

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 5, 2016, 6:30 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman James F. Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk
ABSENT: Legislator Delaune
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Wawro, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Planning Director Dennis Doyle, UCAT Director Robert Dibella, Information Services Director Sylvia Wohlfahrt, Vic Melville, Kathy Nolan, Cassandra Burke, Christ White, Father John

Chairman Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:09 PM.

Motion No. 1 **RESOLVED to Approve the Minutes of March 1, 2016.**

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

GUEST PRESENTATION: Trail and Rail Advocacy and Position –Father John, Chair of Explore the Catskills

Father John explained his group was taking a fresh look at the scenic corridor. He went on to state that they are attempting to spread the idea of unity when thinking of the corridor. Explore the Catskills is promoting the idea of making the Trail and Rail Corridor a destination for a future rail road, from an outside operator with professional

leadership. Father John informed the committee his group has collected petitions for their cause and many of the local residents are in favor of it.

Father John went on to explain the 25 million dollar Water Discovery Center that would be built by the corridor. He said it would demonstrate the attributes of water, and you would be able to take a virtual walk down the aqueduct of the reservoir. He informed the committee the land has been purchased for this project and there has been interest in building it.

Father John said, the hotel Wild Acres, is another facility that his group feels would be a good asset that is meeting some resistance. He explained with the idea of the 2024 Olympic Games being in Lake Placid this hotel would be a great way to get people up to the location and be an incredible asset for the County of Ulster.

Chairman Maloney explained to Father John that the County has issued RFP's for a potential operator of the railroad, and let him know he will consider everything he has said moving forward.

Motion No. 2

Resolution No. 170

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 170** - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow

Res. No. 170 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is requesting a collaborative partnership with the County Executive to update “Ulster Tomorrow” by reconvening the stakeholders in Ulster County. It is further request that the County Executive engage in a collaborative process with the public/stakeholders to utilize professional facilitation to achieve the updated plan.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion: Legislator Rodriguez made a suggestion to form a subcommittee of this body to form an opinion on how to update “Ulster Tomorrow” and report back to the parent body. Legislator Maloney said he would approve of this action, and asked the committee to also figure out where the funding would come from. The committee agreed the subcommittee would be formed in lieu of approving the resolution this month.

Text of Motion: Resolved to form a subcommittee of the Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit committee consisting of Legislators Berky, Delaune and Litts or Maloney.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Text of Motion: In lieu of forming the subcommittee Legislator Rodriguez moved to postpone Resolution 170.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution 170 Postponed

Motion No. 3

Resolution No. 173

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 173 - Establishing A Policy Requiring All Legal Notices Be Posted On The Official Ulster County Website

Res. No. 173 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is setting policy to post all legal notices that are required to be published by law to the County Website on the corresponding departments webpage and on a general county specific webpage.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Sylvia Wohlfahrt informed the committee that what the resolution is requesting is allowable per our website software.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 6

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4

Resolution No. 182

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 182** - Establishing The Ulster County Technology Business Task Force

Res. No. 182 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is establishing the Ulster County Technology Business Task Force. The committee will consist of seven members and will report its findings, on the tasks it has been charged with, to the Clerk of the Legislature no later than December 31, 2016.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: A general discussion ensued regarding what criteria was used in choosing the current breakdown of the members to be selected. Legislator Rodriguez asked Chairman Ronk why in the first resolve section 3 why two residents of Ulster County were chosen. Chairman Ronk explained it was used to make sure different points of view would be considered on the committee. The committee discussed changing Professor in section 4 of the same resolve to Professional.

Text of Motion: Resolved to change the first resolve, section 4 of the resolution to One Professional from One Professor.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Amendment Carried

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: Brian Cunningham gave a brief description of what services would be provided by the contract and the benefits that would be realized from it. He explained the current system is 20 years old and is no longer supported.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7

Resolution No. 234

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 234** - Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Department Of Transportation – To Accept The New York State Share For Mass Transportation Projects For Federal Fiscal Year 2016 – Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Res. No. 234 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is authorizing the Chairman of the Legislature to execute an agreement with NYS Department of Transportation to accept the NYS share for Federal Fiscal Year 2016 Mass Transportation Capital Projects in the amount of \$571,325.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Director Bob Dibella gave a brief description of the funding and grant funding associated with it.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 10

Resolution No. 237

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 237** - Authorizing The Implementation and Funding In The First Instance 100% Of The Federal-Aid Eligible Costs Of A Transportation Federal-Aid Project (Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4), And Appropriating Funds Therefore- Department of Planning

Res. No. 237 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is authorizing appropriating and making available \$84,835.00 in funding to cover the cost of the right of way acquisition work in regards to the Hudson Valley Rail Trail West : Phase 4.

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: Chris White said these are initial estimates and they may come back with updated estimates later in the year.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 11

Resolution No. 238

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 238** - Amending Capital Project No. 451 To Provide For Right-of-Way Acquisition for

the “Hudson Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4” Project And Amending the 2016 Capital Project Fund- Department of Planning

Res. No. 238 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is amending capital Project 451- Hudsonv Valley Rail Trail West: Phase 4 to increase funding in the amount of \$84,835.00

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 12

Resolution No. 250

April 19, 2016

Text of Motion: **Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 250** - Approving A Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S5301A And Assembly Bill No. A7480A Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Regulate The Registration And Licensing Of Taxicabs, Limousines And Livery Vehicles

Res. No. 250 Summary: The Ulster County Legislature is authorizing the County Executive and/or Clerk of the Legislature to execute and submit a Home Rule Request, pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, requesting the enactment of Senate Bill No. S5301A and Assembly Bill No. A7480A.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

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

New Business:

Legislator Maloney stated both he and Legislator Rodriguez have signed letters thanking the current members for their service and asking if they would like to be reappointed. He also said we will be putting out a general call for anyone who wishes to be interviewed. Legislator Rodriguez thanked Legislator Maloney for putting out a general call to everyone so they would receive the best candidates. A general discussion ensued on a possible deadline.

Old Business:

Legislator Rodriguez said he was willing to hold off of his resolution for his poll by poll assessment for an additional two months because the department of planning is working with towns on collecting maps and other information pertinent to the resolution.

Motion No. 12

Text of Motion: Resolved to Postpone the non-submitted resolution regarding a poll by poll assessment of broadband for 2 months.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Voting In Favor: Legislators Maloney, Rodriguez, Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Chris White said his department is currently working with I.S. to create maps for every town where their broadband gaps are located. He explained what the next steps would be to the committee. Chairman Ronk stated on the issue of broadband and the towns that as we move through this process we consider which towns use the franchise money they receive and use it wisely.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:50 PM

Dated the 18th day of April, 2016
Donald J. Quesnell, Fiscal Analyst

Minutes Approved on: May 3, 2016