Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 2, 2019 – 6:00 PM LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator Brian Woltman

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LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee

PRESENT: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

ABSENT: Rodriguez

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning, Kathy Nolan, Legislator, Ilona Ross, resident, Jose M. Deleon, Director of Information Services, Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, Lisa Berger, Director of Employment & Training, Rick Jones, IDA, Randall Leverette, IDA, Steve Rice, Trails Advisory Committee, Carol Hargrove, Director of UCAT, Sajaa Ahmed, Deputy Director of UCAT, David Donaldson, Legislator

Legislator Woltman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Steve Rice – Presentation for the Ulster County Trails Advisory Committee Annual Report Yearly Report

Steve Rice stated 25 miles of rail trail this year and 15 miles more that will be rolled out this year. Steve Rice mentioned the reason for the success of these projects is the government communication.

Volunteer organizations like Mohonk Preserve, Open Space Institute and Butler Conservation Institute have also contributed to the growth. Discussion ensued.

DOT officials estimate part of the Empire State Trail will be done by the end of May. The tails will need to be connected in a safe way and implement a wayfinding system. Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of March 5, 2019

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

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the April 16, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 141: 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 Summary: This resolution approves a contract with United Way of Ulster in the amount of \$295,395.00 for summer youth employment payroll services.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 141

Motion By: Legislator Archer Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Lisa Berger stated the contract with United Way is a summer youth employment program. Typically, 145-150 young people are employed for five weeks in the summer. The age range is 14 to 20-year old's. Most are employed in Kingston due transportation needs. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 142: 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 Summary: This resolution approves a contract with United Way of Ulster County Inc. in the amount of \$85,500.00 for year-round youth employment payroll services.

Motion No. 3: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 142

Motion By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion:

Lisa Berger stated this contract is also for United Way and serves the youth for year-round employment. Ages are 16 to 24 and under the Federal Law the Office of Employment Training must spend 20% of allocated funds directly on a work experience for young people.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 137: Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of Rosendale

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints John Ivankovic to the Ulster County Planning Board – Town of Rosendale.

Motion No. 4: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 137

Motion By: Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

No Discussion

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 138: Authorizing The Chair 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 2019 - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute an agreement in order to accept the New York State Share for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Mass Transportation Capital Projects.

Motion No. 5: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 138

Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Sajaa Ahmed stated the resolution covers the State's share of Federal Transportation Administration grants. The State share covers recent bus purchases. The capital on this agreement is no expense to the County.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 139: Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The City Of Kingston To Provide Expanded Transit Service In The City In Response To The Dissolution Of CitiBus And Elimination Of Transit Service By The City – Department of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Legislature to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or requests from the FTA, NYSDOT, or the City of Kingston to effectuate the dissolution of the transit service and the initiation of expanded service.

Motion No. 6:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 139

Motion By:

Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Dennis Doyle stated this resolution also includes a signature of a MOA that will allow for expansion of service. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against:

None

Votes in Favor:

6

Votes Against:

0

Disposition:

Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 140: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – West Publishing Corporation – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the contract with West Publishing Corporation in the amount of \$209,634.68 for On-line subscription to West Complete Library and Westlaw Pro.

Motion No. 7:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 140

Motion By:

Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion:

Joe DeLeon stated this resolution supports West Publishing for specific departments in the county. The contract is for three years. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against:

None

Votes in Favor:

6

Votes Against:

0

Disposition:

Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 143: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Dell Marketing, L.P. – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves a contract with Dell Marketing, L.P. in the amount of \$1,112,291.79 for Microsoft Office 365 suite subscription – Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, etc.

Motion No. 8:

Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 143

Motion By:

Legislator Maloney (James)

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Joe DeLeon stated this contract covers all services from email to office suite licensing. Covers everything that is Window related for three years.

Chairman Woltman requested that Joe Deleon send to the committee the IT Policy once completed. Discussion ensued.

Joe Deleon estimates having the policy completed by the next committee meeting.

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against:

None

Votes in Favor:

6

Votes Against:

0

Disposition:

Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 144: Requesting That The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Provide Additional Notice Of Public Hearings To Improve Transparency, Accountability And Ensure The Public Trust

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests the IDA send out additional notices to various school boards as well as the Clerk of the Legislature.

Motion No. 9:

Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 144

Motion By:

Legislator Archer

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Maloney (James)

Discussion:

Kathy Nolan stated the resolution is a memorializing resolution and concerns have been raised on how the IDA functions. This resolution states that Legislators and school boards will receive notices when a project is coming before the IDA board. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Joe Maloney has prepared a list of recommendations that he would like to discuss regarding the IDA.

Randall Leverette stated he has reviewed the resolution and the IDA provides notice to all parties. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Nolan inquired if there was a codified policy and believes the state law requires general notices and notice to municipalities. Discussion ensued.

Randall stated the notices are sent out certified mail, under state statue and under open meetings law the meetings are noticed. It is state law. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Jones suggested implementing a list of who shall be notified into the By-Laws as a best practice.

Lynn Archer would like to know if it is codified in the IDA laws or does it need to be codified Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor:

Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against:

None

Votes in Favor:

6

Votes Against: Disposition: 0 Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 145: Requesting That The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) Post Audio Or Video Recordings Of All Open Meetings And Public Hearings On The IDA's Website To Improve Transparency, Accountability And Ensure The Public Trust

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests that all IDA meetings post audio or video recordings of the meetings and public hearings.

Motion No. 10:

Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 145

Motion By:

Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By:

Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Randall Leverette stated the IDA approached the idea of recording the IDA meetings back in the Fall and the Committee decided against it due to the press already present in the room during the meeting. Mr. Leverette also discussed with the website developer creating a media section and creating the ability to subscribe to emails regarding the IDA and accessing an RSS feed. Mr. Leverette would like a quality recording that would be cost effective and prefers audio verses video.

Legislator Nolan stated for the record her request with this resolution is to have a policy in place and recordings available. Legislator Nolan stated all recordings from other committee meetings are available within a short time of the meetings being held.

Legislator Joseph Maloney stated he had suggestions/changes to the IDA Board he would like to discuss but feels the current IDA board is very transparent. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Woltman asked Mr. Leverette if recordings were implemented how long would the process take and Mr. Leverette stated there are many logistics that would need to be worked out. In addition, there is an RFP still out regarding the staff for the IDA. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 146: Establishing A Policy For The Appointment of Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests that a policy is established for diverse groups to be appointed to the IDA Board.

Motion No. 10: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 146

Motion By: Legislator Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Woltman

Discussion:

Legislator Nolan stated this resolution recommends the legislature review the representation on the IDA Board and in addition, not appoint legislators to the IDA board. The appointments should have representatives of local govt, school boards, local businesses and organized labor on the IDA. This resolution is not a memorializing resolution and feels it is best practice. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Joseph Maloney likes the idea and feels it is worth having a discussion. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Kathy Nolan objected to the postponement for the record. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joe),

& Woltman

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Postponed

New Business:

Legislator Joseph Maloney researched various IDA Boards and suggested implementing some new procedures. Some of those procedures include reviewing the current projects and annually monitoring items such as job postings, construction workers and any additional data listed. Possible revision the UTEP, new procedures for the PARIS reporting, developing a pre-screen process, background checks and adding an additional attorney. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Woltman mentioned Suzanne Holt will be presenting at the May meeting.

There being no further business, Legislator Maloney (Jim) motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Archer.

<u>Time:</u> 7:19 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee Minutes Approved: May 7, 2019

