

**Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: November 4, 2024 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION(S): KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
Livestreamed at <https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams>
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Hewitt
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant; Tyron Rogers, Legislative Technical Support Specialist
MEMBERS PRESENT: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart
MEMBERS ABSENT: Legislators Litts and Walls
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Minority Leader Roberts; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Director Dept of Environment, Europa McGovern; UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider; Shabazz Jackson and Josephine Papagni, Greenway; Henry Gage Jr, Build Green Now.

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the October 1, 2024 Meetings**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Department heads under the committee’s purview were in attendance to discuss the County Executive’s Proposed 2025 Budget and Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program as it pertained to their departments.

Order of appearance:
1. Director Europa McGovern – Department of Environment

The following questions were asked of each department:

- Did you make any requests that were not included in the Proposed Budget or Capital Program?
- Are there any new programs, projects or initiatives planned for 2025? Any being eliminated?
- Do you feel the Proposed 2025 Budget and, if applicable, Capital Program, for your department is right-sized, including staffing, for your needs/workload?

Department responses and committee discussion can be via the Ulster County Legislature’s YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fLBWjvGoJJQ>

Resolutions for the November 19, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

Resolution No. 469 – Establishing A Pilot Program Providing A 24-Hour Convenience Recycling Center In Ulster County

Resolution Summary – This Resolution requires the Director of Purchasing to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) on behalf of the County to operate a "24-Hour Convenience Recycling Center" Pilot Program in Ulster County within 60 days of adoption of the Resolution, and that upon conclusion of the RFP process, all necessary information pertaining to any contract for services to operate the Center be presented to the Legislature with sufficient time to include funding for such in the 2025 Ulster County budget.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 469**

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: None

Voting Against: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart

Votes in Favor: 0

Votes Against: 5

Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 470 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Polypropylene Plastic, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 19, 2024 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary – This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2024, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 205 Food Service, Article II Use Of Disposable Polystyrene Foam, To Include Polypropylene Plastic, to be held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Disposition: **No Action Taken**

Resolution No. 564 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Marlborough For Installation Of Solar Panels At The Town Of Marlborough Community Center – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Marlborough to partially fund the installation of solar panels at the Town of Marlborough Community Center in the amount of \$95,910.00.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 564**

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 565 – Authorizing A Permanent Easement To Lorpak Willow Park LLC For The Limited Purpose Of Permitting Underground Access To An Electric Pole For An Electric Vehicle Charging Station In The City Of Kingston – Department Of Public Works (Highways & Bridges)

Resolution Summary – This Resolution determines that the project herein is an unlisted action and adopts a negative declaration, as such, determining that the Project has not had a significant effect on the environment, and authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute any and all agreements and documents related to the easement with LORPAK WILLOW PARK LLC.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 565**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan and Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Reports

- UCRRA Update – Director Marc Rider
- Recycling Oversight Committee response to Reuse Innovation Center Plan – Chair Hewitt
- IDA Meeting on Sustainability – Chair Hewitt
- REIP 70 x 30 progress – Legislator Greene

New Business

- Legislator Nolan – Mentioned Resolution No. 507 – Hemp research and seeing how the County is moving forward with various innovations related to IDA and how are we doing everything we can do so that these resolutions bringing forward hemp or someone else might propose that does the most good, Chair Hewitt responded that the goal is to lower our carbon foot print, carbon sequestration, economic development, agricultural and seems all of the agencies don't have funding for it right now, Chair Hewitt is looking for funding in other resources and making a plan.

Old Business - None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:16 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant

Approved: December 3, 2024

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