Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME:	November 7, 2024 – 6:00 PM	
LOCATION(S):	KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston, NY	
	Livestreamed at https://www.youtube.com/@UlsterCountyLegislature/streams	
PRESIDING OFFICER:	Chair Sperry	
LEGISLATIVE STAFF:	Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk & Tyron Rogers, Technical Support Specialist	
MEMBERS PRESENT:	Legislators Corcoran, Stewart & Walls	
MEMBERS ABSENT:	Legislators Clinton, Hewitt & Litts	
QUORUM PRESENT:	Yes	

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Nolan; Director Dennis Doyle & Senior Planner Burt Samuelson – UC Planning Department; Deputy County Executive Amanda LaValle; Director Sharon Williams – UC Office of Employment & Training; Director Lisa Berger – UC Department of Tourism; Executive Director Jake Wedemeyer – Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District; Christian Malsatzki – Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ulster County; Michael Schreiber – SUNY Ulster County Community College

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Chair Sperry called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM and asked Legislator Walls to lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion Made By: Motion Seconded By:	Motion to Approve the minutes of the October 1st Regular Meeting Legislator Corcoran Legislator Stewart
Voting in Favor:	Legislators Corcoran, Sperry, Stewart & Walls
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	4
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Minutes Approved

Chair Sperry invited Planning Director Dennis Doyle and Senior Planner Burt Samuelson to make a presentation on the Draft Ulster County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan. An in person Public Meeting on the Plan is being held on December 5th from 6 PM – 8 PM at the SUNY New Paltz Lecture Center 100 located at 8 Sojourner Way, New Paltz (Zoom registration is also available.) Comments can be submitted by emailing Burt Samuelson at <u>bsam@co.ulster.ny.us</u> until January 31, 2025.

Chair Sperry invited Michael Schreiber, CPA, MBA, SUNY Ulster County Community College Vice President of Administration and Finance to update the committee on the status of Capital Projects at the college.

Office of Employment & Training Director Williams was unable to attend the Committee's Special Meeting on October 28th to discuss the County Executive's Proposed 2025 Budget and Proposed 2025-2030 Capital Program as it pertained to her department. Chair Sperry invited her to make a brief presentation and asked the following questions:

- 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 rightsized, including staffing, for your needs/workload?

Department responses and committee discussion can be viewed via the Ulster County Legislature's YouTube channel at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4st3gW6 j w</u>

Resolutions for the November 19, 2024 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 561 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$35,000.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary – This Resolution approves a contract amendment for \$35,000 with United Way of Ulster County to extend the term of agreement for youth employment payroll services for the Brighter Futures Initiative program from 1/1/25 - 6/30/25.

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 561 Legislator Corcoran	
Legislator Walls	
Legislators Corcoran, Sperry, Stewart & Walls	
None	
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Resolution Adopted	

Resolution No. 562 – Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County For Calendar Year 2025 – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary – This Resolution designates the Ulster County Department of Tourism as the official tourism promotion agency for Ulster County, thereby making it eligible to apply for and accept matching tourism promotion funds on behalf of Ulster County during calendar year 2025, and to represent Ulster County for the promotion of tourism.

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 562	
Legislator Stewart	
Legislator Corcoran	
Legislators Corcoran, Sperry, Stewart & Walls	
None	
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Resolution Adopted	

Forthcoming Resolution

Resolution No. 507 – Amending The 2024 Ulster County Budget To Reallocate Unused Funds For Economic Development Research And Strategy (*No Action Taken in Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee on November 4th*)

Chair Sperry advised the members that did not advance out of the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee and would therefore not be considered at Legislative Session. Because of the November schedule changes the Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation Committee met before Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture. The Resolution will appear on the committee's agenda in December.

New Business:

Eric Stewart stated that he wanted to revisit the contract with the Agricultural Society for the operation of the Cunty Fair, specifically to require a composting program. Chair Sperry recommended that Legislator Stewart reach out to Chair Criswell. Deputy County Executive LaValle added that the timing for the discussion was good as the county was just beginning to discuss the 2025 County Fair with the Society.

Old Business:	None
Adjournment	
Motion Made By: Motion Seconded By: Votes in Favor: Votes Against:	Legislator Corcoran Legislator Walls 4 0
TIME:	6:55 PM
Respectfully Submitted: Adopted:	Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk December 3, 2024

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