

**Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee
Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: September 1, 2020 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 977 6807 6538
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Brian Cahill
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo, Jay Mahler, Laurie Lichtenstein
PRESENT: Legislators Lynn Archer, James Delaune, Herbert Litts, III and Abe Uchitelle
ABSENT: Thomas Corcoran and Mary Beth Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Deputy County Executive Evelyn Wright; Director Sajaa Ahmed Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT); Alan Macaluso, Director of Information Services; Connor Gillis; Ellen Difalco

Chairman Cahill called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Motion to Approve the Minutes & Transcript of August 4, 2020

Motion Made By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion: None.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes Approved**

Resolutions for the September 15, 2020 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 232 - Calling For Issuance Of Extended Moratorium On Evictions And Rent Relief During State Of Emergency

Resolution Summary: The resolution calls for a temporary moratorium on evictions, and the enforcement thereof, in Ulster County effective until 30 days after the date the declared state of emergency in New York ends.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 232 with sponsors approval
Motion By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: Chairman Cahill explained that Legislator Tracey Bartels, sponsor of the resolution, requested it be postponed. (See attached transcript)

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Postponed with the sponsor's consent.**

Resolution No. 302 - Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Grant Agreements And Documents With The Dormitory Authority Of The State Of New York (DASNY) For The Funding And Construction Of A Rooftop Solar Installation At UCAT And Amending The 2020-2025 Capital Program And Establishing Capital Project 574 -Department Of Environment

Resolution Summary: This resolution will amend the 2020-2025 Capital Program and Capital Project No. 574- UCAT Rooftop Solar Installation for an additional \$100,000.00 and the 2020 Ulster County Capital Fund by the same amount

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Approve Resolution No.302**
Motion By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 306 - Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept and Administer 5307 Funds Transferred from the Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) For Operating Assistance And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements to Accept Funding -Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This resolution supports a grant application to the FTA for Rural Transportation Assistance and authorizes the County Executive or designee to execute any required applications, agreements and/or amendments associated with the grant.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Approve Resolution No. 306**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Uchitelle

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 307 - Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: Adopts a Negative Declaration under SEQRA, adopts the recommendations of the Agricultural Farmland Protection Board as filed with the Clerk of the Legislature totaling 17 parcels and approximately 512 acres and authorizes the submission of these materials to the Commissioner of Agriculture for certification.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Approve Resolution No. 307**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Resolution No. 314 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. – Office Of Economic Development

Resolution Summary: This resolution will approve a contract with Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc. for \$100,000 of Professional Services from 9/1/2020-12/31/2020. (100% County Funds)

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Withdraw Resolution No. 314 with sponsors approval**
Motion By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion: Chairman Cahill explained that the County Executive’s office requested this resolution be withdrawn. He and Legislator Litts, sponsors of the resolution approved. (See attached transcript).

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution Withdrawn with sponsors consent**

Resolution No. 315 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment, LLC – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution will approve an amendment to a contract with National Business Equipment, LLC for \$162,782.91 from 7/1/20 – 6/30/21. (100% County Funds).

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Approve Resolution No. 351**
Motion By: Legislator Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Cahill, Archer, Delaune, Litts, Uchitelle

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution Adopted**

Old Business:

New Business: Chairman Cahill told the committee the UCIDA and the City of Kingston School Board had reached a tentative agreement with the Kingstonian project and a resolution may be forthcoming. (See transcript.)

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 6:28 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo & Laurie Lichtenstein (transcript)

Minutes Approved: October 6, 2020

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Legislator Litts 00:01

I don't know what's going on down here, but I'm having some problems with my internet service too hopefully...

Chairman Cahill 00:07

Oh boy.

Legislator Litts 00:08

I'll be able to be here the whole time.

Chairman Cahill 00:12

Okay, well then we'll call the meeting to order and we'll request that everyone, please stand for the pledge to the flag. Okay.

Committee Members 00:23

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman Cahill 00:36

Thank you very much. Okay. So, I'll accept a minute a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting.

Legislator Archer 00:49

So moved.

Chairman Cahill 00:51

Second?

Legislator Delaune 00:51

Second.

