

Every two weeks the New York City Council meets for what is called the Stated Meeting to introduce and pass legislation. A report on the meeting is posted the next morning.

November 18, 2010

[Council Approves Agency Merger](#)

By approving the merger of two agencies dealing with young people, the City Council hopes New York will better serve troubled kids, save money and shut a notorious detention center.

October 28, 2010

[Council Unveils Domestic Violence Stats](#)

Following a recent rash of brutal hate crimes, the City Council moved to put statistics on bias attacks and domestic violence on line.

October 14, 2010

[Council Tries to Plug Some leaks](#)

City Council tried to plug leaks in the city's water supply yesterday with a package of conservation bills. But several Republicans say they go too far.

September 30, 2010

[Green Light!](#)

Shining a light on electricity usage, the City Council approved a package of legislation Wednesday that aims to increase efficiency, including a bill requiring commercial properties to use light sensors.

July 30, 2010

[Council Moves to Increase Recycling](#)

The City Council passed several bills yesterday to boost New York's low recycling rate and keep trash out of the landfill. Members also OK'd two controversial development projects.

May 26, 2010

[Fines for Unlicensed Plumbing](#)

The City Council approved a bill yesterday to increase fines for unlicensed plumbing and fire suppression work.

February 4, 2010

[Council Creates Path to Citizenship](#)

The City Council is considering a proposal aimed at helping some immigrant children in foster care remain in the country.

January 22, 2010

[The Council's New Order](#)

Kicking off a new term, the City Council finalized its new committees yesterday -- but not without drama. See who is in and who is out.

January 7, 2010

[2010 City Council's First Day](#)

The new City Council, flush with 13 new members, re-elected Council Speaker Christine Quinn. But the vote was not without emotion and drama.

December 22, 2009

[Broadway Triangle Approved by Council](#)

The City Council approved a controversial rezoning, which community members cast as a political deal despite its promise of affordable housing.

December 15, 2009

[Kingsbridge Armory Defeated by the Council](#)

In a rare move against a major project, the City Council rejected a proposal to redevelop the Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx, putting the debate over paying living wages under a citywide spotlight.

December 10, 2009

[Green Building Bills Approved by the Council](#)

The City Council passed legislation requiring energy audits for large buildings -- a move that some critics say weakens a key part of the mayor's sustainability plan.

December 1, 2009

[Clearing the Way for Open Grills](#)

The City Council yesterday banned those opaque sheets of metal used as security gates on businesses around the city, but the measure will not go completely into effect until 2026. Council also approved its final legislative response to the deadly fire at Deutsche Bank in 2007.

November 17, 2009

[Easing Parking Rules and Opposing Gas Drilling](#)

In its first meeting since the election, City Council took aim at the administration's policies on issuing traffic tickets, passing four bills, including one the mayor has vowed to veto. The council also approved a new police academy and went on record against drilling for natural gas in the city's watershed.

October 29, 2009

[Hines Midtown Tower Approved](#)

The City Council approves a 1,000 foot tower in Midtown, which will include additional space for MoMA, a hotel and luxury residences. The council also took aim at mortgage foreclosure consultants.

October 15, 2009

[Council Bans Flavored Tobacco](#)

Just weeks after the federal government banned flavored cigarettes, the City Council goes a step further.

October 1, 2009

[Graffiti Cleanup and Rezoning Sunset Park](#)

The City Council attempts to make graffiti cleanup faster and rezones a large swath of Sunset Park.

September 18, 2009

[Sitting in Smog on the Way to School](#)

The City Council approved a bill yesterday making a student's ride to school a little cleaner. Check out that and more in this week's Searchlight on City Hall.

August 21, 2009

[City Council Requires Pharmacies to Translate](#)

Handing out its own prescription for language access, the City Council approved legislation Thursday requiring large pharmacy chains to provide translation services in the city's most popular languages.

July 30, 2009

[Coney Island Gets a Facelift](#)

In an attempt to revitalize an area long known as "America's playground," the City Council approved a [27-acre redevelopment plan](#) to turn Coney Island into a year-round destination, full of retail, hotels and entertainment. Call it Las Vegas a la Brooklyn.

June 11, 2009

[Dumbo's Dock Street Project Approved](#)

In a rare move, the City Council approved a development project despite the vocal opposition of the local council member. Councilmember David Yassky opposes the project, known as [Dock Street Dumbo](#) because, he says, it will permanently taint the view of the Brooklyn Bridge.

May 21, 2009

[Keeping Eyes on the Tenant Watch List](#)

Patrick and Tari Kelly had no idea they were blacklisted.

They were Midtown subletters for two years, until their temporary landlord decided to renovate the building. They moved to Queens and six years later tried to relocate again to Washington Heights.

May 7, 2009

[Scratching Out Etching Acid](#)

Carving out another obstacle for graffiti "vandals," the City Council approved legislation Wednesday requiring that merchants selling etching acid keep purchasers' personal information for a year.

April 3, 2009

[Council Moves to Protect Access to Clinics](#)

In an attempt to clear a path for patients at reproductive clinics, the City Council approved legislation strengthening the city's clinic access law, allowing police to arrest protesters that harass those seeking medical care.

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[Hybrid Taxis - 05/24/06](#)

[Taxi Bills 05/10/06](#)

[Emerging Business Enterprise Bill 05/10/06](#)

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[Street Electrocutions 04/05/06](#)

[Yankee Stadium 04/05/06](#)

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[Grocery Store Health Care 8/17/05](#)

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[Garbage Plan Revisited 6/23/05](#)

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[Bathroom Parity 5/25/05](#)

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[Building Codes 06/07/04](#)

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[Equal Benefits Bill 05/05/04](#)

[Airport Lease 04/21/04](#)

[Budget Modification 03/24/04](#)

[Council's Costs 03/10/04](#)

[Lead Paint Veto 02/04/04](#)

[Lead Paint Law Passed 12/15/03](#)

[Rezoning Staten Island 12/03/03](#)

[Tish James Sworn In 11/19/03](#)

[Absentee Landlord Tax 11/06/03](#)

[Landmarking Cathedral 10/24/03](#)

[Newsstand Bill 10/15/03](#)

[Sports Fan Bill 09/30/03](#)

[Accessible Taxi Cabs 11/17/03](#)

[Adopt-A-Park 08/19/03](#)

[City Hall Shooting 07/23/03](#)

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[Sales Tax Increase 05/28/03](#)

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[Park Slope Rezoning 04/30/03](#)

[Welfare Education Bill 04/09/03](#)

[Environmental Bills 03/26/03](#)

[Anti-War Resolution 03/12/03](#)

[Contraception Bill 2/26/03](#)

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[Good Government Bills 01/29/03](#)