

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

DATE & TIME: August 11, 2022 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meetings, Meeting ID: 874 0067 7082,
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: Legislator Erner, Legislative Counsel Ragucci, Minority Counsel Pascale, Deputy County Executive Rider – UC Executive’s Office

Chairman Heppner called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE Minutes of the July 14th Meeting Minutes**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

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 August 16, 2022 Session of the Legislature

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, September 20 , 2022 At 7:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 At 7:05 PM to provide members of the public the opportunity to offer comments on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2022.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 198 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Discussion: See attached transcript

Motion No. 3: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 198**
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. 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. 4: **MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 199**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

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. 428: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2022, A Local Law Adopting Amendments To The New York State Public Officer's Law §103, Expanding The Use Of Videoconferencing At Public Meetings

Resolution Summary: This resolution

Motion No. 5: **Resolution No. 428 MOVED FOR DISCUSSION**

Motion By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Roberts

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 New Business. Legislator Ronk stated that all appointments have been made to the Charter Revision Commission and expected a meeting to be scheduled soon. See attached transcript.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gavaris

No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:37 PM

Respectfully submitted: Deputy Clerk Mahler
Minutes Approved: September 15, 2022

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Chairman Heppner

Let's go. So I'd like to call the meeting of the August 11th Laws Rules and Government Services Committee to order. Motion to approve the July 14 meeting minutes

Legislator Ronk

So Moved

Legislator Roberts

Second.

Chairman Heppner

All in favor?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairman Heppner

Moving on to Resolution 198. Setting a public hearing on proposed local law No. 5

Legislator Ronk

I'll move it for discussion.

Chairman Heppner

Can I get a motion. Moved by Leader Ronk. And I'll second it. Seeing that Legislator Maloney is not here. I mean, I'm fine with continuing to postpone unless there's an issue.

Legislator Ronk

I'll move we postpone it until next month.

Legislator Gavaris

Second

Legislator Ronk

Hey. Team Ulster County's arrived.

Chairman Heppner

Can I have a second?

Legislator Gavaris

Second

Chairman Heppner

Second by Legislator Gavaris. All in favor of the postponement?

Committee Members

Aye.

Chairman Heppner

All right. Moving on to Resolution 199, setting a public hearing on proposed local law number six of 2022. This is regarding appointments to the Commission of Human Rights. So as I've mentioned, I think I mentioned during, in caucus, but just to give other folks an update. We have reached out to the commissioner, as we spoke about last meeting, he had a long, detailed list of changes they would like to see made if we are going to make amendments. [inaudible] So Jay is attempting to coordinate with them to receive that list. And once we have an understanding of what they're, what they're asking for, we will then move forward in forming most likely a subcommittee. So with that I'd ask for a motion to postpone until we get the information needed. As soon as we have that we'll share. Legislator Erner, would you like to speak?

Legislator Phil Erner

Uh, yeah, please. I, based on the Leader Ronk's motion last time, I believe it was a motion right to send it to a subcommittee or to send the topic, to create a subcommittee to address these matters. Is that right?

Legislator Ronk

So somewhat, I believe, Leader Heppner had suggested a working group and I said that I would not be comfortable with a working group, but I would be comfortable with a subcommittee. I think that, you know, some of the some of the thoughts and ideas that were brought up by, you know, the Chairman of the Human Rights Commission are a little, you know, outside of what the human I'm sorry, outside of what the Human Rights Commission was was designed for, but I'd be happy to sit through meetings to discuss that.

Chairman Heppner

Yep. So Legislator Erner, it doesn't require a motion, so it's a motion to postpone, but with an agreement that once we had the appropriate information we'd then either, we'd set up a group and at the recommendation of Leader Ronk we would look to set up a subcommittee, but once we have a full understanding of what they're actually asking for. But it doesn't take any action, we can, we can start forming that as soon as we have that information. I would just like to have an understanding, I think the committee should have an understanding because it would require two members of this committee to serve on. As a subcommittee should have an understanding of what they're asked for before they make that commitment. Deputy Chair Roberts.

Legislator Roberts

I will second that motion to postpone

Chairman Heppner

All in favor on the postponement.

Committee Members

Aye

Chairman Heppner

Postponed and again, as soon as we get that information, I was working with Jay this afternoon, trying to make sure we'll getting in touch with folks and following up to get that information. So Jay, Jay is definitely on the case. And so moving on to Resolution 428. This is adopting proposed local law number eight of 2022. Can I get a motion?

Legislator Ronk

I'll move it

Chairman Heppner

Can I get a second?

Legislator Roberts

I'll second it, Chairman.

Chairman Heppner

Thank you. Any comments, issues or concerns? I believe Counsel is all sound with this at this point. So seeing no issues. I will call the vote. All those in favor?

Committee Members

Aye

Chairman Heppner

All those opposed? Seeing none passes unanimously. With that any other new or old business?

Legislator Ronk

I didn't know if you just wanted to point out there's one Resolution in the forthcoming bucket of our agenda? 2?

Chairman Heppner

It's just the, so there's the enacting a drug take back program in Ulster County setting a public hearing on that local law where no action was taken in Health and Human Services, and a forthcoming Resolution local law setting a public hearing on local number seven a local law amending the code of the county of Ulster in relation to evictions no action again was taken in Health, Human Services and Housing

Legislator Ronk

Thank you, sir. I just have one piece of new business to make sure the committee is aware that you know, all the appointments are made to the charter revision commission and hopefully they'll be beginning to meet soon.

Chairman Heppner

Any other old or new business?

Deputy Executive Rider

We didn't hear that

Legislator Ronk

Which part?

Chairman Heppner

What was that?

Legislator Levine

You broke up a little bit there Jonathan.

Deputy Executive Rider

We couldn't hear you.

Legislator Ronk

I think he said is there any other old or new business?

Chairman Heppner

Yes.

Legislator Ronk

I make a motion to adjourn

Chairman Heppner

Seeing none, can I get a motion to adjourn?

Legislator Roberts

Leader Ronk made that

Legislator Ronk

And he's gone.

Deputy Clerk Mahler

Bring it home there Deputy Chair.

Legislator Roberts

I think Leader Ronk made the motion. I'll entertain a second

Legislator Gavaris

I'll second.

Legislator Roberts

All in favor of adjournment.

Committee Members

Aye

Legislator Roberts

have a good night all

Legislator Gavaris

Thanks.

Legislator Ronk

You too.

Legislators Levine
Thanks, everybody.