

**Laws, Rules & Government Services Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: July 14, 2022 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 831 6010 9185,
By Phone (646) 558-8656
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Heppner
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Gavaris, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner & Maloney, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executive Rider – UC Executive’s Office, Commissioner Wilson, Carl Brown, Jo Ann Myers, Limina Graace Harmon, Diana Zuckerman – UC Human Rights Commission, Beetle

Chairman Heppner called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the June 16th Regular and June 21st Special Meeting Minutes**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the July 19, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 14: Authorizing The Termination Of A Lease Agreement With CPR Kingston, LLC Bank For Space Used By The Board Of Elections

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the Chair to mail written notice of termination of the lease agreement with CPR Kingston, LLC effective September 1, 2022 for office space currently occupied by the Board of Elections located at 284 Wall Street, Kingston.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 14 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO AMEND the last RESOLVED to read as follows:**
“RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized to mail written notice of termination in accordance with Article 25 of the Lease Agreement with CPR Kingston, LLC for office space located at 284 Wall Street, Kingston, New York, no later than September + 30, 2022,”

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **AMENDMENT ADOPTED**

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED**

Resolution No. 198: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending Various Sections Of The Ulster County Charter And Ulster County Administrative Code To Reduce The Ulster County Legislature To 17 Members, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 16 , 2022 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 At 7:05 PM to provide members of the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2022.

Chairman Heppner asked for postponement at the request of the sponsor. See attached transcript

Motion No. 4: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 198**
Motion By: Legislator Gavaris
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 199: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending Section C-101 B. Of The Ulster County Charter, Section A30-2 B. Of The Ulster County Administrative Code, And Section 216-5 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Appointments To The Commission Of Human Rights, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:10 PM to provide members of the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2022.

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 199 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 6: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 199**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution POSTPONED**

Resolution No. 343: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2022, A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Delinquent Village Real Property Taxes, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 At 7:20 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, August 16, 2022 at 7:20 PM to provide members of the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 9 of 2022.

Motion No. 7: **Resolution No. 343 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 345: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 131, Vehicles, County, Article I, Sustainable Green Fleet Policy, In Relation To Strategies And Goals

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2022

Motion No. 8: **Resolution No. 345 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Levine

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine & Roberts

Voting Against: Legislator Ronk

Votes in Favor: 4

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

LATE Resolution No. 399: Setting A Public Hearing To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For Community Development Block Grant Funding, Ulster County CARES Grant Program, To Be Held On Tuesday, August 16, 2022 At 7:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a second public hearing, as required, on August 16, 2022 at 7:00 PM on CDBG CARES Small Business Assistance Program funding.

Motion No. 9: **Resolution No. 399 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

Discussion: See attached transcript

Voting In Favor: Legislators Gavaris, Heppner, Levine, Roberts & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Chairman Heppner moved on to the Forthcoming Local Laws portion of the agenda and advised the members of two resolutions that were held in other committees. See attached transcript

Chairman Heppner moved on to Old Business and advised the members that the BOE Commissioner offered to conduct a tour of the new facility on Wednesday, July 20th. He asked the members to let Deputy Clerk Mahler know if they would like to attend. See attached transcript.

Chairman Heppner reminded the members that Legislative Session on July 19th is being held at SUNY Ulster Community College in Stone Ridge.

He asked if there was any old or new business and hearing none,

See attached transcript

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

No. of Votes in Favor: 5

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler

Minutes Approved: August 11, 2022

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Chairman Heppner called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Chair Heppner

July 14th 2022 meeting of law schools and government services committee, I'll call the meeting to order. Can I get a motion to approve the June 16 Regular and the June 21 Special meeting minutes?

Legislator Ronk

So moved

Chair Heppner

Moved by Ronk and seconded by Gavaris. All in favor?

Legislator Gavaris

Second

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Okay, moving on to resolution number 14, authorizing the termination of the lease agreement with CPR Kingston LLC Bank for space used by the board of elections.

Legislator Ronk

I'll move it

Chair Heppner

Can I get a second?

Legislator Roberts

Second.

Legislator Gavaris

You're on mute, Jon

Chair Heppner

Moved by Ronk seconded by Roberts. Legislator Gavaris, you want to give us an update on where you are in this? I don't know if you've had any further conversations?

