

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

DATE & TIME: December 3, 2024 – 4:30 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, Litts Nolan, Stewart and Walls (arrived 5:35 PM)
MEMBERS ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Collins; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; UCRRA Executive Director Marc Rider; Vicki Lucarini, EMC.

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Chair Hewitt called the meeting to order at 4:38 PM

Motion No. 1: **Motion to Approve the minutes of the November 4, 2024 Meetings**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan and Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the December 17, 2024 Session of the Legislature:

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. 624 – Confirming Appointment Of Emilie Hauser To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Emilie Hauser through October 31, 2025 to serve as a member of the Environmental Management Council.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 624**
Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 625 – Confirming Appointment Of Neil Rindlaub To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Neil Rindlaub from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, nominated by the Town of Gardiner, to serve as a member of the Environmental Management Council.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 625**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 626 – Confirming Reappointment Of Roberta Clements To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Roberta Clements from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027 to serve as an at-large member of the Environmental Management Council.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 626**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 627 – Confirming Reappointment Of Mark Ellison To The Environmental Management Council

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the reappointment of Mark Ellison from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027, nominated by the Town of Esopus, to serve as a member of the Environmental Management Council.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 627**
Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 628 – Confirming Appointment Of Erica Brown To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary – This Resolution confirms the appointment of Erica Brown, appointed by the Chair of the Legislature, through December 31, 2026 to fill the vacancy on the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Board.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 628**
Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Voting in Favor: Legislators Hewitt, Nolan
Voting Against: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Litts and Stewart
Votes in Favor: 2
Votes Against: 4
Disposition: **Resolution Defeated**

Resolution No. 629 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The Town Of Hurley For Replacement Of An EV Charging Station At The Town Of Hurley Parking Lot – Department Of Finance, Division Of Recovery And Resilience

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the Inter Municipal Agreement with the Town of Hurley to partially fund the replacement of an EV charging station at the Town of Hurley Parking Lot in the amount of \$5,500.00.

Legislator Stewart requested to be added as a Sponsor.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 629**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 630 – Authorizing The Repurposing And Expense Of Funds From Capital Project No. 629, The Ulster County Brownfields Program Originally Funded By ARPA To Allow Funding Cleanup Of Environmental Contamination At Dietz Stadium – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution amends Capital Project No. 629 - ARP Brownfields Redevelopment to provide for the expenditure of funds for clean-up of environmental contamination associated with County Owned Properties including the reimbursement of the City of Kingston for half of the contamination clean-up costs found on the border of the Ulster County property during construction of the Dietz Stadium Improvements Project in the amount of \$46,380.00.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 630**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 631 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement With The City Of Kingston For Sharing The Cost Of An Environmental Contamination Cleanup On The Property Boundary Of City Of Kingston Dietz Stadium And The Ulster County Department Of Public Works Properties – Planning Department

Resolution Summary – This Resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute the Inter Municipal Agreement with the City of Kingston to partially fund the cleanup costs on the border of Dietz Stadium and Ulster County property in the amount of \$46,380.00.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 631**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 632 – Adopting And Issuing A Negative Declaration Under 6 NYCRR Part 617 State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) By The Ulster County Legislature For The Construction Of A Government Operations Center (GOC) And Appurtenances To Be Located At Paradies Lane (SBL 86.12--12.320 & 86.12-5-12.310) Town Of New Paltz – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management

Resolution Summary – This Resolution adopts the Negative Declaration and the SEQRA Decision of approval for the construction and all of the actions associated with the Government Operations Center located at Paradies Lane, Town of New Paltz, including but not limited to site work, environmental remediation, building construction, water supply and other utilities, together with plans and documents associated with the project and in accordance with the conditions imposed by the New Paltz Town Board in issuing their determination of immunity from the zoning statute under the Monroe Balancing of Public Interest test.

Motion No. 10: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 632**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Abstention: Legislator Litts
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 633– Establishing Capital Project No. 718 – Cornell Street Park, Amending Capital Project No. 479 Midtown Linear Park, And Declaring Intent To Act As Lead Agency (SEQRA) – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary – This Resolution establishes Capital Project No. 718 - Cornell Street Park in the amount of \$157,134.00 and amends the 2024 Capital Fund Budget accordingly.

Motion No. 11: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 633**
Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Voting in Favor: Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Hewitt, Litts, Nolan, Stewart and Walls
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 704 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$286,329.84 Entered Into By The County – County Waste And Recycling Service, Inc. – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary – Contract with County Waste for MSW services at various county properties. Term of agreement 1/1/25 – 12/31/26. 100% County funded.

Motion No. 12: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 704**

Motion Made By: Legislator Nolan

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

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

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Reports

- UCRRA Update – Director Marc Rider
- REIP 70 x 30 progress – Legislator Greene
- Renewable Energy at Government Operations Center – Legislator Greene
- Expansion of UCRRA Board – Legislator Greene
- Update on the Climate Smart Committee – Legislator Stewart

New Business - None

Old Business - None

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Nolan

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Lizvett Noriega, Legislative Administrative Assistant

Approved: February 4, 2025

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