

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 4, 2017 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Rodriguez & Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Director of Planning Dennis Doyle, Chris White Deputy Director of Planning, Deputy County Executive Ken Crannell, Legislator Chris Allen & Ilona Ross, Ulster County Resident

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: Moved to Approve the Minutes of March 8, 2017 As Amended

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Minutes Approved

Resolutions for the April 18, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 146: Establishing A Baseline For Reporting And Future Funding For Economic Development In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes that reporting criteria would be valuable in determining future Economic Development funding levels.

Motion No. 2: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 146 for 1 month
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Chairman Maloney mentioned to Legislator Rodriguez he was aware they had not sat down to discuss a resolution from the previous Economic Development meeting and a resolution has come forward this month regarding economic funding. Chairman Maloney stated a request was sent out three times to the Economic Development Committee asking for feedback on changes to the original list. Legislator Maloney continued to say he would like to sit down with Legislator Rodriguez to develop something and he would like to postpone this resolution for now.

Legislator Rodriguez stated he is willing to postpone the resolution and the current economic indicators list was provided by the executive’s office.

Legislator Maloney stated he would like to put forth additions and possible trimmings. Legislator Maloney asked if there was motion to postpone the resolution.

Discussion ensued.

Legislator Maloney stated he and Legislator Rodriguez will set up a meeting and Legislator Rodriguez can invite anyone from the committee to attend.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 156: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – VHB Engineering – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with VHB Engineering in the amount of \$63,338.00 to develop and perform road safety assessments.

Motion No. 3:	Resolution No. 156 moved for discussion
Motion By:	Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By:	Legislator Ronk

Discussion:

Dennis Doyle stated this contract is from the Ulster County Transportation council. It is a PIL Study- Priority Incident Location – which is a study of high accident locations. Ellenville, Saugerties and Town of Woodstock are the three that have been chosen and it is 100% federally funded.

Legislator Ronk asked if the locations had to be county routes and Dennis stated not necessarily and the current locations were all state roads.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 163: Reappointing Member And Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Town Of New Paltz

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the re-appointment of Michael Calimano and appointment of Amanda Gotto as alternate member to the Ulster County Planning Board.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 163 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Delaune
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:
None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 8
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 164: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into A Non- Exclusive Easement And Right Of Way Relocation Agreement With Kingston NY Retail LLC Relocating Access To Property Owned By Ulster County Along Washington Avenue In The Town Of Ulster For The Purpose Of Allowing The Project Known As Kingston Commons To Be Constructed - Department of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a non-exclusive easement to relocate the existing easement and place fill on portions of the County Lands, Kingston NY Retail LLC.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 164 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney stated two additional documents had arrived earlier in the afternoon from Michael Moriello. There is a 60 foot access easement and drainage from Washington Avenue to the Esopus Creek and the county needs to repair the stream bank. In addition, the county trucks will have the ability to dump snow behind the plaza and there will be access to a four way light.

Dennis stated some debris needs to be removed in the area and landscaping will be created for tourism. There will be gas, electric and sewer hook-ups and in addition all the fill brought in will be clean.

Discussion ensued with Legislator Berky and Dennis Doyle.

Legislator Berky also asked Dennis about the floodplain. Dennis stated they have met the flood requirements.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 165: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Agreement With The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation For The Ashokan Rail Trail Project – Planning Department

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman of the Legislature to execute a grant contract with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funding for the Ashokan Rail Trail project.

Motion No. 6: **Resolution No. 165 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Chris White stated this is similar to the Butternut Cove resolution and he has started to generate grants that will be needed later in the year. This is the 2.3 million dollars that was allocated in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 budget. Another million is pending but the full budget has not passed yet. This resolution is just executing the agreement and they will be coming back for approval.

Legislator Berky asked if there were plans for the CFA grants in the next round. Chris stated depending on what FEMA gives to the trust.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Chris White what is the basic funding for this project. Chris stated the county has been awarded 5.6 million in grant money and currently waiting on a 8.1 million dollar budget. There is also a grant pending for the Boiceville Tressle which would put the funding close to 2 million dollars which would fund 95% of the project.

Discussion ensued with Legislator Rodriguez and Chris White.

