

CITY COUNCIL  
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TRANSCRIPT OF THE MINUTES

of the

COMMITTEE ON LAND USE

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May 25, 2010  
Start: 10:05 am  
Recess: 11:00 am

HELD AT: Council Chambers  
City Hall

B E F O R E: LEROY G. COMRIE, JR.  
Chairperson

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

- Maria del Carmen Arroyo
- Charles Barron
- Inez E. Dickens
- Daniel R. Garodnick
- Sara M. Gonzalez
- Daniel J. Halloran III
- Peter A. Koo
- Brad S. Lander
- Jessica S. Lappin
- Stephen T. Levin
- Rosie Mendez
- Annabel Palma
- Diana Reyna
- Joel Rivera
- James Sanders, Jr.
- Larry B. Seabrook

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

## COUNCIL MEMBERS:

James Vacca

Mark S. Weprin

Jumaane D. Williams

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

Leroy G. Comrie, Jr.  
Opening Statement  
Chairperson  
Committee on Land Use

William Martin  
Clerk  
Committee on Land Use

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay. My name  
3 is Leroy Comrie. I'm Chair of the Land Use  
4 Committee. Today is May 25<sup>th</sup> and we're here with  
5 the full Committee. We've been joined by Council  
6 Member Brad Lander, Joel Rivera, Jessica Lappin,  
7 Maria del Carmen Arroyo, Jimmy Vacca, Jumaane  
8 Williams, Larry Seabrook, Dan Garodnick, Rosie  
9 Mendez, thank you, Mark Weprin, Vincent Ignizio.  
10 Am I missing someone? [Off mic] Oh. Yeah.  
11 Okay. We have a few items on the agenda today.  
12 We have Land Use Item Number 86 in Council Member  
13 Reyna's District, a sidewalk café, Brooklyn  
14 Community Board 1, called the Willburg Café. Item  
15 Number 20105442 TCK.

16 Land Use Item Number 87 also a  
17 sidewalk café in Council Member Reyna's District,  
18 also in Community Board 1, Item Number 20105403  
19 TCK. The sidewalk café is called Le Barricou.

20 We have a motion to disapprove in  
21 Council Member Greenfield's District. It's Item  
22 Number C 070520 ZMK, Land Use Item Number 90. As  
23 I said it's an 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue rezoning, again it's a  
24 motion to disapprove. It was--it's an amendment  
25 that was requested to the zoning map in Brooklyn

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2 Community Board 12. It was turned down by every  
3 entity prior to this one, the Community Board, the  
4 Borough President and the Council Member.

5 We also have Item Number, amendment  
6 to the zoning map for a rezoning in Astoria in  
7 Council Member Vallone's District, Land Use Item  
8 Number 97, Reference Number C 100199 ZMQ is to do  
9 a rezoning of the Astoria area. And the text  
10 amendment that is accompanying it, Land Use Item  
11 Number 98, Item Number N 100200 ZRQ, so it's an  
12 additional amendment, a text amendment for the  
13 zoning to do the modification for Astoria area to  
14 do the bulk regulations for residential districts  
15 and the inclusionary housing, inclusive.

16 The next item is a modification  
17 pursuant [off mic] Thank you. I need to--yeah if  
18 you guys can be quiet for 2 minutes we'll be done  
19 or just lower it a minute. Modification pursuant  
20 to the private housing finance law for a  
21 previously approved plan and project for the  
22 Riverview House, a property located in Council  
23 Member Foster's District at 1600 Sedgwick Avenue  
24 in Community Board 5 in the Bronx, Item Number  
25 20105619 HAX.

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2 Then we have another Land Use item  
3 pertaining to that 102, the same project,  
4 Riverview House, pursuant to a conveyance,  
5 pursuant to the private housing finance law in  
6 Bronx Community Board 5, Council Member Foster's  
7 Distinct, Item Number 20105620 HAK.

8 And we have some UDAAPs and ULURPs.  
9 We have Item Number Land Use 23 in my District,  
10 it's Item Number 20105273 HAQ that's a tenant  
11 ownership, Community Board 12 at 1901 Linden  
12 Boulevard in Queens.

13 Land Use Item Number 25, the Number  
14 20105283 HAM, Council Member Dickens' District,  
15 226 West 111<sup>th</sup> Street, a tenant interim lease in  
16 Community Board 10.

17 And also in Council Member Dickens'  
18 District, Land Use Item Number 69, 20105415 HAM,  
19 163 Lenox Avenue, Manhattan, tenant interim lease,  
20 Community Board 10.

21 Another Item 77, in Council Member  
22 Dickens' District, Item Number 20105423 HAM,  
23 address 2041 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, it's a tenant interim  
24 lease in Community Board 11.

25 Item Number 103 Land Use Item

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2 Number 103, the Number is 20105621 HAX. There are  
3 2 addresses; they are low income rentals in  
4 Community Boards 1 and 3. It's 3120 Park Avenue,  
5 720-722 East 161<sup>st</sup> Street, 748 Jackson Avenue and  
6 451 East 159<sup>th</sup> Street, all in the Bronx.

