## **Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts and Agriculture Committee**

**DATE & TIME:** April 4, 2023 – 6:00 PM

**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, New York

**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill **LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Michael Tierney

**PRESENT**: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts Moloney, Sperry

**ABSENT**: None **QUORUM PRESENT**: Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Melanie Forstrom, Linda Tripp, Jamie Capuano, Dennis Doyle, Tim

Weidemann

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 7:04PM.

Motion No. 1 Motion to APPROVE March 1, 2023 Minutes

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Minutes APPROVED

Economic Development Director Tim Weidemann announced that he will be departing the county to work in the Office of Congressman Patrick Ryan. Chair Cahill congratulated Director Weidemann.

## **Resolutions for the April 18, 2023 Legislative Session:**

**Resolution No. 86-** Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully

Reimbursable Full-Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial

Development Agency

**Resolution Summary:** Allowing the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency to

hire an Executive Director and a tech support position.

**Resolution No. 87** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered

Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development

Agency

**Resolution Summary:** New contract for the Ulster County Industrial Development

Agency.

Motion No. 2: Moved to POSTPONE Resolutions 86 and 87

Motion Made By: Chair Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** Chair Cahill asked that the Committee postpone as there were not

members of the IDA present to discuss the Resolutions.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 86 and 87 POSTPONED

**Resolution No. 129 -** Establishing A Policy To Maximize Resources For And Benefits

Of Arts And Culture In Ulster County By Initiating Assessment

And Developing An Arts And Culture Master Plan

**Resolution Summary:** 

Motion No. 3: Moved Resolution No. 129 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt Motion Seconded By: Chair Cahill

**Discussion:** Legislator Criswell highlighted the City of Kingston's process and

the Master Plan. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called

the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 130 -** Supporting New York State Senate Bill S.4832 And Assembly Bill

A.5003, Extending And Enhancing The Empire State Film Production Credit And The Empire State Film Post Production

Credit

**Resolution Summary:** Memorializing Resolution supporting

S.4832(Hinchey)/A.50039(Barrett)

Motion No. 4: Moved Resolution No. 130 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 155 -** Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands

Owned By Ulster County Located At 701 Grant Avenue, Lake Katrine (Town of Ulster), To Be Held On Tuesday, May 16, 2023

At 7:15 PM

**Resolution Summary:** Setting a public hearing on the sale or transfer of 701 Grant

Avenue.

Motion No. 5: Moved Resolution No. 155 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

**Discussion:** Legislator Maloney inquired on the work needed to be done at the

site and questioned the need to sell the site as it could have potential to house county services. Legislator Criswell asked Legislator Maloney if the Legislature should still move to hold the public hearing. Legislator Maloney believed that moving forward will accelerate the process without having weighed all the options.

Motion No. 6: Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 155

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

**Disposition:** Resolution No. 155 POSTPONED

**Resolution No. 156 -** Approving And Executing A Five-Year Collective Bargaining

Agreement Dated September 1, 2022 Through August 31, 2027 Between The County Of Ulster And The Organization Of Professional And Administrative Personnel (OPAP) – Ulster

**County Community** 

**Resolution Summary:** Contract for certain union employees at SUNY Ulster.

Motion No. 7: Moved Resolution No. 156 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** Chair Cahill inquired on the alignment of this contract with the

other two bargaining units in SUNY Ulster. Legislator Maloney stated that he would like to see the Legislature take a more active

role in negotiations rather than ask questions at the end of the

process.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 157 -** Amending The Ulster County 2023 Budget To Allow For The

Implementation Of The Plus One Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Program With Funding Provided By The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation Existing As A Subsidiary of the New York

State Housing Finance Agency - Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** A pilot program to sustainably develop accessory dwelling units.

Motion No. 8: Moved Resolution No. 157 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 158 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,750,000.00

Entered Into By The County – Housing Trust Fund Corporation –

Department of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** Contract with the Housing Trust Fund Corporation to partner with

the City of Kingston to execute Resolution No. 157.

Motion No. 9: Moved Resolution No. 158 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Hewitt
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 159 -** Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$646,632.00 Entered

Into By The County – Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. – Department

Of Planning

**Resolution Summary:** Contract for the 2.65 mile multi-use trail from Highmount to

Giggle Hollow Road and the Belleayre Day Use Area.

Motion No. 10: Moved Resolution No. 33 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Sperry Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Sperry

**Voting Against:** Maloney

Votes in Favor: 6 Votes Against: 1

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 160 -** Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning

Board – Town Of Hurley

**Resolution Summary:** Appointing Margaret M. Colan to the Planning Board.

**Resolution No. 161 -** Appointing Member To The Ulster County Planning Board –

Town Of New Paltz

**Resolution Summary:** Appointing Adele Ruger to the Planning Board.

**Resolution No. 162 -** Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning

Board – Town Of Ulster

**Resolution Summary:** Appointing John Crispell to the Planning Board.

Motion No. 11: Moved to BLOCK Resolutions 160, 161, 162

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

**Discussion:** None. Hearing Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

**Disposition:** Resolutions BLOCKED

Motion No. 12 Moved to ADOPT Blocked Resolutions

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:7Votes Against:0

**Disposition:** Resolutions ADOPTED

**Resolution No. 199 -** Establishing A Policy To Provide Healthy, Locally Sourced Food

To Those Facing Food Insecurity, Through Community Supported

Agriculture

**Resolution Summary:** The County will purchase CSA shares from local farms to provide

for individuals and families facing food insecurity.

Motion No. 13: Moved Resolution No. 199 For DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question.

**Voting in Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewiit, Litts, Maloney,

Sperry

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
7
Votes Against:
0

**Disposition:** Resolution ADOPTED

## **Adjournment**

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hewitt

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

**TIME:** 8:27PM

**Respectfully Submitted:** Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

**Approved:** May 2, 2023