson's district, motion to file
6 pursuant to a draw, then we're voting on Land Use
7 number 1252 in Council Member Gerson's district as
8 well, motion to file pursuant to a draw, and Land
9 Use number 1253, which in Council Member Jimmy
10 Vacca's district, it's a--

11 FEMALE VOICE: Change to a
12 restrictive--

13 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: --a change to
14 a restrictive declaration, and then we're voting
15 on Land Use number 1254 in Council Member Yassky's
16 district, an amendment to the zoning map, then
17 Land Use number 1270 in the Speaker's district,
18 it's a sidewalk café. Land Use number 1272, also
19 in the Speaker's district, is also a sidewalk
20 café; Land Use number 1273, Council Member
21 Gerson's district, it's an amendment to the zoning
22 resolution as modified, and then Land Use number
23 1274 in Council Member Crowley's district, it's a
24 landmark; and then also Land Use 1275 in Council
25 Member Mitchell's district, it's a landmark

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2 application; and Land Use number 1276 in Council
3 Member Mitchell's district as well, landmarks;
4 Land Use number 1277 in Council Member Mitchell's
5 district, landmarked and Land Use number 1278 in
6 Council Member Mitchell's district as well,
7 landmark.

8 At this point in time, I'm going to
9 ask--and also we've been joined, just wanted to
10 welcome the students from P.S. 53 from Staten
11 Island who are joining us in the above audience.
12 Do as we say, not as we do.

13 At this point in time, I'm going to
14 recommend an aye vote on all items on today's Land
15 Use agenda, if I can call--

16 [Off mic]

17 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Okay. And if
18 everyone can stay and sign the sheets 'cause Billy
19 is on his way. So I'm going to ask the Clerk to
20 please call the role and I recommend an aye vote.

21 We've been joined by Council Member
22 Leroy Comrie as well.

23 CAROL SHINE: Carol Shine, Counsel
24 to the Committee. Council Member Rivera.

25 CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: I vote aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Avella.

COUNCIL MEMBER AVELLA: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Barron.

COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Comrie.

[Off mic]

[Pause]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: I was just
checking. Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Liu.

COUNCIL MEMBER LIU: Yes.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Seabrook.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on
all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Sears.

COUNCIL MEMBER SEARS: Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Vann.

COUNCIL MEMBER VANN: Aye on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member Palma.

COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: Aye.

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CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Dickens.

COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Garodnick.

COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Lappin.

COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Mendez.

COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Ignizio.

COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: I'd like
to vote aye and say hello to P.S. 53, which is my
school in Staten Island, hi guys. And I vote aye
on all.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Felder.

COUNCIL MEMBER FELDER: Yes.

CAROL SHINE: The vote stands at 15
in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no
abstentions, please sign the reports.

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Council Member Jackson.

COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: I vote aye
on all.

CAROL SHINE: The vote stands at 16
in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no
abstentions, please sign the reports.

CHAIRPERSON RIVERA: Thank you very
much. [Pause] We're going to adjourn the
meeting, but we'll keep the vote open for a few
minutes for other members who are potentially on
their way to vote as well.

[Off mic]

[Pause]

CAROL SHINE: Council Member
Crowley.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: [No
response].

[Pause]

CAROL SHINE: The vote stands at 17
in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no
abstentions.

[Pause]

MALE VOICE: You're good to go.

CAROL SHINE: Council Member

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Arroyo.

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.

CAROL SHINE: The final vote is 18
in the affirmative, none in the negative, and no
abstentions.

[Pause]

[Off mic]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Oh all
right. Land Use meeting reconvene? Councilman
Arroyo, how do you vote?

COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: For the
second time, aye.

COUNCIL MEMBER CROWLEY: All right,
so now are we--can we close the meeting now?
Okay.

[Crosstalk]

COUNCIL MEMBER COMRIE: Okay, the
Land Use meeting for November 24th is hereby
closed. Happy Holiday.

[Off mic]

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, Tammy Wittman, 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 Tammy Wittman

Date December 7, 2009