Legislator Gavaris

No, the last conversation I had with the DA was he's looking for more space. We talked briefly last meeting about there will be space at the county building opening up and potentially that was a viable option for him. But no more conversations happened since then. So I'll make a motion when, if nobody has any comments to postpone.

Legislator Ronk

Rats, I was looking forward to moving forward but okay. I'll, I'll second that.

Legislator Gavaris

Listen. I'm good if we did. If you got enough to vote. I'm willing to close it. I don't want to do it. But I know there's not, didn't seem to be the appetite for that last time.

Chair Heppner

Deputy Chair Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

Yes. Does County Deputy County Exec Rider have any updates?

Deputy Executive Rider

I have no updates the DA other than before the last meeting, meeting showing some vague interest in the building. The BOE space, there's been no follow up. So

Legislator Roberts

What, with that said, I think county executive's office determines space needs not the DA's office so I'm willing to move forward.

Chair Heppner

So you would like to move forward to not do that postponement.

Legislator Gavaris

Yeah.

Chair Heppner

Okay. [inaudible] Any other comments? Legislator Ronk?

Legislator Ronk

Thanks. I do think that because of the 60 day. It's 60 day, Jay?

Chair Heppner

Yep

Legislator Ronk

The 60 Day termination, by the time we pass this, we should probably amend it to be September 30th. Not September 1st. As it is I think? I make that motion that we amend the date

Deputy Clerk Mahler

Can I have Legislators Gavaris and Ronk officially verbally remove, withdraw their motions to postpone and [inaudible]

Chair Heppner

They never put it forward

Legislator Gavaris

We never put it forward.

Chair Heppner

He said when we're done with the conversation, he was gonna make that motion.

Deputy Clerk Mahler

Gavaris did?

Legislator Gavaris

I said when we're done with the conversation, I would make that motion but Ken said he's ready to move forward. So I'm not going to make that motion.

Chair Heppner

Yeah Yep.

Legislator Ronk

So I move to amend the date to September 30.

Legislator Gavaris

I'll second that amendment

Chair Heppner

Ronk, Legislator Gavaris seconded. All in favor of the amendment?

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Any opposed? Amended unanimously. Okay, now back to the resolution, as is any additional comments or questions?

Legislator Ronk

Nope

Chair Heppner

Seeing none all in favor?

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Any opposed? No. Passes, as amended unanimously.

Deputy Executive Rider

Can I just clarify something really quick?

Chair Heppner

Yep, please do.

Deputy Executive Rider

So I'm assuming that this then becomes a letter from you know, assuming this passes on the floor on Tuesday. A letter would come from the Commissioner of Public Works terminating this lease, or

Chair Heppner

That's my understanding

Deputy Executive Rider

Or the Legislative Chairperson or I? I just want to know logistics. [inaudible] I can figure that out as the time [inaudible]

Legislator Ronk

I believe that

Chair Heppner

Public works, but

Legislator Ronk

Yeah, it'd be the Commissioner of Public Works probably.

Chair Heppner

Alright, thank you. Move, Legislator Erner.

Legislator Phil Erner

Yeah, did uh, did ways and means move on this yet?

Legislator Ronk

That'd be tomorrow night.

Legislator Phil Erner

Resolution 14. Okay.

Chair Heppner

So, yes, it's still just for folks keeping score at home. It still does go to. It'll now advanced ways and means on Tuesday.

Carl Brown

Yeah, excuse me real quick. I had my computer on mute for a while what are we talking about? Is this anything with the HR law that we're talking about right now? Obviously, this is something different, correct?

Chair Heppner

No, sir. We are discussing the

Legislator Ronk

Board of Elections lease on Wall Street

Chair Heppner

Elections lease at the former site they're currently building a new site at the Daily Old Daily Freeman building.

Carl Brown

Okay, fantastic.

Chair Heppner

We're on Resolution number 14, the first one on the agenda

Carl Brown

Excuse me, sorry about that.

Chair Heppner

No problem. And just, so you know, the human, just for you, the Human Rights Commission will be this is the third item on the agenda.

Carl Brown

Thank you

Chair Heppner

Okay, moving on to resolution 198. This is setting a public hearing on local number five. This is the reducing of the Legislature. Legislator Maloney did call me I know he's trying to hop on for some discussion or some other bills. Resolutions. And he did ask for this to be postponed an additional month, just so he can make it he got stuck at work. And just so we can have a conversation on whether any type of future planning or if you want to start a task force or something to look into this issue further.