Chairman Cahill 00:52

All in favor?

Committee Members 00:54

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 00:56

Any opposed? Great. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 01:01

And then, we have a list of resolutions. For resolution 232, Legislator Bartels called me a little while ago and requested that we postpone that one more time. She thinks she's leaning towards withdrawing it, but she just wanted another postponement. So, with her permission, I'm going to accept a motion to postpone that resolution.

Legislator Archer 01:25

So moved.

Legislator Litts 01:26

Second.

Chairman Cahill 01:27

All in favor?

Committee Members 01:29

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 01:30

All opposed? Great.

Chairman Cahill 01:33

Okay, so we're now down to Resolution 302, which is authorized and chaired Ulster County legislature to execute a grant agreement and documents with the dormitory authority of the state of New York for the funding and construction of rooftop solar installation at UCAT and amending the 20 to 2025 capital program and establishing a capital project number 574. Through the Department of the Environment.

I accept a motion to move it.

Legislator Archer 02:00

I'll move it.

Legislator Litts 02:02

Second.

Chairman Cahill 02:04

Okay, so is there any discussion on this? I see we have the UCAT director here, if you'd like to discuss this at all.

Sajaa Ahmed 02:13

I'm sure this was kind of a surprise, a good surprise, right before COVID. We were awarded some additional funding through Senator Metzger's Office. And we're working hard with the Department of Environment on our entire electric bus project. And one of the solutions that Amanda and Nick Balls came up with was to... we're a good candidate for solar.

I'm sad because at this point, you know, eight months into the legislative term, I would have liked to invited all of us to UCAT. And maybe that's something we can still do before the end of the year, but up on Golden Hill, it's a good place to put the solar and that will kind of reduce the burden on our... I am totally blanking on the word, we have to upgrade our transformer for electric buses. So, it'll kind of diminish the impact there.

So, we're working with closely with Nick and Amanda. And I know Evelyn oversees their department. So, that's... and it's all state funded. And I'm going to knock on my table here, because it's not on a master agreement yet. So, we're hoping all of that funding still goes through.

Chairman Cahill 03:29

Right now, do you foresee that... I know that we're putting in all new chargers and everything like that. So, this is... do you see this as helping reduce the expenses overall, for the electric buses and that whole, you know, basically, you know, electrifying the fleet kind of deal. Does this... Do you think this will help?

Sajaa Ahmed 03:45

I absolutely think it will help. We, I don't think we have any other resolutions about this, but we just are having our second walkthrough with New York Power Authority at this point. And it's definitely more involved then, I think originally thought, to upgrade these transformers. Our generator will not be able to actually keep the buses charged. So, that's a new challenge. But this will help for sure. Absolutely.

Chairman Cahill 04:16

Great. Thank you very much. Appreciate you taking a few minutes to discuss that. Anyone have any other questions or concerns about this resolution? So, I guess, all in favor?

Committee Members 04:26

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 04:28

Opposed? Great. Thank you very much.

All right, we're going to move on to Resolution 306, which is: Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept and Administer 5307 Funds Transferred from the Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) For Operating Assistance And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements to Accept Funding - Ulster County Area Transit.

That's a lot of words.

Legislator Litts 05:02

So moved.

Chairman Cahill 05:04

Is there a second?

Legislator Uchitelle 05:06

Second.

Legislator Delaune 05:06

Second.

Chairman Cahill 05:07

Okay. Okay. All in favor?

Committee Members 05:09

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 05:10

All right. Okay. We'll go to 307. Then 307 is: Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning.

Oh. Okay. Any questions or comments on that? No? Okay.

I'll accept the vote here. All in favor?

Committee Members 05:38

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 05:39

Opposed? All right, it passes. Okay. And so, as I mentioned before, Deputy Executive Dr. Evelyn Wright requested that we, we withdraw resolution 314. So, I'll accept a motion for that.

Legislator Litts 05:59

Was that a withdrawal or a postpone?

Chairman Cahill 06:03

Doctor Wright? I believe you said withdrawal, correct?

Deputy Executive Wright 06:05

That's right.

