

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

DATE & TIME: September 5, 2023 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, New York
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chair Litts
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Michael Tierney
PRESENT: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry
ABSENT: Chair Cahill
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Phil Erner, Christian Maloatzki, Economic Development Director Kevin Lynch, SUNY Ulster Vice President Jamie Capuano, Tourism Director Lisa Berger, Planning Director Dennis Doyle

Deputy Chair Litts called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Motion No. 1 **Moved to Adopt August 1, 2023 Meeting Minutes**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Discussion: None.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes ADOPTED**

Resolutions for the September 19, 2023 Legislative Session:

Resolution No. 485 Designating The Ulster County Department Of Tourism As The Official Tourism Promotion Agency Of Ulster County – Department Of Tourism

Resolution Summary: Annual requirement by New York State to designate the official tourism agency

Motion No. 2 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Discussion: Tourism Director Berger gave an update on the the Department. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Litts called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 479 Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute A Contract With The New York State Empire State Development Corporation For State Funding For The Implementation Of Restore New York Communities Initiative Grants, Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget – Department Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: Application for \$840,000 through the ESD Restore New York Communities for the rehabilitation of the Barrel Factory in Kingston

Motion No. 3 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Discussion: Chair Litts stated that the Executive requested that no action be taken on the Resolution as there is additional information they wish to supply and a companion Resolution.
Disposition: **NO ACTION TAKEN**

Resolution No. 480 Amending The 2023 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 677 Golden Hill Transportation Improvements – Amending The 2023 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Engineering for signal on State Route 32 as part of the Golden Hill Development Project

Motion No. 4 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Discussion: Legislator Maloney stated that this traffic signal was never part of the original agreement with Pennrose. Legislator Erner and Chair Litts stated that the City of Kingston Planning Board required this as a condition of their approval. Legislator Maloney stated his concern that this is a pattern of the County funding aspects of this project that were not agreed to as part of the original proposal. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Litts called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Sperry
Voting Against: Legislator Maloney
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No 482 - Authorizing A Memorandum Of Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz To Provide Water To The Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery –Veterans' Service Agency

Resolution Summary: Memorandum Of Agreement With The Village Of New Paltz To Provide Water To The Ulster County Veterans' Cemetery

Motion No. 5 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran

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

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 483 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$78,188.00 Entered Into By The County – Transpo Group USA, Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Contract for the Coordinated Human Services Public Transit Transportation Plan.

Motion No. 6 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**

Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry

Discussion: Chair Litts asked why this was listed as completely federally funded on the contract but has a financial impact to the County, and would like that rectified in Ways & Means. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Litts called the question in favor of the Resolution.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 484 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$172,243.56 Entered Into By The County – Foursquare Integrated Transportation Planning, Inc. – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Contract for the Development of an Ulster County Transit Route Optimization Plan.

Motion No. 7 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Corcoran
Discussion: Chair Litts stated his concern about the financial impact also stood for this Resolution. Legislator Criswell inquired if there would be the opportunity for advocacy groups such as RUTA to participate. Hearing no further discussion, Chair Litts called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 486 Approving An Additional Appropriation For The 2023-2024 Ulster County Community College Budget To Offset Tuition Increase – SUNY Ulster

Resolution Summary: Increasing the allocation of the County’s share to SUNY Ulster to offset tuition increase in the FY2023-24 Budget

Motion No. 9 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts
Discussion: Vice President Capuano stated that while the intent of the Resolution is admirable, the FY2023-24 Budget has already been approved by the Legislature has been submitted to SUNY for approval and this could force the College to reconfigure its entire budget. All agreed that Legislator Stewart should be present to hear from him directly, and would postpone at this time.

Motion No. 10 **Moved to POSTPONE Resolution No. 486**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, Sperry
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 545 - Confirming Reappointment Of Member To The Ulster County Community College Board Of Trustees

Resolution Summary: Confirming Reappointment of Victoria St. John-Gilligan to the SUNY Ulster Board of Trustees

Motion No. 11 **Moved Resolution for DISCUSSION**
Motion Made By: Legislator Criswell
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Sperry
Discussion: None. Hearing none, Chair Litts called the question in favor of the Resolution.
Voting in Favor: Legislators Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts, Maloney, 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: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:45 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Michael Tierney, Senior Legislative Employee
Approved: October 3, 2023