Legislator Gavaris

I make a motion to postpone a month

Legislator Ronk

Second.

Chair Heppner

All in favor of the postponement?

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Any opposed? That is postponed. Moving on to resolution number 199. This is setting a public hearing on proposed law number six, of the code of the county of Ulster in relation to appointments the Commission of Human Rights to be held on Tuesday, August 16 2022. At 7:10pm.

Legislator Ronk

I'll move for discussion.

Chair Heppner

Can I have a Second? Motion by Ronk seconded by

Legislator Roberts

Second

Chair Heppner

Deputy Chair Roberts. The floor is open for any comments or questions. Legislator Erner as the sponsor. Please go ahead.

Legislator Phil Erner

Thank you Chair Heppner, we have several of our human rights commission members here as guests. I'd like to ask the committee for permission to hear from them. About what what, since they had asked us to put this forth.

Chair Heppner

Yes. Unless I see any objections from members of the committee, I'd be happy to grant the privilege. Yes, Legislator Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

If they're all going to say the same thing, maybe we can hear just from the leader.

Chair Heppner

You unmuted Mr. [inaudible] If you, if you are comfortable with that I was gonna give a more limited time to folks outside the Chair. But I'll let the Chair speak. And if anyone wants to briefly add any follow up, brief comments, I'll grant privilege of the floor. So Mr. Brown, would you like to speak?

Carl Brown

Yes, thank you, Chair Heppner. This section of the HR law states here in the legislative intent the Ulster County Human Rights Commission has recommended the Legislature to adopt a change to the appointment process for members of the Commission of Human Rights to assist the commission in conducting its business in the most effective and fair manner for the people of the Ulster County. Now, I originally had addressed Legislature Joe Maloney and also Legislature Phil Erner about the vacancy that we didn't have a statute as far as vacancy to fill seats. We had a vacancy on the Human Rights Commission for several several several months. And we talked about it in our commission meetings.

And I thought it would be a good idea to address the Legislature to see if they can put it in the HR law to, for a vacancy rate so that we can fill the vacancy and actually start serving our constituents. However, reading the law in section two, we put a provision here for the vacancies right here to be filled by the Commission should be filled by the Commission of [inaudible] within the 60 days, that's fine. But I did not like the backdoor process of implementing the county charter here, where it says also it says here three members of which shall be appointed by the county Legislator Chairperson, three members by the legislative minority lead and five members by the county exec, one of which shall be dated say by him, or her as the commission Chairperson. That we did not ask to put in here. We did not ask this to reflect whatever the, uh charter represented. So we want that deleted out of here.

I'll give you the reason why. this was should have been the commission deputy that's appointed as a paid position for that position. Okay, it's not the committee Chairperson, the Chairpersons have always been selected. Since the time I've been on his board from the actual commission itself, the both Chairperson, and the Vice Chairperson. So we want to do business that way. And we want also at least one or two people on our commission to be appointed to that revision, charter revision commission so that we can have some synergy between the ethics, the charter, how the, how the government works, and the legislative body that reflects the constituents of the 23 districts that they serve. So if we delete that, that would be our integrity. The Human Rights Commission has recommended for the Legislature to adopt these appointment change process. We did not want this process in here. So if we can delete that, and we can add a little bit further, where it says all vacancies of the commission shall be filled by the relevant appointing authority within 60 days of the current of the Commission said vacancy after the 60 days has exceeded why not have this fall over to the actual County, the deputy county commissioner who is actually in a paid position to fill those vacancies in the meantime, we also should add on to the county law, since we're adding that on there.

It should say in the event that a vacancy is created prior to the expiration of the term of a member, including the vacancy created as a result of a death or resignation of a member, his or her successors shall be appointed to serve for the unexpired balance of the term of the member whose office has become vacant. Let's add some meat into the law if you're going to address it. Let's also do this, the commission shall elect its Chair and vice Chair from among its commission members. It should also state the members of this commission shall not be compensated for their services on the commission. However, the members shall have the commission may be in reimbursed for any necessary or reasonable expenses actually incurred in performance of their duties.

Adding this not only gives meat to the to the substance, but it addresses just exactly what this resolution is for, again, the legislative intent. I'm going to read this again. The Ulster County Human Rights Commission has recommended the Legislator adopt a change for the appointment process for its members of the Commission of the human rights to assist the commission in conducting its business in the most effective and fair manner for the people of Ulster County. This is what the commission wants.