Chairman Cahill 06:06

Yeah. So, it'd be a withdraw here.

Legislator Litts 06:08

I'll make a motion that we withdraw.

Legislator Archer

Second.

Chairman Cahill 06:11

Okay. All in favor?

Committee Members 06:14

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 06:14

Opposed? Great. So, then this is a record here. Resolution 315: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – National Business Equipment, LLC – Information Services.

So, I think we probably, I'll accept a motion for discussion on this.

Legislator Archer 06:42

I'll move it.

Chairman Cahill 06:43

Second?

Legislator Litts 06:43

Second. (raised hand)

Chairman Cahill 06:44

Okay. So, I have a question. So what is this for?

Alan Macaluso 06:47

Okay, so this is, this is a... just to kind of give you a little backstory. So, our National... This is our multifunction printer vendor, National Printing. Their contract, the final amendment of the contract is up, was up... comes up in September.

The objective, in pre-COVID-19, what would have happened would be that we would then go out to bid. We would have been tracking this months ago and started a bid process, and looking at vendors, and executing a new contract for multifunction printers, etc. But because of COVID-19, everything that was sort of the fallout from that, that whole process of being able to kind of, you know, evaluate our resources, evaluate our needs, get the RFPs built, etc., we're just extremely challenging.

But also, as a side, positive side, a side note, you know, in our analysis using Papercut, which is one of the tracking and reporting capabilities that we have for our multifunction printer, we discovered, that as a result of COVID-19 and remote work workforce, our print volume has gone down approximately 30%.

Chairman Cahill 08:12

Oh, that's awesome, I think it would be more.

Alan Macaluso 08:15

I mean, that's, that's a global, right? Yeah. But it's approximately 30% as we go track from, you know, the same period of March to I think we did our calculations in July. So, approximately between that period of time was about a 30% reduction.

So, what we did is we worked with National... I'm sorry, we worked with Ed Jordan purchasing, to see if I had to work with National to see if we could extend the contract. Or put another way, to renew the contract starting from, I think it was June 2020 until June of 2021, giving us time to a). note reduce our costs of approximately \$9,000 a month. Starting in June, all the way through until June of next year.

So, again, but extend the contract for one year starting in June, with a savings of about \$10,000 or \$9,000 change, a month. And that would give us... our goal here is to give us some time to a). sort of start the whole RFP process. To do a more deeper dive into the analysis, analytics of our print needs. And how many

devices we need any other options that we might pivot from instead of printing and digital signatures and other things.

So, it gives us some time to kind of look at those options. And again, and also there's a heavy lift of getting new vendors into kind of assess this our environment. And then if we do go with a new vendor and ripping out new hardware, instead of that was just too much for us to take on at this point time.

So, again, with purchasing and vendor, we had our contract extended starting in June of this year to June of next year with a savings of \$10K, roughly \$10K a month, \$9K and change a month.

Chairman Cahill 10:10

So, Alan real quickly. So, with the number of employees that were working from home, and I think some still continue to work from home for the county, is that correct? That is correct?

Alan Macaluso 10:19

Yeah.

Chairman Cahill 10:19

So, have you guys had an increase in your expenses and your costs due to that? I mean, I know my family members that worked at the college, and they actually sent a printer home for them, you know, to use at home and things like that, right. So, I'm wondering, are you guys doing anything like that for the county employees in particular

Alan Macaluso 10:38

For multifunction printing?

Chairman Cahill 10:40

No, just basically printing.

Alan Macaluso 10:42

Printing. So the... No, you know, there are one offs here and there. But mostly, you know, people need to print. And, you know, what we've come to, our conclusion is that people have been sort of printing just habitually, without actually needing to print.

Chairman Cahill 11:02

Right.

Alan Macaluso 11:02

So, that when they need to print, you know, they coordinate with someone back at a you know, in the home base, using printing, etc. But with other things with digital signatures, and using PDFs to sign documents,

where we've kind of landed on that, that's really helped to alleviate the print costs. And also, in many cases, really sort of short circuit the whole process so that we can get these things through more quickly.

