

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 2, 2015, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Thomas J. Briggs
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Chris Allen, Lynn Archer, Tracey Bartels, Herbert Litts, III, Mary Beth Maio, and James Maloney
EXCUSED: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Carl Belfiglio, Catskill Mountainkeeper Representative Kathy Nolan, Director of Public Transportation Bob DiBella, Department of Planning Director Dennis Doyle, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, City of Kingston Complete Streets Representative John Grossbohlin and Ulster County Resident Meg Carey.

Chairman Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

Motion No. 1 RESOLVED to Approve the Minutes of May 5, 2015 and Joint Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels noted in the May 5th minutes she was listed as Chairman Bartels twice on page 7.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor As Amended (May 5) and As Presented (May 14): Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney

Voting Against As Amended (May 5) and As Presented (May 14): None

No. of Votes in Favor As Amended (May 5) and As Presented (May 14): 7

No. of Votes Against As Amended (May 5) and As Presented (May 14): 0

Disposition: Approved As Amended (May 5) and As Presented (May 14)

Chairman Briggs thanked the members of the Committee for making time for the additional meeting regarding the Ashokan Corridor resolution. He also thanked the staff in the office.

Resolution No. 136 – June 16, 2015

Resolution Title: Supporting The Placement Of Video Lottery Terminals At The Nevele Grande Hotel And Country Club In The Town Of Wawarsing

Resolution No. 136 Summary: This Resolution supports the placement of Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club in the Town of Wawarsing and encourages the advancement of legislation in the New York Legislature that would approve Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club. The Resolution requests that the New York State Division of the Lottery place Video Lottery Terminals at the Nevele Grande Hotel and Country Club, in the Town of Wawarsing and directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew M. Cuomo, Senate Majority Leader Dean Skelos, New York State Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, New York State Senator John Bonacic, Assemblywoman Claudia Tenney, the Town of Wawarsing Town Board and the New York State Division of the Lottery.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs noted there would be no action taken on this Resolution as the Nevele was still seeking a sponsor at the State. He stated if Legislation was submitted, he would advance the Resolution in the Committee.

Motion No. 2 Resolution No. 236 – June 16, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 236** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way Of Ulster County Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 236 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with United Way of Ulster County, Inc, and hereby approves the contract to provide payroll services to Office of Employment and Training for the summer youth program programs, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Legislator Bartels asked if the amount indicated included participant costs. She questioned the definition of payroll services. She asked if the amount was just for the services, how much would the payroll be. Chairman Briggs read the contract language which indicated “The total of these three payments (\$175,479.00) represents approximately 90% of the Program allocation set aside for Participant costs (allocation currently equals \$194,976.00). The balance of the funding (\$19,497.60) will be payable upon Firm’s submission of documentation of actual Program and administrative expenses, as outlined below.” Legislator Bartels clarified the \$19,497.60 is the administrative expenses and all the rest is actual payment to the participants.

Legislator Maio confirmed the contract is only for three months. Chairman Briggs noted the contract period was indicated at July 1, 2015 to October 1, 2015.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 **Resolution No. 237 – June 16, 2015**
Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney
Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 237** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 237 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract with Family of Woodstock, Inc, and hereby approves the contract to provide a year round, county-wide youth services program for Work Investment Act (WIA) eligible youth in the County, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5 Resolution No. 238 – June 16, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 238** - Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Apply For And Accept Section 5310 Federal And State Funding From The New York State Department Of Transportation For The Purchase Of One ADA Vehicle (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution No. 238 Summary: This Resolution authorized the Ulster County Executive to file a 5310 application, and execute any necessary contracts, or amendments thereto, as a result of the 5310 application, and implement any 5310 project(s) awarded to Ulster County.

