

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

**DATE & TIME:** October 4, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** KL Binder Library, COB, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Chair Brian Cahill  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo and Michael Tierney  
**PRESENT:** Legislators Herbert Litts, III, Thomas Corcoran, Peter Criswell, Chris Hewitt and Megan Sperry  
**ABSENT:** Legislator Joseph Maloney  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Legislators Dean Fabiano, Manna Jo Greene and Kathy Nolan; Deputy Executives Steve Kelly and Marc Rider; Director Dennis Doyle, Planning; Jared Buono and Melanie Forstrom, Cornell Cooperative Extension; Director Nate Litwin, Recovery & Resilience, Laurent Rejto, Tom Muro and Greg Meola, Hudson Valley Film Commission.

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Chair Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:00 and asked Legislator Litts to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Motion No. 1:** **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of September 6, 2022 meeting of the Economic Development, Planning, Education, Environment, Arts and Agriculture Committee.**

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

**Discussion:** None

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry

**Voting Against:** None

**Votes in Favor:** 6

**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Minutes APPROVED**

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**Hudson Valley Film Commission** presentation by Board Chair Greg Meola and Board Members Lurent Rejto and Tom Muro. (details attached) HVFC Board members outlined several productions in and round Ulster County. Chair Cahill suggested they meet with the new Industrial Development Agency for potential funding opportunities.

**Planning Department** presentation by Director Dennis Doyle (details attached) Director Doyle detailed various project and programs that the Planning Department oversees and manages. Chair Cahill praised the good work the department does the thanked Director Doyle for his ongoing service to the County.

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Resolutions for the October 18, 2022 Legislative Session

**Resolution No. 492 - Urging The United States Congress, New York State Governor And New York State Legislature To Codify Into Law The Right To Food As A Fundamental Human Right**

**Resolution Summary:** This resolution supports an amendment to the NYS Constitution to preserve and guarantee the right to food as a fundamental human right; urges the Legislature to adopt and the Governor to sign measures to improve access to affordable, healthy food for all New Yorkers; urges the New York Congressional Delegation to propose and pass an amendment to the United States Constitution codifying that food is a fundamental human right and encourage the United States become a party to the United Nations International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR); and directs the Clerk of the Legislature to forward this resolution to various elected officials representing Ulster County.

**Motion No. 2:** **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Corcoran  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Criswell

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 493 - Urging New York State Governor And New York State Legislature To Adopt Legislation Guaranteeing Universal Access To Free Meals For Students In Grades K-12**

**Resolution Summary –** This resolution urges the New York State Legislature to adopt and the Governor to sign legislation to address student hunger through guaranteeing universal access to free meals for students in grades K-12.

**Motion No. 3:** **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0

**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 497** - Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Increasing Funding For Capital Project No. 642 – ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements And Job Training Project – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

**Resolution Summary** – This resolution adds \$400,000 to the 2022 Capital Programs Project No. 642 – Homeowner energy improvements ARPA, and makes appropriate adjustments to appropriation and revenue lines.

**Motion No. 4:** **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Corcoran

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 501** - Authorizing The County Of Ulster To Submit An Application And Assurances To The New York State Housing Trust Fund (HTFC) As Part Of NYS Homes And Community Renewal For The Plus One ADU Program In Partnership With The City Of Kingston And RUPCO – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – this resolution authorizes the County Executive or their designee to submit an application and all necessary information to the New York State Office of Community renewal for the Plus One ADU Program and partner with the Cit of Kingston and/or RUPCO as in the application and states that Ulster County will not take any administrative expenses in relation to this funding if awarded.

**Motion No. 5:** **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:** Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:** Legislator Sperry

**Discussion:** None.

**Voting In Favor:** Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry  
**Voting Against:** None  
**Votes in Favor:** 6  
**Votes Against:** 0  
**Disposition:** **Resolution ADOPTED**

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**Resolution No. 502** - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$149,000.00 Entered Into By The County – WSP – Department Of Planning

**Resolution Summary** – This resolution approves a contract with WSP for a Rail Crossing Safety Study of the Kinston Area using a federal funding of \$149,215 with a term for the contract from 11/1/2022 to 10/31//2024

**Motion No. 6:**                    **Moved Resolution No. 492 FOR DISCUSSION**  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Litts

**Discussion:**                    It was noted that the amount in the title and text of the resolution was incorrect and should be \$149,215.

**Motion No. 7:**                    Moved to amend the amount to \$149,215.  
**Motion By:**                    Legislator Criswell  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Corcoran

**Voting In Favor:**                Legislators Cahill, Corcoran, Criswell, Hewitt, Litts and Sperry  
**Voting Against:**                None  
**Votes in Favor:**                6  
**Votes Against:**                0  
**Disposition:**                    **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

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Jarod Buono told the committee he was leaving Cornell Cooperative Extension. His last day will be October 14. He thanked the committee for all their support.

Chairman Cahill asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

### **Adjournment**

**Motion Made By:**                Legislator Litts  
**Motion Seconded By:**        Legislator Corcoran  
**No. of Votes in Favor:**        6  
**No. of Votes Against:**        0  
**Time:**                                7:20

**Respectfully submitted by:** Fawn Tantillo  
**Minutes Approved:**            November 1, 2022