Chairman Cahill 11:28

Yeah, I think it changes the mindset of the folks working, as well, you know, that you don't have to print everything, right?

Alan Macaluso 11:34

You don't have to print everything. So, again, that part of this next six or eight months, between now next June, you'll give us an opportunity, hopefully, where we can really assess the longer term, longer view of our printing and, and print needs. And find out which of our users and which departments, and post-COVID-19, are heavy users. We could shuffle some things around, decommission some old devices. And then we get a better sense when we go out for our RFP in June or, or before that, of what our actual needs are.

Chairman Cahill 12:13

Right. Gotcha.

Alan Macaluso 12:14

All hopefully, again, is to continue down the path of significant monthly savings, as we... you know, besides is the savings of the of the contract costs for printing. You know, we've also estimated, with the help of the Department of Environment, Amanda, that we can save approximately \$25,000 in paper costs.

Chairman Cahill 12:36

No, yeah, there's nothing wrong with either one of those thing, right? That's great news.

Alan Macaluso 12:39

So, it was again, we got to keep again, but as we continue to evaluate our paper cost reporting and other sort of metrics, now it's looking good. And again, I think part of it is just kind of know people are adopting new work habits, print habits, using digital signature options that, you know, previously, we would just print reams of paper and sign it, go back forth, and have multiple copies of it. It's seems to have really shifted significantly, starting with COVID-19.

Chairman Cahill 13:12

Great. Thank you very much.

Alan Macaluso 13:14

Oddly enough, an opportunity to kind of expose yourself when we want to try and continue to take advantage of.

Chairman Cahill 13:19

Right. Thank you very much. Anyone have any other questions or comments on that resolution? Okay, call the vote. All in favor?

Committee Members 13:30

Aye.

Chairman Cahill 13:32

Anyone opposed? Okay, thank you.

So, is there any old business that anyone like to discuss tonight? Go ahead, Lynn.

Legislator Archer 13:41

Oh, yeah. Could you just share what you are envisioning... you pulled the... you see the transfer of the money? Could you just share what you see as next steps so that we have a sense of how we're going to you know, be looking at this going forward?

Deputy Executive Wright 13:56

Sure. Legislator Cahill and I talked about this last night. It seems like there was... there's more, I don't know if confusion is the right word, but uncertainty and differences of view among folks about what the role is of you, UCIDA, vis-à-vis, some of our other economic development tools. And this is something that that we've been having a lot of internal discussions about.

As we're starting to wrap up the 2040 process, one of the things we're really looking at as a cross cutting strategy is really streamlining and realigning our economic development toolbox. So, getting much more clear about what the role of each organization is. As well as how they work together. So, much more broad than just the department and UCIDA, but the relationship with our Office of Employment and Training and how we serve our businesses' workforce needs. How we work with the IDA so that incoming businesses, especially who don't know Ulster County, don't feel like they're bouncing around between multiple different agencies and don't understand why they have to talk to lots of different people.

We've had some long conversations with Ron Hicks and others about the Think Dutchess approach. And while I don't think that what we'll look towards is something that's exactly like that, we'd like to get closer to that sense that all of our economic development and business support-related organizations are rowing in the same direction. And that the experience of a business approaching Ulster County about economic development, or whatever their business support needs are, that wherever they come into the process, they get a seamless experience from there.

And so, it just seemed like it would be better to have that big picture conversation, rather than to have this small discussion about where this contract fits into the whole thing and... You know, yeah, I think that's the best way to think about it. And then, you know, how that fits into the conversations that we're having about

Tech City. Which is going to be a big economic development effort for us going forward. So, we're kind of ironing out thinking about that as we are wrapping up the 2040 process, and we'd like to have a conversation with you, you know, probably sometime in September about what we're thinking on that.

Legislator Archer 16:31

Great. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 16:31

Thank you, Dr. Wright. All right. Anyone else have any old business that they want to discuss?

So, I have some new business and I think Legislator Archer is aware of this. So, the Kingstonian has come to a I guess what a possible agreement with the IDA as far as the PILOT [Payment In Le, and you don't know about this. Okay. Well, then you're hearing huge news. Listen, I just I just got the email a little while ago, 5-10 minutes ago.