Chair Heppner

Thank you very much. Legislator Maloney, then Legislator Erner for a second time. For some reason,

Legislator Phil Erner

We can't hear you Joe

Chair Heppner

We can't hear you, Joe, but it doesn't say you're muted.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Can you hear me now?

Chair Heppner

Yep.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

You can? All right. And I have a hard time hearing you. But if you can hear me, then I'll stick. I had a one quick question. The language that Carl's referring to about the executive choosing the Chair, is that language that's already there? Or was that new language in this in this legislation?

Chair Heppner

Yeah, perfect.

Deputy Executive Rider

Current charter language

Legislator Joseph Maloney

That's in the charter now?

Carl Brown

That's charter language in the charter now, but it wasn't in the human rights law. The charter defines the entities of what the how the how they should be doing business. The law itself addresses how we do business with the community.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

So, okay, so we want that that's another thing that you're looking at which, I happen to agree with that when when the Legislature chooses, appoints IDA members or RRA members, we allow that body to then go and choose the Chair, the Chair of a board, as you know, Carl has a lot of power and influence over said board. And having given the executive power over a Human Rights Commission or something like this doesn't make a lot of sense to me, especially when you're talking about what we're talking about human rights and equity. But this is going to all these are going to have to be all of these a lot of what we're talking about is going to be a referendum and a charter change, correct?

Carl Brown

Yeah, absolutely, and

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Well, this needs a lot more, I think this needs a lot more work. And I have no I agree, I certainly agree with letting the body the board choose their, their Chair. So, that's,

Carl Brown

And to me, that's, that's the operation of a true democracy, is to let them select their Chair, and it doesn't need the charter doesn't even address a vice Chair, we have a vice Chair. We've been operating like this since day one. It's it's it's kind of, you know, ironic that we have a human rights law, but we had a charter that specified the Human Rights department, but we weren't working in synergy with this. They now the deputy, the county exec appoints five people, one of those people should be the Deputy Commissioner, a paid Commissioner. That's what that should be referring to in that charter, not a commissioner, a Chairperson. There's two different different distinct distinctions there. But we always operate within one.

At one time, when Evelyn Clark was the Chair, she was the Deputy Commissioner paid Commissioner, she always also operated as the vice Chair. Within two years, I'm talking to Dave Clegg, I'm like, we need to be voting on a Chair. That's how this is supposed to work. And we should do it every year. And then we voted Dave, Dave Clegg in. And then that's the way it's been. It's been like this from day one. I'm not saying this, just to get my own way to be the Chair. Because next year, I might not be the Chair, and I probably won't be if they do a vote. But that's the way it should be. And I think a democratic process, I should one run for one term, and it should roll over to another commissioner, and to another Commissioner, and to another Commissioner. That's fair.

Chair Heppner

I'm just gonna remind

Legislator Joseph Maloney

I think those are all things we can talk about. The charter commission may be talking about executive power, I'm not sure the executive should have so many appointments, more than any other elected official on all these boards. So those are all things to talk about when we finally get a commission going.

Carl Brown

Yeah, I mean, and then we're talking about a law

Chair Heppner

Excuse me, we don't do back and forth, we have the process. I'm gonna make the recommendation based on Legislator Maloney's last point, because I thank you, Mr. Brown, you brought a lot of additional language as well as clarification on some of the proposed changes that have been brought forward. And that's the purpose of laws and rules is to perfect language, make sure that our resolutions and our laws, uphold the highest standards and the wants and the needs of the communities. As well, as you know, and we've been here before with the human rights law and as much as addressing human rights commission as reflected within the charter. Our proposed and legislated Erner, I have you next, but that we do establish because again, Mr. Brown, you brought a lot of really interesting points and a lot of language and proposed language, where we could set up a working group to discuss that further.

Because again, we're already past the deadline in which we could essentially legally have a referendum for a charter amendment this year, so it's, we're not, the clock, we don't have, the clock's passed for this year. But we do have it for the following year. So I would propose that and we can also have both majority and minority counsel, anyone from the executives office who would like to join. And we could actually, you know, instead, we're not going to get this all done tonight. Obviously, we need actual language to vote on, and so on. So I appreciate that. And I don't want to, you know, waste all your folks time. And so I think that would be the best course, to postpone this and to work that out through a working group, which is traditionally the most successful way we actually get some bigger things done in this body. Legislator Erner.

