

The New York City Council

*City Hall
New York, NY 10007*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

12:00 PM

CHARTER MEETING

Council Chambers - City Hall

City Council

Adrienne E. Adams, Speaker

Members: Shaun Abreu, Joann Ariola, Alexa Avilés, Diana I. Ayala, Charles Barron, Joseph C. Borelli, Erik D. Bottcher, Justin L. Brannan, Gale A. Brewer, Selvena N. Brooks-Powers, Tiffany Cabán, David M. Carr, Carmen N. De La Rosa, Eric Dinowitz, Amanda Farias, Oswald Feliz, James F. Gennaro, Jennifer Gutiérrez, Shahana K. Hanif, Kamillah Hanks, Robert F. Holden, Crystal Hudson, Kristin Richardson Jordan, Rita C. Joseph, Ari Kagan, Shekar Krishnan, Linda Lee, Farah N. Louis, Christopher Marte, Darlene Mealy, Julie Menin, Francisco P. Moya, Mercedes Narcisse, Sandy Nurse, Chi A. Ossé, Vickie Paladino, Keith Powers, Lincoln Restler, Kevin C. Riley, Carlina Rivera, Rafael Salamanca, Jr., Pierina Ana Sanchez, Lynn C. Schulman, Althea V. Stevens, Sandra Ung, Marjorie Velázquez, Inna Vernikov, Nantasha M. Williams, Julie Won and Kalman Yeger

The Majority Leader (Council Member Powers) presiding as the President Pro Tempore.

1. Roll Call

Present: Speaker Adams, Ayala, Abreu, Ariola, Barron, Borelli, Bottcher, Brannan, Brewer, Brooks-Powers, Cabán, Carr, De La Rosa, Dinowitz, Farías, Feliz, Gennaro, Gutiérrez, Hanif, Hanks, Holden, Hudson, Richardson Jordan, Joseph, Kagan, Krishnan, Lee, Louis, Marte, Mealy, Menin, Moya, Narcisse, Nurse, Ossé, Paladino, Powers, Restler, Riley, Rivera, Salamanca Jr., Schulman, Ung, Velázquez, Vernikov, Williams, Won and Yeager

Absent: Stevens

Maternity: Sanchez

Medical: Avilés

The presence of a quorum was announced by the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Powers).

There were 48 Council Members marked present at this Charter Meeting.

2. Invocation

The Invocation was delivered by Chaim Steinmetz, Senior Rabbi, Congregation Kehilath Jeshurun located at 125 East 85th Street, New York, N.Y. 10028.

Council Member Powers moved to spread the Invocation in full upon the record.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Council Member Moya moved that the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of December 7, 2022 be adopted as printed.

4. Messages & Papers from the Mayor

M 0106-2023

Communication from the Mayor – Submitting the name of Stephen Chu for its advice and consent regarding his appointment as a member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Sections 31 and 3020 of the City Charter.

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Mayor's Appointment Letter, Mayor's Withdrawal Letter, Mayor's Appointment Letter, Hearing Testimony 1/9/23, Hearing Transcript 1/9/23, Committee Report 2/2/23, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

M 0107-2023 Communication from the Mayor – Submitting the name of Angie Master for its advice and consent regarding her appointment as a member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Sections 31 and 3020 of the City Charter.

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This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

M 0108-2023 Communication from the Mayor – Submitting the name of Mark Ginsberg for its advice and consent regarding his appointment as a member of the Landmarks Preservation Commission, pursuant to Sections 31 and 3020 of the City Charter.

Attachments: Mayor's Appointment Letter, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Hearing Testimony 1/9/23, Hearing Transcript 1/9/23, Committee Report 2/2/23, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Mayor's Message was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Rules, Privileges and Elections

5. Communications from City, County & Borough Offices

None

6. Petitions and Communications

None

7. Land Use Call-Ups

None

8. Communication from the Speaker

9. Discussion of General Orders

None

10. Reports of Special Committees

None

11. Reports of Standing Committees

None

12. General Orders Calendar

There were no items on the General Order Calendar.

Coupled on General Orders Calendar

There were no items coupled on the General Order Calendar.

General Orders Calendar

None.

13. Introduction & Reading of Bills
See Attached

14. Discussion of Resolutions

None

15. Resolutions

None

16. General Discussion

17. Extension of Remarks

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS

Int 0873-2023 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to designating Times Square a crime free zone

Sponsors: By Council Members Borelli, Holden, Vernikov, Ariola, Yeger and Paladino

Attachments: Summary of Int. No. 873, Int. No. 873, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23

This Introduction was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Public Safety

Int 0874-2023 A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to health insurance coverage for city employees, city retirees, and their dependents

Sponsors: By Council Members De La Rosa and Ayala (by request of the Mayor)

Attachments: Int. No. 874, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Committee Report 1/9/23, Hearing Testimony 1/9/23 (1 of 3), Hearing Testimony 1/9/23 (2 of 3), Hearing Testimony 1/9/23 (3 of 3), Hearing Transcript 1/9/23

This Introduction was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Civil Service and Labor

