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**JUNE 9, 2020
PUBLIC HEARINGS**

6:05 PM

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:22 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Led by Legislator Herbert Litts.

ROLL CALL: Present: 20 Absent: 3 (Legislators Bruno, Fabiano and Roberts)

6:05 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:24 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 2 Of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess Of \$350,000, And Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2015

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Mike Hamm: (see attached transcript)

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Cahill to close public comment. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:27 PM

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6:10 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:28 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Various Provisions Of Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no speakers signed up for public comment.

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Cahill to close public comment. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM

6:20 PM - CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:29 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 5 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Chapter 37 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster Regarding Automatic Re-Canvassing Procedure In And For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was one speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Commissioner Ashley Dittus: (see attached transcript)

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Ronk to close public comment. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:30 PM

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:00 PM** powered by Zoom Meeting and available via *vimeo* livestream at <https://livestream.com/accounts/1512750/events/1824203>. Public Comment via Call in Studio by dialing: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370).

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Chairman Donaldson

All right, I'm going to call the first public hearing to order. The Pledge of Allegiance. All may stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and remain standing for a moment of silence.

Chairman Donaldson

Alright. Herbie will lead us in the Pledge.

Legislative Members

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible with liberty and justice for all.

Chairman Donaldson

All right. Be seated. All right Vicki call the name out for public hearing and take roll call.

Clerk Fabella

Archer.

Legislator Archer

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bartels.

Legislator Bartels

Here.

Clerk Fabella

Bruno.

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Clerk Fabella
Cahill.

Legislator Cahill
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Corcoran.

Legislator Corcoran
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Criswell.

Legislator Criswell
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Delaune.

Legislator Delaune
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Donaldson.

Chairman Donaldson
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Fabiano.

Clerk Fabella
Gavaris.

Legislator Gavaris
Present.

Clerk Fabella
Greene.

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Legislator Greene
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Haynes.

Legislator Haynes
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Heppner.

Legislator Heppner
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Litts.

Legislator Litts
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Lopez.

Legislator Lopez
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Maio.

Legislator Maio
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Parete.

Legislator Parete
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Petit.

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Legislator Petit
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Roberts.

Clerk Fabella
Ronk.

Legislator Ronk
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Uchitelle.

Legislator Uchitelle
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Walter.

Legislator Walter
Here.

Clerk Fabella
Wawro.

Legislator Wawro
Here.

Clerk Fabella
20 present and three absent.

Clerk Fabella
Tonight's first public hearing is on Proposed Local Law No. 2 of 2020, A Local Law Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess Of \$350,000, And Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2015.

Clerk Fabella
So, what I will do now is I'll ask if there's anybody on the line, who would like to speak, and if so, if you could please state your name before doing so.

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Mike Hamm

Good evening this is Mike Hamm. I'd like to speak.

Clerk Fabella

Ok, Mike Hamm.

Mike Hamm

Yes, you probably don't have me on the screen because I block out my camera all the time. But, in reference to Local Law No, 2 of 2020, Establishing Construction Apprenticeship Training Requirements For Certain Construction Contracts In Excess of 350,000. I'd just like to say that I think it's great that this legislative body is taking the proper steps into the future for the workforce. As probably a lot of you know, right now, we're having an unprecedented skilled labor shortage in the United States, according to the Department of Labor. Along those lines, skilled labor, in the training, is accessible through all types of apprenticeship programs. The building trades and the unions, they offer bonafide programs, accepted by New York State. And within these programs, we have actual, real places of training. The hours are just of magnitudes, of how many hours we train our people... in these training programs they gain real work experience. The biggest thing we'd like to say is, earn while you learn. Which is the predominant workforce that comes out of our [inaudible], once four years goes past, making its way, and they make anywhere from \$65,000 to \$85,000 the first year after graduation. And that's what full benefits, full healthcare. Okay. And, you know, plus job placement within the unions. I would just a... I support this 100 percent, along with all my colleagues from the Hudson Valley Building Trades. And once again, you know, I'd like to suggest that you guys move ahead, and you approve Local law No. 2. And let all this... what we have up here in Ulster County... and keep Ulster County, you know, apprentices up here working all the time. So, I thank you for your time.

Clerk Fabella

Is there anybody else who's on the line who would like to speak?

Legislator Litts

Hearing none, I'll make a motion to close public hearing.

Legislator Cahill

Second.

Legislative Members

Aye. Aye.

Clerk Fabella

All right, so, Dave, can you unmute yourself?

Chairman Donaldson

I'm sorry. Asking a second time.

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Clerk Fabella

He's asking a second time for a motion to close this hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

I'm actually asked for a second time to ask anybody wants to speak- try to do at least twice before we close out in the future.

Clerk Fabella

Okay, I'll ask twice and then you can ask for the motion to close.

Chairman Donaldson

Okay, very good. Well, now I'll entertain the motion to close.

Legislator Litts

So, moved.

Chairman Donaldson

Seconded?

Legislator Cahill

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor.

Legislative Members

Aye. Aye. (20-0)

Chairman Donaldson

Anybody opposed?

Chairman Donaldson

All right, we'll start the second public hearing. Vicky.

Clerk Fabella

Tonight's second public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2020, A Local Law Amending Various Provisions Of Local Law No. 1 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster To Include Mandatory Food Scraps Composting By Large Generators.

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Clerk Fabella

Are there any speakers on this matter who would like to speak?

Clerk Fabella

Are there any speakers, at all, on proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2020?

Chairman Donaldson

Alright I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

Legislator Litts

So, moved. Close the public hearing.

Chairman Donaldson

Seconded?

Legislator Cahill

I'll second.

Chairman Donaldson

All those in favor?

Legislative Members

Aye. Aye. Aye. (20-0)

Chairman Donaldson

None opposed. Second public hearing is closed.

Chairman Donaldson

Now for the third public hearing, Vicky.

Clerk Fabella

The third and final public hearing is on Proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2020, A Local Law Amending Chapter 37 Of The Code Of The County Of Ulster Regarding Automatic Re-Canvassing Procedure In And For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York.

Clerk Fabella

And are there any speakers who would like to speak on this matter?

Commissioner Dittus

Hi, I'd like to speak.

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Clerk Fabella

That is Commissioner Dittus from the Board of Elections.

Commissioner Dittus

Thank you, Vicky. I just wanted to quickly say that I support these proposed amendments. Particularly the automatic expansion of the 3% audit and completing the recount prior to January 1. This way the board can certify our elections in a timely matter. And I thank the Legislature for bringing these issues up for public comment. And that's all I have to say. So, thank you so much.

Chairman Donaldson

Thank you.

Clerk Fabella

Are there any other speakers who would like to speak on this matter?

Clerk Fabella

Any other speakers on Proposal Local Law No. 5 of 2020.

Chairman Donaldson

Alrighty. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the public hearing.

Legislator Litts

So, moved.

Chairman Donaldson

Seconded by?

Legislator Ronk

Second.

Chairman Donaldson

Oh, good. All right. All those in favor of the adjournment?

Legislative Members

Aye. Aye. (20-0)

Chairman Donaldson

Any opposed? None. We are adjourned. We do have, for those people that don't know, the Democratic caucus will be meeting right after this. Thank you and goodbye.