So, the Kingstonian has come to, I guess a tentative agreement, on the PILOT with the IDA. And they also believe that they have agreement from the City of Kingston School Board. And we know that the City of Kingston already agreed to it. So, they wanted to propose putting it in the resolution for the pilot in in tonight's meeting for us, and I said, no. We just don't have enough time to look at it, review it, see what the details are. So, through discussions, I believe with the Chairman, they have agreed to wait till the Ways and Means Committee, and put it in there.

And that will be something that we'll be seeing in our next meeting. We may actually call a special meeting, before session, to take a look at this, and evaluate the PILOT, as a committee. And then make our recommendation to the legislature from our committee. But I believe it's going to go two Ways and Means first. And then we'll get it. It has to go through both committees, anyway. And then we'll be able to take a look at it at that point.

So, that would be, I'm thinking that will, you know, it will be a meeting sometime between now, probably in about a week, or you know, within a week or so after, right? Because when is our session, the 15th, right? Is that correct? So, it will be sometime, like, I'm going to guess, I'm just going to take a quick look at a calendar here. So, pardon me. Yeah, so I'm going to guess it's probably going to be somewhere around the 10th. The 10th. Maybe the ninth or 10th? Probably the 10th. If we can do that, in the evening. Yeah, go ahead Abe.

Legislator Uchitelle 18:39

There, so, and forgive me for my freshman naivete. But... so, this comes before us as a resolution?

Chairman Cahill 18:48

Yes.

Legislator Uchitelle 18:50

The resolution deadline was two weeks ago.

Chairman Cahill 18:54

So, it'd be a late resolution.

Legislator Uchitelle 18:57

On what grounds?

Chairman Cahill 19:00

So, I'm with you. And that's one of the reasons why I, you know, was not really thrilled about them trying to give it to this committee tonight, you know. I'm going let the Clerk of the Legislature handle that part of the rules of the Legislature, as far as submitting the resolution. I don't know the actual details, Abe, honestly, as to whether it's, quote unquote, legal, or by the rules of our legislature. But if it's not, we're not going to do it. It's that simple. You know, really.

Legislator Uchitelle 19:30

I just... I like, there... This is my district. And I have constituents that are very concerned about this. I have constituents that are ardent supporters of it. And I... it's incredibly important that this process, regardless of what, you know, I mean, it's obviously important that we make a good decision as a committee and as a legislature, but the process cannot be rushed.

Chairman Cahill 19:47

I agree.

Legislator Uchitelle 20:02

So, I'm... it all... it... as someone who is personally trying to be very open minded about something that tingles my "Spidey-sense," in the first place, I am uncomfortable that they're setting off in this footing. And if they watch this recording, and are listening to me right now, some later point this week, I encourage you to rethink the urgency.

Chairman Cahill 20:32

Yeah. Yeah, I agree. And, you know, when I spoke to the representative today, I explained to him that I felt like, you know, if we try and push this through, I can promise you that it will be postponed in our committee. It will be pushed back for another month. Because there's no way that people are going to be comfortable looking at this resolution this late in the game and expect us to make a decision on one of the most important votes that we're going to make as a committee all year. Right?

So, I agree with you Abe, a 100 percent, you know, and I've voiced my opinion about it to them. And so, we'll see where it goes. I don't really know. I think that the Chairman has been in discussion with him a lot more than I have, you know. They communicate with me when it involves this committee, but they don't

communicate with me every day about, you know, the ins-and-outs of it. And I think that the Chairman may have had a little bit more conversations with them about it than I have.

Legislator Archer.

Legislator Archer 21:23

Yeah, I just want to voice my concern as well. It's a complicated issue. The IDA has been looking at it. I didn't even think they met, unless they had a special meeting, to approve this. Because I think their meeting comes up next... I know it wasn't at the last month's meeting. So, unless they had a special meeting, which somehow I missed. I didn't know that they approved it. I know...

Chairman Cahill 21:50

I don't think they approved it. I think they have a tentative agreement. You know what I mean? And I don't know how they reached it. Honestly, I don't know how that happened. I don't know.

