

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

DATE & TIME: December 18, 2017 – 6:30 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chairman Roberts
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
PRESENT: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Rodriguez and Ronk (arrived at 6:48 PM)
ABSENT: Legislator R. Parete
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislative Counsel Barnett, Legislators Elect Woltman, Maloney & Nolan, Andrew Kossover – UC Public Defender, Cindy Bell – League of Women Voters

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:43 PM.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Belfiglio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Roberts, Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes are APPROVED**

Chairman Roberts recognized Legislators Loughran, Belfiglio and R. Parete for their service in the Legislature and on the committee. He asked Legislator Belfiglio to act as Chair of the Committee in his place for the duration of the meeting.

Resolutions for the December 19, 2017 Session of the Legislature

LATE Resolution No. 524 – Authorizing The County Executive To Execute An Agreement With Dutchess County For The Provision Of Reciprocal Conflict Defense – Public Defender’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the County Executive to execute an agreement with Dutchess County for the purpose of providing reciprocal conflict defense for indigent defendants in Ulster and Dutchess Counties for the term beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018.

Motion No. 2: Moved Resolution No. 524 FOR DISCUSSION
Motion By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion:

Legislator Belfiglio asked Mr. Kossover for clarification on the finances of the agreement. Legislator Donaldson thanked Mr. Kossover for his work on the personnel sharing over the past few years. He added that the county saves a significant amount of money through the agreement. Mr. Kossover stated that the position will be funded with state grant money. He added that he would follow up with the Executive's Office for further clarification on the funding discrepancies.

Motion No. 3: Moved to adopt Resolution No. 524
Motion By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 320: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 15 Of 2016, (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter Section C-101A And The Ulster County Administrative Code Section A 30-2A, To Amend The Powers And Duties Of The Ulster County Human Rights Commission)

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 15 of 2017

Resolution No. 321: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 16 Of 2016, (A Local Law Establishing A Comprehensive Ulster County Human Rights Law)

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 16 of 2017

Legislator Rodriguez stated that it would be premature to move the two laws forward as the Human Rights Task Force was still meeting. He advised the members that, as the sponsor, he is withdrawing both resolutions.

Disposition: Resolution Nos. 320 & 321 WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 456: Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 10 Of 2017, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 7 Of 2008 (A Local Law To Provide For An Exemption From Real Property Taxes For Real

Property Owned By Veterans Who Rendered Military Service To The United States During The “Cold War”)

Resolution Summary: This resolution adopts Proposed Local Law No. 10 of 2017.

Motion No. 4: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No 456

Motion By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Loughran

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Resolution No. 457 – Calling Organizational Meeting Of 2018

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets the Organizational Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature for Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor of the County Office Building.

Motion No. 5: Moved to ADOPT Resolution No. 457

Motion By: Legislator Loughran

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

LATE Resolution No. 523 – Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Criminal Justice To Accept Grant Funds For Detective Division Overtime Reimbursement – Sheriff’s Office

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chairman to enter into an agreement with NYS DHSES for the purpose of Ulster County’s participation in the New York State Operation Red Team Project # SH16-1088-SHSP, for the period August 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 in the amount of \$3,119.

Motion No. 6: Moved TO ADOPT Resolution No. 523
Motion By: Legislator Roberts
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lopez

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez asked for the reason why the resolution was late. Chairman Ronk explained that the administrative error was discovered when the Sheriff's Office conducted their annual reconciliation of grants. He added that the grant funds would not be available after the end of the year. Legislator Rodriguez stated that he would support the grant funding, but said that there are issues in the Sheriff's Office with overtime as well as other things. Chairman Ronk stated that it would be unfair to lump all overtime together and explained that the resolution in front of them is reimbursing for overtime from participation in a multijurisdictional counter-terrorism exercise.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Belfiglio, Donaldson, Lopez, Loughran, Roberts, Rodriguez & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution is ADOPTED

Legislator Belfiglio asked if there was any new business. Chairman Ronk advised the members that the Human Rights Task Force should be completing their work in January and a comprehensive Human Rights law should be before the Legislature in February. He advised the members that the law creates a new mediation setting. He added that he feels the fines are too high, but was confident that the Legislature will be able to settle on a fair penalty structure.

Legislator Belfiglio asked if there was any other business, hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Loughran
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 7:03 PM
Respectfully submitted: Jay Mahler, Deputy Clerk
Minutes Approved: February 12, 2018