Legislator Litts stated the legislators will have to vote on removing the tracks. The county had hired a rail banking attorney and the legislators have requested information several times from the U&D corridor study and have not heard feedback.

Legislator Litts confirmed with Ken Crannel that his concern is to make sure the county's permanent railroad easement is preserved and stated in writing. Legislator Litts also mentioned he has requested information before and has not received it.

Mr. Crannel confirmed the area that is currently being talked about is Ashokan Trail for this particular project. Ken Crannel stated everyone is on the same page about preserving the county's right to U&D corridor.

Discussion ensued with Legislator Litts and Ken Crannel.

Chris White stated the county attorney will relay the status of things months before the planning department authorizes the project.

Voting In Favor:	Legislators Berky, Delaune, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against:	None
Votes in Favor:	8
Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Resolution Adopted

New Business:

Chris White spoke about a late resolution regarding repairment of three track segments in the area of route 28A and 23.3. Previously the area between Boiceville and Phonica was delineated for future rail and tourism operations. There is a large area north of Route 28A that was washed out in 2011 and FEMA awarded \$184,000. The grant is reimbursable but the county must complete the work first. Bids will open on Friday.

Legislator Maio asked Chris if the grants will cover the cost and he responded that the 23.3 will be much higher then what was estimated but FEMA may raise the amount.

Old Business:

Resolution No. 170 - Re-Authorizing the Update of the County-Wide Economic Development Strategy Ulster Tomorrow

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests the County Executive to update Ulster Tomorrow by reconvening the stakeholders in Ulster County, requests to be a collaborative partner in this process, in recognizing the need for public input and professional expertise, requests the Executive to engage in a collaborative process with the public/stakeholders to update the document and to utilize professional facilitation to achieve this, and requests the Executive to conduct public information sessions and seek comments as needed or requested by individual municipalities and report back to the Legislature, on

the conduct of those sessions and any comments received.

Motion No. 7: Resolution No. 170 of 2016 moved for discussion
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez inquired about setting up another meeting. Legislator Maloney stated this resolution has been on the agenda for several months and he wanted it removed and suggests they come to a global solution when they meet for Resolution 146.

Legislator Rodriguez would like to keep it on the agenda.

Motion No. 8: Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 170 of 2016 for 1 month
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: Motion Defeated

Motion No. 9: Resolution No. 170 of 2016 motion to approve
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney stated that conversations took place with the office of business services through the Executives office at the last meeting.

Legislator Rodriguez stated some of the meetings were productive and some were not.

Legislator Berky stated the purpose of Ulster Tomorrow was to engage the community in participating and following in the goals and measures that were in the plan. Things changed once it was adopted.

Discussion ensued regarding reaffirming the Ulster Tomorrow strategy.

Legislator Maloney stated to Legislator Rodriguez when we sit down for Resolution 146 you can re-introduce this resolution.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: Resolution Defeated

Resolution No. 326: Establishing A Policy For Ulster County Bus Advertising

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes that only public service announcements be advertised on Ulster County buses. Such as non-commercial, non-political advertising and promoting social services and public benefit programs.

Motion No. 10: **Resolution No. 326 of 2016 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Legislator Maloney stated this resolution has been on the agenda for approximately 10 months. There are 21 buses through the county 15 buses have no advertising on them. County bus advertisements include Health Alliance, Planned Parenthood and SUNY Ulster. Basch and Keegan and bail bondsman are on the city buses.

Legislator Berky stated that data was requested and what should the process be if information is not received. Ken Crannel stated data was provided.

Discussion ensued between Legislator Berky and Ken Crannel.

Ken Crannel stated under the federal rules there are specific requirements how revenue is used and currently it is being used to purchase spare parts for the buses.

Legislator Rodriguez mentioned part of the intent of the resolution was to find out if the revenue from other sources such as billboards outweighed the revenue from the buses.

Motion No. 11: **Resolution No. 326 of 2016 motion to approve**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Delaune & Rodriguez
Voting Against: Legislators Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 5
Disposition: Resolution Defeated

There being no further business, Legislator Litts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Ronk.

Time: 6:42 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: May 2, 2017