

Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 5, 2023 – 3:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst, Lizvett Bost, Legislative Employee, Tyron Rogers, Legislative IT Specialist
PRESENT: Deputy Chair Hansut, Legislators Levine, Stewart, Maloney (came in at 3:05pm)
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Fabiano, Petit, Roberts, Legislative Counsel Gordon – Ulster County Legislature, Timothy Degraff - UCRRA, Executive Director, Anna Roppolo – UCRRA; Barbara Todd – Sustainable Hudson Valley, Deputy Director Europa McGovern – Ulster County Department Of Environment, Chair Andrew Ghiorse – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 3:04PM

Motion No. 1: Motion to APPROVE the Minutes of the September 7, 2023, Regular Meeting

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Chair Greene, Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Hansut, Levine, Maloney, Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: MINUTES APPROVED

Resolutions for the October 17, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 386 – Requesting Enactment Of A Senate Bill And Assembly Bill In The New York State Legislature To Amend Membership Of The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Resolution Summary: The request pertains to urging the enactment of a Senate Bill and an Assembly Bill in the New York State Legislature. These bills aim to amend the membership structure of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency.

Motion No. 2: Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 386

Motion By: Legislator Hansut
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 433 – Urging The Governments Of The State Of New York And The United States Of America To Establish Fossil-Fuel-Free State And Federal Public Transportation Services

Resolution Summary: that Ulster County calls upon the governments of the State of New York and the United States of America to establish and maintain comprehensive public transportation systems, upon all state and federal roads, bridges and related infrastructure, including such marked and unmarked touring routes and truck routes within cities and villages, that shall prioritize access by the public who are low-income, low-wealth, lack personal transportation and/or are mobility-impaired, to conveyances comparable to the infrastructure’s usual usage, and for purposes of socioeconomic equity, environmental justice, national security and public health and safety.

Discussion: NONE
Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 549 – Establishing The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA) Reform Committee

Resolution Summary: That the Legislature establishes a special committee, known as the UCRRA Reform Committee, to review UCRRA enabling legislation, operations, policies, and the contractual agreement with Ulster County, and recommend reform measures to the Legislature.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to AMEND Resolution No. 549, 1st Resolved amended as follows:**

1st- RESOLVED, that the Legislature establishes a special committee, known as the UCRRA Reform Committee, to ~~investigate circumstances surrounding~~ review UCRRA **enabling legislation**, operations, ~~and~~ policies, **and the contractual agreement with Ulster County**, and recommend reform measures to the Legislature; and be it further

Motion By: Legislator Maloney
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine
Discussion: Revised Resolves
Voting In Favor: Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

MOTION No. 4: MOVED TO AMEND RESOLUTION No. 549, 2ND RESOLVED AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

2ND RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE UCRRA REFORM COMMITTEE SHALL INCLUDE (1) THE CHAIR OF THE LEGISLATURE OR THE CHAIR'S LEGISLATIVE MEMBER DESIGNEE; (2) THE CHAIR OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE'S ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE OR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEMBER DESIGNEE; (3) A LEGISLATIVE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE; (4) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE; (5) THE COUNTY COMPTROLLER OR REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY COMPTROLLER; (6) THE PRESIDENT OF THE ULSTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWN SUPERVISORS AND VILLAGE MAYORS OR ULSTER COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF TOWN SUPERVISORS AND VILLAGE MAYORS MEMBER DESIGNEE; (57) THE CHAIR OF THE UCRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR UCRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER DESIGNEE; AND, BE IT FURTHER

MOTION BY: LEGISLATOR LEVINE
MOTION SECONDED BY: LEGISLATOR CHAIR BARTELS

DISCUSSION: REVISED RESOLVED

VOTING IN FAVOR: LEGISLATIVE CHAIR BARTELS, LEGISLATORS GREENE, HANSUT, LEVINE, MALONEY, STEWART

VOTING AGAINST: NONE

VOTES IN FAVOR: 6

VOTES AGAINST: 0

DISPOSITION: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

MOTION No. 5: MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION No. 549, STRIKED 3RD RESOLVED.

~~RESOLVED, THAT THE LEGISLATURE REQUESTS THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OR A REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE SERVE IN AN EX-OFFICIO MANNER IN ORDER TO PROVIDE SUPPORT AS NEEDED, IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE AN OPEN DIALOGUE; AND, BE IT FURTHER~~

MOTION BY: LEGISLATOR CHAIR BARTELS
MOTION SECONDED BY: LEGISLATOR HANSUT

DISCUSSION: REVISED RESOLVE

VOTING IN FAVOR: LEGISLATIVE CHAIR BARTELS, LEGISLATORS GREENE, HANSUT, LEVINE, MALONEY, STEWART

VOTING AGAINST: NONE

VOTES IN FAVOR: 6

VOTES AGAINST: 0

DISPOSITION: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

MOTION No.6: **MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION No. 549, COMBINED 8TH & 9TH RESOLVED**

RESOLVED, THE UCRRA REFORM COMMITTEE SHALL ESTABLISH ITS OWN SCHEDULE FOR MEETINGS, AND ~~SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO INTERVIEW UCRRA STAFF AND DIRECTORS AS IT DEEMS APPROPRIATE; AND BE IT FURTHER~~

~~RESOLVED, THAT~~ WITHIN SIX (6) MONTHS OF ITS INITIAL MEETING, THE UCRRA REFORM COMMITTEE SHALL PROVIDE A WRITTEN REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE; ~~AND, BE IT FURTHER~~

MOTION BY: LEGISLATOR STEWART

MOTION SECONDED BY: LEGISLATOR LEVINE

DISCUSSION: REVISED RESOLVED

VOTING IN FAVOR: LEGISLATIVE CHAIR BARTELS, LEGISLATORS GREENE, HANSUT, LEVINE, MALONEY, STEWART

VOTING AGAINST: NONE

VOTES IN FAVOR: 6

VOTES AGAINST: 0

DISPOSITION: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution No. 552 – Establishing A Policy To Replace Conventional Toilets With Composting Toilets At County Facilities

Resolution Summary: That the Department of Public Works, and other county departments as the County Executive may direct, shall plan to replace all conventional toilets with composting toilets, beginning with and prioritizing those at outdoor, public facilities.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to POSTPONE Resolution No. 552**

Motion By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hanust

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney, Stewart

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: RESOLUTION POSTPONED

New Business – Special Meeting was scheduled for October 16, 2023 at 12:00pm to discuss Resolution No. 549 – UCRRA

Motion No. 8 **Motion to Schedule Special Meeting On October 16, 2023 -Resolution No. 549**
Motion By: Legislator Levine
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Stewart

Voting In Favor: Legislative Chair Bartels, Legislators Greene, Hansut, Levine, Maloney, Stewart
Voting Against: **None**
Votes in Favor: **6**
Votes Against: **0**

Old Business None

Adjournment

Motion No. 8 **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:11 PM

Respectfully submitted: Lizvett Bost
Minutes Approved: November 2, 2023