Res 0454-2023 **Resolution calling on the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to provide non-police staff working in the subway system with training and a protocol for handling issues with mentally ill customers.**

Attachments: Res. No. 454, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23

This Resolution was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

Int 0875-2023 **A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, the New York city plumbing code, the New York city building code, the New York city mechanical code and the New York city fuel gas code, in relation to technical corrections, clarifications and modifications to provisions of the New York city construction codes**

Sponsors: By Council Member Sanchez (by request of the Mayor)

Attachments: Int. No. 875, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Committee Report 1/24/23, Hearing Testimony 1/24/23, Hearing Transcript 1/24/23

This Introduction was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Housing and Buildings

Int 0876-2023 **A Local Law to amend the New York city charter and the administrative code of the city of New York in relation to green building standards and repealing section 224.1 of the New York city charter in relation thereto**

Sponsors: By Council Member Sanchez (by request of the Mayor)

Attachments: Int. No. 876, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Committee Report 1/24/23, Hearing Testimony 1/24/23, Hearing Transcript 1/24/23

This Introduction was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Housing and Buildings

Res 0455-2023 **Resolution calling upon the Metropolitan Transportation Authority to inspect every subway station surveillance camera at least on a quarterly basis to ensure they are working properly and effectuate repairs in a timely manner.**

Sponsors: By Council Members Schulman, Restler, Ayala and Ariola

Attachments: Res. No. 455, January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23

This Resolution was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

LU 0158-2023

Application number C 210332 ZMK (446-448 Park Avenue Rezoning) submitted by 446-448 Park Realty Corp., pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 12d: changing from an M1-1 District to an M1-4/R6A District and establishing a Special Mixed Use District (MX-4), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3, Council District 33.

Sponsors: By Council Member Salamanca Jr.

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Testimony - Zoning 1/5/23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23, City Planning Commission Approval Letter, Committee Report, Res. No. 495, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

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This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises

LU 0159-2023

Application number N 210333 ZRK (446-448 Park Avenue Rezoning) submitted by 446-448 Park Realty Corp., pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying APPENDIX F for the purpose of establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area, Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 3, Council District 33.

Sponsors: By Council Member Salamanca Jr.

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23, City Planning Commission Approval Letter, Committee Report, Res. No. 496, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

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This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises

LU 0160-2023

Application number C 220274 ZMQ (Reform Temple of Forest Hills Rezoning) submitted by Werber Management, Inc. and Reform Temple of Forest Hills, pursuant to Sections 197-c and 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Map, Section No. 14a, changing from an R1-2A District an R7D District, Borough of Queens, Community District 6, Council District 29.

Sponsors: By Council Member Salamanca Jr.

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Testimony - Zoning 1/5/23, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23, City Planning Commission Approval Letter, Committee Report, Res. No. 497, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Testimony - Zoning 1/5/23, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23, City Planning Commission Approval Letter, Committee Report, Res. No. 497, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises

LU 0161-2023

Application number N 220275 ZRQ (Reform Temple of Forest Hills Rezoning) submitted by Werber Management, Inc. and Reform Temple of Forest Hills, pursuant to Section 201 of the New York City Charter for an amendment of the Zoning Resolution of the City of New York, modifying APPENDIX F for the purpose of establishing a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing area, Borough of Queens, Community District 6, Council District 29.

Sponsors: By Council Member Salamanca Jr.

Attachments: January 4, 2022 - Charter Meeting Agenda, Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Testimony - Zoning 1/5/23, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23, City Planning Commission Approval Letter, Committee Report, Res. No. 498, February 2, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

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This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises

LU 0162-2023

Application number G 220025 GAK (Gowanus Green ESDC Grant Application) submitted by the New York City Department for Housing Preservation and Development for a favorable resolution in support of a Restore New York Communities grant application to the Empire State Development Corporation, pursuant to Section 6266-n of the New York State Urban Development Corporation Act, and in connection with the Gowanus Green (Block 471, Lot 1), Borough of Brooklyn, Community District 6, Council District 39.

Sponsors: By Council Member Salamanca Jr.

Attachments: Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Appearance Cards - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, Committee Report, Res. No. 470, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Committee on Land Use

Attachments: Calendar of the Zoning Subcommittee Meeting - January 5, 2023, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-5-23, Appearance Cards - Zoning 1-5-23, Hearing Transcript - Charter Meeting 1-4-23, Calendar of the Subcommittee Meetings and Land Use Meeting - January 17 and 18, 2023, Committee Report, Res. No. 470, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, January 19, 2023 - Stated Meeting Agenda, Hearing Transcript - Zoning 1-18-23, Hearing Transcript - Land Use 1.18.23, Hearing Transcript - Stated Meeting 1-19-23

This Land Use Application was Referred to Comm by Council to the Subcommittee on Zoning and Franchises

At this point the Speaker (Council Member Adams) made the following announcements:

Whereupon on motion of the Speaker (Council Member Adams), the Majority Leader and Acting President Pro Tempore (Council Member Powers) adjourned these Charter proceedings to meet again for the Stated Meeting of Thursday, January 19, 2023.

MICHAEL M. McSWEENEY, City Clerk
Clerk of the Council