7 And the last item on the calendar  
8 is in Council Member Barron's District. It's 3  
9 addresses that are asset control areas in Brooklyn  
10 Community Board 5. The Item Number is 20105623  
11 HAK, 281 Montauk Avenue, 664 Georgia Avenue, 662  
12 Pine Street in Brooklyn.

13 That's everything on today's  
14 agenda. I think I covered everything. I might  
15 have mangled a word or 2 in there, please forgive  
16 me. We've been joined by Council Member Sanders  
17 and Jackson. Sara Gonzalez. And we are ready to  
18 have the Clerk call the roll. I recommend an aye  
19 vote on all and you will note that aye is to  
20 disapprove the item in Council Member Greenfield's  
21 District, Land Use Item Number 90.

22 MR. WILLIAM MARTIN: William  
23 Martin, Committee Clerk. Oh I'm sorry.

24 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: no, go ahead.

25 MR. MARTIN: William Martin,

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2 Committee Clerk, roll call on the Committee on  
3 Land Use. Council Member Comrie.

4 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Aye on all.

5 MR. MARTIN: Weprin.

6 COUNCIL MEMBER WEPRIN: Aye on all.

7 MR. MARTIN: Ignizio.

8 COUNCIL MEMBER IGNIZIO: Aye on

9 all.

10 MR. MARTIN: Rivera.

11 COUNCIL MEMBER RIVERA: Aye on all.

12 MR. MARTIN: Jackson.

13 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Aye on

14 all.

15 MR. MARTIN: Sanders.

16 COUNCIL MEMBER SANDERS: Aye on

17 all.

18 MR. MARTIN: Seabrook.

19 COUNCIL MEMBER SEABROOK: Aye on

20 all.

21 MR. MARTIN: Gonzalez.

22 COUNCIL MEMBER GONZALEZ: Aye on

23 all.

24 MR. MARTIN: Arroyo.

25 COUNCIL MEMBER ARROYO: Aye.



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MR. MARTIN: Garodnick.

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COUNCIL MEMBER GARODNICK: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Lappin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LAPPIN: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Mendez.

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COUNCIL MEMBER MENDEZ: Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Vacca.

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COUNCIL MEMBER VACCA: Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Lander.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LANDER: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: Williams.

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COUNCIL MEMBER WILLIAMS: Aye on

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all.

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MR. MARTIN: By a vote of 15 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no abstentions, all items and motions have been approved. Council Members please sign the Committee reports.

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CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay I know

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everybody wants to go over to the Autism rally but

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you have to be back here at 11:00 and that's a

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separate Committee meeting with [off mic] City

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Planning and--with City Planning and Finance. Is

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it here? [Off mic]

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MR. MARTIN: Go ahead.

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2 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Council Member  
3 Peter Koo. I'm sorry. The 11:00 o'clock Land Use  
4 meeting is held, I thought it was here.

5 COUNCIL MEMBER JACKSON: Jerry?  
6 Jerry.

7 [Pause]

8 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Yes, Council  
9 Member Koo how do you vote?

10 COUNCIL MEMBER KOO: Aye on all.

11 MR. MARTIN: The vote is now  
12 currently at 16.

13 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: And we're  
14 holding the roll open for Council Member Dickens  
15 and a couple of other members that are on their  
16 way over.

17 [Pause]

18 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: Okay we can  
19 leave the roll open until 11:00 as we're going  
20 into recess until the next meeting actually  
21 starts. So please let your members know that they  
22 should get here.

23 [Pause]

24 CHAIRPERSON COMRIE: All right, so  
25 this meeting is in recess and we will restart at

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2 11:00.

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[Pause]

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MR. MARTIN: Council Member Dickens.

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COUNCIL MEMBER DICKENS: Aye on

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all.

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MR. MARTIN: The current vote now

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on the Committee on Land Use is 17 in the

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affirmative, 0 in the negative, 0 abstentions.

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[Pause]

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MR. MARTIN: Council Member Levin.

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COUNCIL MEMBER LEVIN: Aye.

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MR. MARTIN: The vote now currently

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stands at 19 in the affirmative.

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[Pause]

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MR. MARTIN: Council Member Barron.

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COUNCIL MEMBER BARRON: Aye on all.

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MR. MARTIN: Halloran.

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COUNCIL MEMBER HALLORAN: Well if

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Charles Barron votes aye on all, I will vote aye

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on all.

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MR. MARTIN: The vote now on the

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Committee on Land Use is 21 in the affirmative, 0

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in the negative and no abstentions.

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FEMALE VOICE: Council Member

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COUNCIL MEMBER PALMA: I vote aye.

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FEMALE VOICE: The vote stands at

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22 in the affirmative, 0 in the negative and no

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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     May 29, 2010