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney inquired as to the type of bus being purchased. Director DiBella stated it was an 11-passenger bus with a gas engine. He noted the bus would be used to coordinate senior services with the Office of the Aging. He stated their current van has 138,000 miles and needed to be replaced. He stated the new van would have wheel chair access and would meet all ADA regulations. He noted it would be used for the Office of the Aging exclusively. He stated it was not an ADA vehicle and suggested the language be amended to “ADA-compliant”.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried As Amended

Chairman Briggs rescinding the vote to allow for a motion to amend the resolution.

Legislator Archer motioned to amend the Title and the 3rd and 4th WHEREAS to strike the word “ADA” and replace it with “ADA-compliant”. Legislator Litts seconded. With all voting in favor, the Resolution was amended as indicated.

Legislator Litts motioned to approve the Resolution as Amended, seconded by Legislator Maloney.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried As Amended

Motion No. 6 Resolution No. 246 – June 16, 2015

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer for discussion

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 246** - Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of 25 South Manor Avenue, Kingston New York To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., A Local Development Corporation

Resolution No. 246 Summary: This Resolution directs the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to shall act in accordance with NYS Agriculture and Markets Law Section 303-b and cause a legal notice of said Public Hearing to be published, and provide a copy of the hearing notice in writing, to all municipalities that have lands proposed for inclusion in Agricultural Districts. The Resolution directs the Public Hearing to be held on June 16, 2015 at 7:15 PM, or as soon thereafter as the public can be heard, in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Discussion:

Legislator Archer and Deputy County Executive Crannell discussed the location. Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the building has issues, including the roof. He noted if the County proceeded with the sale, it would go to public auction and be sold through sealed bid. He stated the transfer to the LDC allowed flexibility to develop a plan and that the LDC would return the property back to the County at the time of the sale. He noted the proceeds of the sale would go to the fund balance.

Legislator Belfiglio asked about the plans to relocate the current departments in the building. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied several options were being looked at, with the BRC as one option.

Legislator Maloney noted there could be issues without a plan for the departments as they complete all the tax bill distribution for the County. He noted the operational needs of the County need to be addressed.

Legislator Bartels asked about a time frame for the sale. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied there was no time frame. He noted there was some interest expressed in the building and that they currently know they can accommodate the affected departments within existing County assets.

Legislator Litts inquired if there would be a financial impact to moving the departments. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied there would not as the work would be done in house. Legislator Litts asked if there would be a need to be any equipment, such as hardware for the systems, replaced. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied there would not.

Legislator Allen inquired as to the size of the building needed to accommodate the affected departments. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied he did not know off the top of his head. Legislator Maloney estimated it would be 10,000 square feet. Deputy County Executive Crannell reiterated the ability to easily accommodate the departments as they were not size specific.

Legislator Belfiglio felt the move would need to appropriate funds for private contractors to establish the technology connections. He noted the core infrastructure needs for the new building as well as the roof repair. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated they had looked at replacing the roof and found the sale of the building to be the smarter move.

Legislator Belfiglio noted this move would probably affect the IT (information technology) of the County. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied this Resolution simply started the process and allows the County time to negotiate a plan.

Legislator Bartels asked with the transfer to the LDC and the expressed interest, would the process be open to others interested in the property. Deputy County Executive Crannell stated the plan was to list the property with a commercial realtor. He stated by transferring the property to the LDC, it allows the LDC to hire a broker for the sale.

Legislator Archer confirmed the property would be assessed prior to the sale. Deputy County Executive Crannell replied it would.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Allen, Archer, Bartels, Briggs, Litts, Maio, and Maloney

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

New Business: None

Old Business:

Legislator Archer requested the Committee have a conversation regarding the Broadband plan. She requested Deputy County Executive Bob Sudlow attend the next meeting and discuss what is being done and what needs to be done.

Chairman Briggs noted Economic Development Alliance President & CEO Suzanne Holt would be in attendance at the next meeting.

Adjournment

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

TIME: 6:21 PM

Dated the 19th day of June, 2015
Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: June 2, 2015