

Laws and Rules, Governmental Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 15, 2015 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Richard Parete
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn A. Tantillo, Sr. Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators David Donaldson, Manna Jo Greene and Kevin Roberts
ABSENT: Legislator Kenneth Ronk, Jr.
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Cappy Weiner, Legislative Counsel, Vic Melville, League of Women Voters

Chairman R. Parete called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Motion No. 1: The minutes of May 18, 2015 and May 19, 2015 were approved as distributed.

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Donaldson, Greene and Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Motion No. 2: Resolution No. 109 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 3 of 2015 (A Local Law Establishing A Sustainable Green Fleet Policy) To Be Held On ~~Wednesday, July 15, 2015 At 6:00 PM~~ Tuesday, July 21, 2015 At 7:00 PM – as amended

Motion Made By: Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Greene

Discussion:

Several amendments previously approved by the sponsors were offered, to wit:

- Changing Director of the Ulster County Department of the Environment to Coordinator of the Ulster County Department of the Environment where it appears in the document.
- Changing SECTION 6. MONITORING OF THE GREEN FLEET POLICY to read as follows:

“In order to determine whether the goals outlined in Section 4 above and the actions outlined in Section 5 above, have been reached, and/or whether or not they should be modified or amended, annually, on or before March 1st of each year, a report, prepared by the Coordinator of the Ulster County Department of the Environment, in conjunction with the Ulster County Fleet Manager and any other department of the County that the Coordinator of the Department of Environment may deem necessary, shall be filed with the County Executive and the Ulster County Legislative Standing Committee assigned with the Department of the Environment and any other Committee as determined by the Clerk of the Legislature.”

Chairman Parete thanked Legislator Greene and complemented the Energy and Environment Committee for many months of discussions that lead to the proposed Local Law.

Legislator Greene noted that the process was a very positive one where a lot of good ideas were discussed.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Donaldson, Greene and Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved as amended

Motion No. 3: Resolution No. 232 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2015 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For the County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify The Term Of The Chairman And The Clerk Of The Legislature) To Be Held On ~~Wednesday, July 15, 2015 At 6:05 PM~~ Tuesday, July 21, 2015 At 7:05 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
There was no second at this time

Discussion: The committee members expressed concerns and had questions about this proposal. They agree to take it up again next month when the sponsor, Legislator Ronk, could address those concerns.

Disposition: No action taken.

Motion No. 4: To accept and approve Late Resolution No. 256 - Designation Of Official Newspaper

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: There was a brief discussion about the closing of the Saugerties Post Star, the current official newspaper designated previously by the Republic Caucus creating the need for the minority to designate the Shawangunk Journal as new "Official Newspaper".

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Donaldson, Greene and Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Passed

Motion No. 5: To accept and approve Late Resolution No. 257 - Setting A Public Hearing On Tentative Budget Of Ulster County Community College For The Year 2015 – 2016 To Be Held On Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:30 PM

Motion Made By: Legislator Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Legislator Donaldson explained that the Public Hearing originally scheduled for June was postponed when County staff including Burt Gulnick, Director of Finance and Ms. Cutten, Director of ACE raised questions about the SUNY Ulster Budget that the College and the County Executive’s staff needed time to address.

There was a discussion about progress on various construction and rehabilitation projects including the STRIVE project, SUNY Ulster staffing changes and the impacts on State funding and tuition.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators R. Parete, Donaldson, Greene and Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Passed

There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made by Legislator Greene, seconded by Legislator Roberts and carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted this 16th day of June, 2015
Fawn A. Tantillo, Senior Legislative Employee
Minutes Approved on July 20, 2015