Legislator Archer 21:57

Okay. All right.

Chairman Cahill 21:58

But I think that we all know that the people in this project have tried to grab a few people at a time, and talk to them, you know, out of out of the public eye, right? Quite frankly, right? And so, who knows how that happened. But I suspect, very similarly to the way that they're presenting the finances to the legislature, right?

Legislator Archer 22:17

Well, we and we haven't seen it. So, as far as I'm concerned, to rush something when we haven't had a really good chance to sit down and look at the performa for that business, and what the tentative agreement is, what does it entail. And we're going to try and rush a vote on this? I strongly feel that this is... this month, it should not be on our agenda.

Chairman Cahill 22:41

Right. So, you know, so, I will have to wait and see what happens, if and when, the resolution is proposed. And then if the Chairman requests that we hold the meeting, I'm going to hold the meeting. I just want to give everybody a heads up on that. And then as a committee, we can decide what we want to do. And by the way, we're short, a couple people here tonight. So I'm very, very grateful that it wasn't here for that reason too. You know, we, you know, unfortunately, you know, Herb, a couple folks from your side couldn't make it tonight. And I really, you know, want to make sure that everybody weighs in.

And this is an important decision we're going to make. And I'm right with you guys. I mean, look, I'll tell you, I'm in favor of it. I think it's a great idea. And I think that, you know, as far as economic development goes, I've said this before, and I say it again, if you don't have housing that will draw people that make a

decent income, you're not going to draw companies that pay a decent income, right? So, you need that aspect of housing to go along with the other parts of the housing shortages that we have.

So, I am in favor of the project, in concept. When we start talking about the nuts and bolts and how it affects the taxpayers in the community, that's a whole different thing. And, you know, we'll see how that goes.

So, like I said, so, we may end up calling a special meeting. Not quite sure about that yet. We'll have to see how it plays out. I think, Lynn, that the intention is to bring it to your committee. And then from there, depending on how it goes, we'll probably, you know, either yes or no. If it doesn't pass your committee, then I'm not going to hold a special meeting to have another vote that will then, do what? What will it do? I don't know. Right?

Legislator Archer 24:16

Got it. Got it.

Chairman Cahill 24:16

So, that's where we stand. Okay.

Anyway, yep. Anybody have any other questions about that? Go ahead, Herb.

Legislator Archer 24:19

Thank you.

Fawn Tantillo 24:25

Mr. Chairman, just one moment. Can I find out who the caller is it 3317497?

Ellen DiFalco 24:32

Yeah.

Fawn Tantillo 24:34

Can I get your name?

Ellen DiFalco 24:35

Ellen DiFalco.

Fawn Tantillo 24:36

Thank you, Ellen.

Ellen DiFalco 24:38

Yeah, you're welcome.

Chairman Cahill 24:41

Yeah, so, go ahead, Herb.

Legislator Litts 24:44

Anyway, I was just going to say, this all music to my ears. I wish I had a nickel for every time I stood up and said, "Why are we rushing these things?" And it's not only just this vote, it's been over dozens, dozens of issues. And this Legislature, for some reason, just wants to rush every decision, when really it doesn't have to. It really doesn't have to. Because there's no reason why we have to go back and redo it. Or, or... you know, call back resolutions to change them so we can have them right. We should do it right the first time.

Chairman Cahill 25:25

Yeah.

Legislator Litts 25:25

Anyway, get off my soapbox. Thank you.

Chairman Cahill 25:28

Thank you, Legislator Litts. Anyone that's having comments or questions? All right. Well, thank you guys very much. I appreciate it. And I will let you know as soon as... I'm going to, obviously tune into Legislator Archers meeting and see how that plays out there. And then again, I mean, I'll send an email at the moment we, you know, if we decide that we're going to have a meeting, I'll send the email out immediately. Okay.

Okay, I'll accept the motion for adjournment.

Legislator Litts 25:56

So, so moved.

Legislator Archer 25:57

Second.

Chairman Cahill 25:58

All right. Well, thank you guys very much. I appreciate your participation. Thank you.

Legislator Litts 26:02

Take care. Have a great night.