Legislator Phil Erner

Thank you, and thanks to Commissioner Chair brown for the presentation. I see. I see the head commissioner of the commission human human rights Tyron Wilson has also joined us here. Yeah, I would support the postponement or whatever, whatever needs to happen so that the existing Commission can help craft what this is supposed to be just for. If I might take like a minute to just tell the since there's a number of Commissioners here some of what had been discussed before around the changes that are in here so far would that be alright, Chair Heppner?

Chair Heppner

Yes, just please be brief because I believe we are going to move for postponement.

Legislator Phil Erner

Sure

Chair Heppner

So we'll have plenty of time.

Legislator Phil Erner

I will. So the material in bold is what is a change from either charter existing County County Law. And originally it was 60. And then we had some discussion over that that's not typically enough time to make appointments. So we changed that a second time to 90. And then in terms of giving the chance for the different parties to appoint if the part one party doesn't, doesn't do it, or we're assuming the majority party is who's Chair. And so that's why that language is there. And then if the executive doesn't, then the Legislature would do it. And that in itself, all by itself would have to revise the charter because it's curtailing executive power. And there's some discussion as to amongst ourselves, but now I'm happy that the Commission can weigh in to see whether that is what in fact, what you would want to do. I guess that's all I've got. Thank you.

Chair Heppner

Thank you, Legislator Erner. Legislator Ronk,

Legislator Ronk

thanks, I'm move that we postpone this to a subcommittee of your choosing, I don't prefer working groups, because they tend to happen outside of the sunlight of Open Meetings, law and sub committees usually are noticed and the public can participate. So I'd prefer a subcommittee over a working group personally.

Chair Heppner

So let's let's make the motion to postpone and then and discussion with members of the law enforcement, sorry laws and rules committee, as well as the Human Rights Commission. And obviously the input of Clerk Mahler to guide us and the executives office. We'll set up a subcommittee.

Legislator Ronk

I make that motion to postpone

Legislator Gavaris

I'll second.

Chair Heppner

All in favor of the postponement.

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Passes unanimously. And I think it was a, to Joe Meyers question. Yeah, so this motion, this resolution actually technically only called for a public hearing. But the problem was, is if you have a public hearing, and then you make substantial amendment changes, you have to go back and so but if the next time along, so we want to make sure it's pretty close to finalized before you go into public hearing, one for the cost of taxpayers and for the likelihood of it not being delayed further.

But we'll get moving on setting up that subcommittee with the bill sponsors, and you also again, thank you that's been postponed. Moving on to resolution number 343. This is number four on your agenda. Setting a public hearing on proposed local law number nine, to provide for the collection of delinquent village property taxes to be held on August 16 2022. At 7:22. At 7:20. Can I get a motion?

Legislator Ronk

I'll move it for discussion

Legislator Gavaris

Second

Chair Heppner

Moved by Ronk, second by Gavaris. Any comments or questions? Legislator Ronk

Legislator Ronk

I believe this is postponed in Ways and Means, wasn't it? I I make a motion you know. I think that it's fine for us to approve a public hearing. You know, because I don't find anything legally unsound with the law, which is what we should be looking at on on this law. I do have policy concerns which I've aired in ways and means it will continue to. But I've got no problem moving forward out of this committee.

Chair Heppner

Legislator Maloney and bill sponsor?

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Yeah, thanks. I think I I appreciate, Ken with that. And I think it is sound this is something that was written more or less by John Parete years ago and been tightened up over the years, we are one of one of only two counties in the entire state that doesn't treat the few villages they have the same way they treat the town's I know, there were some concerns about Ellenville. I know we we've been we're collecting data from the three villages. It's an opt in as well. So just because we passed this doesn't even mean any of the villages will opt in, I believe Saugerties would probably be the only one right off the bat to do it. And they have very little back taxes owed it would be like nothing to the county to treat them as as the towns are treated. And I I think at the very least getting it to public comment makes sense and further debate and when like I said, we're, we've reached out to the villages I know Saugerties has just gotten back with some of the information. So we'll have more to discuss as far as what it would financially look like for the county and these villages

Chair Heppner

Legislator Gavaris

Legislator Gavaris

just to Legislator Maloney's point. I know we're gonna post we're going to probably approve this, but Ellenville definitely, this is something that has been asked for many years now. And until recently, I was given false information that the county loses money on the auctions, when I found out just recently that is not the case. So it was hard to fight this battle before but knowing now that the county does make money on the auctions, I actually

asked to be added as a sponsor to this as well with Legislator Maloney. So Ellenville will most certainly will want to join on this if this is passed.

