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

DATE & TIME: August 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM

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

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Brian Cahill LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Michael Tierney

PRESENT: Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Litts, Sperry

ABSENT: Legislators Hewitt and Maloney

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Uchitelle, Legislator Petit, Legislator Erner, Deputy

County Executive Amanda LaValle, Office of Employment & Training Director Sharon Williams, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Planner Kai Lord-Farmer, Jackie Brownstein, Tom Denton,

Susan Denton, Tom Rocco

Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

Chair Cahill stated that Resolutions 443 and 442 would be taken out of order to allow Arts Mid-Hudson and the Office of Employment & Training the ability to leave early.

Motion No. 1 Moved to Adopt July 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Cahill, Corocran, Criswell, Litts, Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes ADOPTED

Resolutions for the August 15, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 443 Approving The Execution A Contract For \$80,000.00 Entered Into

By The County – Arts Mid-Hudson, Inc. – Legislature

Resolution Summary: Annual contract renewal with Arts-Mid Hudson.

Motion No. 2 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: Melissa LAST NAME gave a presentation on the work Arts Mid-

Hudson has done last year and the grant money disbursed. Chair

Cahill indicated he would like to see the contract go up to

\$100,000 in the upcoming budget. Hearing no further discussion,

Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the Resolution.

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

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 442 Authorizing The Office Of Employment And Training To Submit

An Application To The New York State Office Of Strategic

Workforce Pay For Performance Grant Program: Operating Grants

- Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution Summary: Application to Workforce Pay for Performance Grant, with awards

ranging from \$50,000 to \$1 million.

Motion No. 3 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: Employment & Training Director Sharon Williams gave an

overview of the grant. Chair Cahill asked if there were any questions and hearing none, called the question in favor of the

Resolution.

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

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 330 Dedicating Funding To Housing Affordability, Establishing A

Policy For Its Use, And Authorizing The Release Of A Notice Of Funding Availability (NOFA) For 2023 – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Creating the Affordable Housing Fund, and allocate \$15,000,000 to such

fund.

Motion No. 4 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: Chair Cahill stated that his reservations about the Resolution were

more appropriate for the Ways & Means Committee and that from a Planning perspective he was fully in favor of the Resolution. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in

favor of the Resolution.

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

Voting Against:NoneVotes in Favor:5Votes Against:0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 381 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To

Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) To Accept Grant Funds For The Golden Hill Renewable Energy Project - Amending The

2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Accepting \$1.68 million from NYS DEC for the purposes of

renewable energy infrastructure at the planned Golden Hill

Housing Project

Motion No. 5 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of

the Resolution.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 382 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To

Execute Various Agreements To Fulfill Requirements For Grant

Funding Through The New York State Climate Smart

Communities Program For Renewable Energy Equipment At The

Golden Hill Housing Site – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To

Execute Various Agreements To Fulfill Requirements For Grant

Funding Through The New York State Climate Smart

Communities Program For Renewable Energy Equipment At The

Golden Hill Housing Site – Department Of Planning

Motion No. 6 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair called the question in favor of the

Resolution.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Resolution No. 430 Establishing A Traffic Demand Policy

Resolution Summary: Requiring the Ulster County Planning Board to reject any proposal

that fails to ensure car-free access.

Motion No. 6 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Corcoran Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: Legislator Litts asked Legislator Erner about the amendments

made already. Legislator Erner stated that amendments were made following a discussion with Majority Counsel Gordon. Planning Director Doyle stated that the Legislature could already require this through its appointment power, prioritizing applicants who share this value. Chair Cahill stated that he worried this would lead to a patchwork addition of sidewalks that do not connect, forcing pedestrians onto the shoulder of roads. Planning Director Doyle stated however that during the Panning Board approval process they could require an easement with the county or municipality that one day they could come in and place a sidewalk. Legislator Litts requested a friendly amendment to add the phrase "where possible" to the first Resolved Clause. Legislator Erner said he is

amenable to that change.

Motion No. 7 Motion to Amend Resolution No. 430 to add the phrase "where

possible" to the first Resolved Clause

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts Seconded By: Chair Cahill

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of

the Amendment.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution AMENDED

Motion No. 8 Moved to Adopt Resolution No. 430 AS AMENDED

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

Discussion: None.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Resolution No. 436 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Causing A

\$419,079.00 Reduction In The Original \$1,000,000.00 Contract Amount, Resulting In A New Not To Exceed Amount Of

Amount, Resulting In A New Not To Exceed Amount Of \$580,921.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County

Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance –

ARPA

Resolution Summary: Extending the term of agreement and reduce the amount of funding

for administration of a subaward of the SLFRF for the purpose of providing assistance to low-to-moderate income business owners.

Motion No. 9 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Legislator Criswell stated this Resolution was to offer a correction

to the errors made by the CARES II process. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of the

Resolution.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 437 Approving The Execution A Contract For \$395,611.00 Entered

Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development

Alliance, Inc. – Department Of Finance – ARPA

Resolution Summary: Administering a subaward of the SLFRF for the purpose of

providing assistance to specific Ulster County small businesses that received awards under the Ulster County CARES II Small Business Assistance Program but were later determined to be

ineligible.

Motion No. 10 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Call called the question in favor of the

Resolution.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 439 Authorizing The Execution Of Sub-Lease Agreement With The Ulster

County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. For Space At The Work Force Innovation Center Located At iPark87 In The Town Of Ulster –

Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: Leasing up to 20,000 square feet of space in iPark87 for the

Workforce Development Center.

Motion No. 11 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of

the Resolution.

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 440 Confirming Appointment Of Kevin Lynch As Director Of

Economic Development

Resolution Summary: Confirming Appointment Of Kevin Lynch As Director Of

Economic Development

Motion No. 12 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: Legislators stated they were not happy that Mr. Lynch was not

present for the Committee that oversees his Department. Deputy Executive LaValle said he would be at Democratic Caucus.

Hearing no further discussion, Chair Cahill called the question in

favor of the Resolution.

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

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 441 Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract

With The New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation

Represented By The Office Of Community Renewal, For Federal Funding For The Implementation Of Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) And Amending The 2023 Ulster County

Budget – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: CDBG grant disbursement for the Hudson House Distillery.

Motion No. 13 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By:Legislator CriswellMotion Seconded By:Legislator Sperry

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of

the Resolution.

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

Voting Against:

Votes in Favor:

Votes Against:

0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 470 Authorizing The Submittal Of An Application To The Federal

Highway Administration For Funding Under The PROTECT Grant

Program – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Application for PROTECT funding to address resilience

recommendations as part of the Ulster County Transportation

Council Vulnerability Assessment.

Motion No. 14 Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION

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

Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Cahill called the question in favor of

the Resolution.

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

Voting Against:
None
Votes in Favor:
5
Votes Against:
0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Adjournment:

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

No. of Votes in Favor: 5 No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:17 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee

Approved: September 5, 2023