

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2020

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA A. FABELLA, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: 6:35 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Clerk Fabella.

NATIONAL ANTHEM: PREFORMED BY COURTNEY SHEELEY

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Meeting.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded when speaking to use your microphones so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: **Present:** 23 **Absent:** 0

SWEARING IN OF LEGISLATORS

BY THE

HON. JAMES P. GILPATRIC, NEW YORK STATE SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

**NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIR OF THE
ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Clerk Victoria A. Fabella called upon Legislator Archer for the purpose of nominating a Temporary Chair.

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Delaune to nominate Majority Leader Heppner as Temporary Chair.

Clerk Fabella then asked if there were any other nominations. Motion to close nominations by Minority Leader Ronk, seconded by Legislator Archer.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Temporary Chair Heppner called upon Legislator Bartels for the purpose of making a nomination of Chair.

Legislator Bartels motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle to nominate Legislator David Donaldson as Chair.

Temporary Chair Heppner then asked if there were any other nominations. Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to nominate Legislator Heidi Haynes as Chair.

Temporary Chair Heppner then asked if there were any other nominations. Motion to close nominations by Minority Leader Ronk, seconded by Legislator Fabiano. Clerk Fabella called the long roll.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

Legislator Donaldson - 13
(Legislators Archer, Bartels, Cahill, Criswell,
Delaune, Donaldson, Gavaris, Greene, Heppner,
Parete, Petit, Uchitelle, Walter)

Legislator Haynes - 10
(Legislators Bruno, Corcoran, Fabiano,
Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Maio, Roberts,
Ronk, Wawro)

Clerk Fabella announced that Legislator David B. Donaldson was elected as the 2020 Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature.

CHAIR'S ACCEPTANCE

Chairman Donaldson thanked everyone for their confidence and support and commented that the county has a number of challenges to face going forward including a housing crisis and the ongoing opioid epidemic.

THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATION IS ON FILE:

Majority Leader – Jonathan R. Heppner, District No. 23

OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES OF THE OFFICIAL CANVAS

- (R) – Southern Ulster Times**
- (D) – Daily Freeman**

PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND VARIOUS NOTICES

- (R) – Shawangunk Journal**
- (D) – Ulster Publishing**

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Mary Beth Maio, January 15th
Legislator Dean Fabiano, January 24th
Legislator Laura Petit, January 28th

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairwoman, Tracey Bartels

UC Democratic Legislature

UC Republican Legislature

UC Legislator's Maio & Haynes
City of Kingston Planning Dept., Dir. Suzanne Cahill

UC Planning Board

UC Finance Department, Burt Gulnick, Jr.

State of New York, Dept. of State

UC Clerk, Nina Postupack

UC Personnel Department

UC Community Services Board

Central Hudson, A Fortis Company
Michael Davis, Town of Ulster Resident
Galo Vasquez, New Paltz Resident

Appointment, UC Criminal Justice Reform Task Force, Rita Worthington Certification/Designation Majority Leader for 2020, Jonathan R. Heppner Designation of Daily Freeman as Official Publication for 2020 Election Notices Designation of Ulster Publishing as Official Publication for 2020 Local Laws, Notices Designation of Southern Ulster Times as Official Publication for 2020 Election Notices Designation of Shawangunk Journal as Official Publication for 2020 Local Laws, Notices Press Release, Take The L.E.A.D. Kingstonian Development Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance Recommendations Kingstonian 9/4/19 Agenda 1/8/2020, Minutes 12/4/2019 UC IDA PILOT Project Payments Update Receipt of Local Law 7 of 2019, 11/12/19 Order of Succession District Attorney Office Filed 12/18/2019 Civil Service Examination Announcements Appointments for 2020 Minutes, 10/7/2019 & 11/18/2019 December 2019 Publication Email, Technology Procurement Costs Email, PLL 13 of 2019 Resolution #452

COMMUNICATIONS (continued)

Trails Advisory Committee
Hodgson Russ Attorney's LLP

Town of Ulster, Clerk Suzanne Reavy
Board

Town of Gardiner, Clerk Marybeth Majestic
UC Tourism Department
Elizabeth S. Manion Family
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson
Stephen Shafer, Columbia.edu

Attendance Sheet 12/16/2019
UCIDA Inness NY LLC Project
UCIDA Ham III Realty, LLC Project
Resolution, Apptmts. UC Planning
Frank Almquist and Dan Furman
Tillson Lake Resolution No. 74-2018
Trending, January & February 2020
Thank You Note
County Litigation, December 2019
Article, Economics Favor All-Renewable

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, Year in Review
Press Release, Tech City Electric Usage
Press Release, UC Food Waste Act
Appointment Comm. Human Rights
Tyrone Wilson, Effective 1/6/2020
UC Corp. Compliance Mtg. Minutes
10/30/19
Budgetary Transfers, December 2019
2020 State of the County Address 1/30

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Chairman David Donaldson designated Majority Leader Heppner to Chair the Committee of the Whole.

Committee Chair Heppner called the Committee of the Whole to Order.

MOTION NO. 1 Resolved to consider - Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 as a Block

Motion Made By: Minority Leader Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Manna Jo Greene

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 1: Adoption Of The Rules Of Order
Resolution No. 2: Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County
Legislature
Resolution No. 4: Designation of Official Newspaper
Resolution No. 5: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To
\$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster,
New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues
Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes
During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County
Resolution No.6: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To
\$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New
York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2017 Real
Property Taxes Based On 2019 Real Property Tax Assessments For The
Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: 23
Voting Against: 0
Absent: 0

Disposition: Carried, Resolutions Blocked

Committee Chair Heppner called the question on the blocked Resolutions.

Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: 23
Voting Against: 0
Absent: 0

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 Adopted

Resolution No. 3: Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2020

MOTION NO. 2 Motion to Amend Resolution No. 3 to create a new standing committee to set policy and develop a plan for all aspects of affordable housing and public transportation

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Parete

Discussion:

Legislator Ronk stated that while he appreciated and agreed with the importance of addressing housing in the county, he felt creating a special committee or task force to focus on the matter would be more appropriate than creating a new standing committee. Legislators Uchitelle and Greene concurred with Legislator Ronk.

Committee Chair Heppner called the question on the amendment.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: 2 (Legislators Parete and Petit)
Voting Against: 21
Absent: 0

Disposition: Amendment Defeated

Committee Chair Heppner called the question on the Resolution as written

Discussion: None
Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: 23
Voting Against: 0
Absent: 0

Disposition: Resolution No. 3 Adopted

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Fabiano

No. of Votes in Favor: 23
No. of Votes Against: 0

RESOLUTION NOS: 1 - 6

1 Adoption Of The Rules Of Order

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

2 Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

3 Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2020

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

4 Designation Of Official Newspapers

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

5 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

6 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2020 Real Property Taxes Based On 2019 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

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MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Wawro.

Douglas A. Goodemote, Rhinebeck, NY
Kevin Kraft, Oneonta, NY
Audrey Potter, Stuart, FL
Dolores Halwick, Ruby, NY
Beverly L. Brandow, Saugerties, NY
William A. Simmons, Saugerties, NY
George C. Drumm, Saugerties, NY

Gregory E. Doyle, Sr., Port Ewen, NY
Glenn W. VanKleeck, Kerhonkson, NY
Alan VanWagenen, Lake Katrine, NY
Geraldine Nathan, Kingston, NY
Dorothy M. Block, Saugerties, NY
Joseph Guerriero, Saugerties, NY

Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, seconded by Legislator Archer, to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:59 PM