Chair Heppner

Anyone else? So is the will the committee to move forward? With the vote? All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chair Heppner

Any opposed? Seeing none passes unanimously. Then just for the record and folks listening, and the minutes is this was this postponed one week? Again, or was it postponed one month?

Legislator Ronk

I believe was postponed one week.

Legislator Gavaris

Your on mute, Jonathan?

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Are you, was there a question for me or John?

Chair Heppner

No you're all set I'll move it for discussion. Your resolution, it passed unanimously in case you missed it. Resolution 345 adopting proposed local law number one a local law amending the Code of the County of Ulster vehicles in the county for sustainable Green Fleet policy in relation to the strategies and goals. This is sponsored by Legislators Walter and Criswell, it was adopted in the Energy and Environment Committee three to one with one absent. Can I have a motion to move it.

Legislator Joseph Maloney

Okay

Chair Heppner

Second

Legislator Levine

Second

Chair Heppner

Any comments or discussion? With that I'll call the vote All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Those opposed? I believe it passes. Four to one. All right. Moving on to resolution number 399, this is a late resolution setting a public hearing to satisfy the public participation requirements for community development block grant funding. Ulster County cares grant program to be held on Tuesday, August 16 2022. At 7pm.

Legislator Ronk

Opposed I'll move it

Legislator Gavaris

Second

Chair Heppner

Any comments or discussion? Mr. Brown

Carl Brown

Yes just as to comment on on the block grant itself. Is that open for bid bidding? Or is it?

Legislator Ronk

So, no, this is we're on the back end of the program. So a lot of you know, we're required to have a public hearing at the beginning of the program, and then we're required to have a public hearing to close out the program. This is the public hearing to close out the program.

Carl Brown

Got it

Legislator Ronk

This started, what, a year and a half ago, or so. And typically, we don't even need to have a resolution to call this public hearing, it could be called by the Chair. But because we've always had a resolution to set the public hearing, we didn't want there to be just an extraneous public hearing hanging out in the ephemera. So you know, that's the purpose for this being a late resolution in the future, we have, you know, a new process that's going to be laid out where we have one resolution to set the public hearing at the beginning and the end at the beginning of the program.

Carl Brown

Okay, and that will also be done by the Chair or through the laws and rules committee

Legislator Ronk

so that resolution will be done by laws and rules committee and and then it authorizes the Chair to call the second one.

Carl Brown

Gotcha. Thank you.

Legislator Ronk

Yep.

Chair Heppner

Thank you Leader Ronk for the explanation. With that we're done with the agenda for the

Legislator Ronk

We still have to vote in that, I think

Chair Heppner

Oh yeah. Sorry. Thank you. All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye

Chair Heppner

Any opposed? Passes unanimously. And now we are actually done with this evening's agenda. Please note, the highlighted forthcoming resolutions and local laws that were postponed both in health and human services.

In terms of old business, I just want to touch in with folks that election commissioners Dittus and Quigley have offered Wednesday, July 20, the day after legislative session as a date to tour their new offices. This is moving cause moving day as scheduled for the 15th. Just we don't have a intensive talk this evening about our schedules. But if Jay, if you could do one more, just reach out to the committee members to let folks know if that date works for you or not. And depending on how much it works for folks, we'll either commit to that date or try and find another date that works for both board of elections commissioners, any issues with that? Sounds good.

New business. Just sort of friendly reminder, that legislative session is this Tuesday, July 19 is not going to be held at the county building. It will be held at SUNY Ulster Community College in Stone Ridge in which the new president Allison Buckley will be on hand to meet individuals. So just want to flag that since this is the last meeting until Tuesday. So just so you folks remember. And with that, I'll take a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Ronk

So moved.

Chair Heppner

Second. I think I saw

Legislator Roberts

Second

Chair Heppner

I saw Roberts hands there. And thank you again to the members of the Human Rights Commission for joining us this evening. I look forward to ironing out and discussing some of your thoughts and ideas on these proposals and will in due time get back in touch for scheduling purposes.

Carl Brown

Thank you Chair Heppner. Thank you so much. And thanks everyone for your time.

Legislator Ronk

Thank you

Deputy Executive Rider

Have a good night all

Chair Heppner

Thank you have a good night.