

**Establishing The Ulster County Technology Business Task Force**

Referred to: The Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning and Transit Committee (Chairman Maloney and Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio and Rodriguez)

Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. offers the following:

WHEREAS, New York State has been designated as having one of the worst business climates in the country because of its tax and regulatory burdens; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems it necessary to take affirmative acts to change the business climate so that the County and its residents have every opportunity to be prosperous; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature wants to foster growth in business so as to lower unemployment and underemployment, reduce homelessness, increase sales tax revenue, lower property taxes, and to create a better quality of life in Ulster County; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature determined that the County has a great deal to sustain our current businesses and to attract new businesses, including, but not limited to, its location, our beautiful surroundings, a multitude of recreational activities, significant transportation options, and a workforce that is ready to be utilized; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature determined that one industry that it would like to attract is the technology industry in light of the billions of dollars that are available to start up companies from start-up incubators and angel invest networks; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature recognizes that the technology industry advances and changes at a rapid rate and that the internet has created an open platform to accelerate innovation and the development of new companies; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Legislature deems it necessary to put together a task force of business people, technology experts, and local residents to create a strategy that will change the business climate in Ulster County and attract technology based businesses to the County by highlighting all of the advantages of being based here; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ulster County Charter Section C-16 and the Administrative Code Section A2-11: "*Advisory committees, commissions and boards. Members of all citizens' committees, commissions and boards appointed pursuant to Section C-11K of the Charter shall serve at the pleasure of the County Legislature. They shall serve without compensation other than for actual and necessary expenses within appropriations made therefor, unless otherwise provided by resolution of the County Legislature. The Chairman of the County Legislature shall be a member ex-officio of all such committees, commissions and boards;*" now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Technology Business Task Force shall be created being comprised of seven members to be appointed by the Chairman of the Legislature and such appointments shall be as follows:

- 1) Two (2) Ulster County Legislators whereby one appointment would be from each caucus;
- 2) Two (2) local business owners whose businesses are in the information/technology field;
- 3) Two (2) residents of Ulster County; and
- 4) One (1) professional from one of the colleges located in Ulster County who teaches information/technology; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Technology Business Task Force shall meet no later than 30 days after the appointments to said Task Force are made; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the first meeting of the Task Force shall be convened by the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature and at said meeting, the members of the Task Force shall chose one of its members to be the Chairman of the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Task Force shall file its findings and recommendations with the Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2016, at which time the Task Force shall be dissolved,

and move its adoption.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22            NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Loughran)

