

# ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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## MINUTES

OCTOBER 20, 2020

### REGULAR MEETING

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Public Comment via Call in Studio. Dial: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370)

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:07 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

**ROLL CALL:** Present: 21 Absent: 2 (Legislators Kevin Roberts and Kenneth Ronk)

Please Note: Legislator Ronk arrived at 7:44 PM.

### BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Craig Lopez, October 30<sup>th</sup>  
Confidential Secretary, Laurie Lichtenstein, October 31<sup>st</sup>

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

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## COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chairman, David B. Donaldson

Chairman Donaldson & Majority Leader Heppner  
Rusk, Wadlin, Heppner, & Martuscello, LLP  
Hodgson Russ LLP, A. Joseph Scott, III

UC Resource Recovery Agency  
Town of Rochester, Supervisor Michael Baden

NYS Assembly Member, Kevin A. Cahill  
The Kingstonian Team, Brad Jordan, Joe Bonura Jr.  
Concerned Citizens

Deputy Mayor, Village of New Paltz, KT Tobin  
Thomas Kadgen, Shokan, NY  
County News  
Catskill Forest Association, Inc.

Catskill Watershed Corporation  
Kingston Citizens Action, Rebecca Martin  
UC Dept. of Public Works, Comm. Tom Jackson  
Central Hudson Gas & Electric  
Congregation Chabad of Ulster County  
Cornell Cooperative Extension  
Catskill Mtn. Railroad Co., Inc. President E. Hunt  
Mariele Taverna  
Rachel Blumenstrauch  
State of New York Department of State

UHY LLP Certified Public Accountants

Letter, Ulster County Public Defender  
Applicants & Resumes  
Press Release, Session Comment Period 10/20  
Letter, Formal Request For Budget Estimates  
Letter, Public Defender Candidate Rating  
UCIDA, Ulster NH Realty, LLC Project  
UCIDA, Proposed Kingstonian LLC Project  
SEQUA Notice To Serve As Lead Agency  
Emergency Order No.19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25  
-2020 & State of Emergency Declaration  
Letter, Resolution No. 243 Response  
Kingstonian Fiction vs. Fact Document  
(344) In Support of the Kingstonian  
(22) Opposing Tax Break, Kingstonian  
(2) Request Independent Analysis  
(5) Wave UCL COVID Policy Kingstonian  
Email, Pay Raises 2020 Budget  
Email, Internet Studies Paid by Taxpayers  
Email, Cellphone Taskforce Newsletter  
Sales Tax Agreement – 1 Yr. Extension  
Email, Resolution No. 299  
Vol.52, No. 17, 18 & 19  
Fall 2020, Vol. 38 No. 3 Publication  
Annual Membership Mtg. 10/10/20 10AM  
Notice of Preliminary Decisions  
IDA Policy Change & PH 10/1/2020  
Floyd Ackert Bridge, Town of Esopus  
September 2020 Brochure  
Flyer, Legacy Planning  
Flyer, Complete the 2020 Census, 9/30/2020  
Eastern Segment (Kingston Area) Payment  
FOIL Request & Response  
FOIL Request & Response  
Local Law No. 7, 2020 Filed 9/23/2020  
Local Law Nos. 5 & 6 Filed 10/19/2020  
Family of Woodstock 2019 Financials

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UC Legislature Financial Analyst

UC Planning Board

2021 Executive Recommended Budget-  
Personnel Analysis

Agenda 10/7/2020 & Minutes 9/2/2020

### COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Decker & Roberti Families

The Burns Family

The Garrison Family

Drescher & Malecki LLP, Certified Public Accountants

UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson

UC Information Services

Office of the UC Comptroller

NYS Department of Health

Ribbon Cutting Sky View Mexican Rest. 10/7

Ribbon Cutting HC Current Tilda's Kitchen 10/24

Thank You Note

Thank You Note

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Audit Reports, Ulster County Financial  
Statements/Procedures

County Litigation, September 2020

FOIL Appeal Response

NFPA – Fire Prevention Home Safety

Coursera Online Education Platform

Second Qtr. Financial Report

NYS – County Opioid Qtly. Report 7/2020

### COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Memo, Resolution No. 321 Response

Executive Order Nos. 42,43,44,45,46,47,48-  
2020

Press Release, 2021 Budget Green Initiatives

Press Release & Letter, Public Defender

Nomination and Appointment, Ruth Boyer,

Effective 9/28/2020, Pending Confirmation

Appointment UC Interim Director Tourism,  
Fran Depetrillo

Appointment/Nomination UC Director  
Tourism, Lisa Berger 10/6/2020

Appointment/Nomination UC Dir. Economic  
Development, Tim Weidemann 10/6/2020

Press Release, Appointments/Nominations

Rescind Appointment, Ruth Boyer Acting PD

Letter, Response for Budget Estimates

Letter, Response PD Resumes and Interview  
List

2021 UC Exec. Operating Budget

2021 Exec. Budget Summary

2021-2026 Exec. Capital Improvement  
Program

Budgetary Transfers, September 2020  
Press Release, Return Inpatient Health Services  
Press Release, 2020 Seniors of the Year  
Press Release, 100K COVID-19 Tests Completed

**COUNTY EXEC. COMMUNICATIONS (continued):**

Press Release, New Young Adult Restorative Justice Program  
Press Release, 2021 Budget Plan  
Press Release, New Economic Dev. Strategy  
Press Release, COVID Rapid Testing Available  
Press Release, Kingstonian Vote Delay  
Pending NDC Finalized Report

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

Department of Finance

**DATE:**

2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,  
Planning & Transit  
Energy & Environment  
Law Enforcement and Public Safety  
Laws and Rules, Governmental Services

Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services  
Public Health and Social Services  
Public Works and Capital Projects  
Ways and Means

**DATE:**

September 1, 2020  
August 31, 2020  
September 2, 2020  
September 14, 2020  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were sixteen callers signed up for public comment. (See attached transcript)

1. Clark Richters, Kingston
2. Sarah Wenk, Kingston
3. Elizabeth Render, Kingston
4. Onnesha Roychoudhuri, Kingston
5. Colby Creedon, Attorney
6. Alex Panagiotopoulos, Kingston
7. Lee Kalish, Town of Ulster
8. Patricia Koerwer, Kingston
9. Rebecca Martin
10. Lynn Woods, Kingston
11. Scott Koerwer
12. Mike Baden, Supervisor Town of Rochester
13. Pat Pellicano, Kingston
14. Tanya Garment, Kingston
15. Charlotte Adamis, Kingston
16. Dugenie Dalland, Kingston

**RESOLUTION NOS: 299, 323, 325 – 344, 346 - 378; 232, 242, 265, 300, 345 – POSTPONED;  
240 – WITHDRAWN**

**Resolution No. 232** – Calling For Issuance Of Extended Moratorium On Evictions And Rent Relief During State Of Emergency

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 240** - Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce, And The Governor Sign, An Amendment To Article 31 Of The New York State Tax Law To Permit The County Of Ulster To Adopt A Local Law To Impose, Collect And Retain A Tax On Real Estate Transfers

*WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR*

**Resolution No. 242** – Approving Ulster County’s Local Solid Waste Management Plan

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 265** – Establishing A Zero Waste Implementation Plan for Ulster County

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

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**Resolution No. 299** – Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 300** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 4 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 At 7:00 PM

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 328** – Approving The Deviation By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating To The Terms And Conditions Of A Certain PILOT Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Kingstonian Development, LLC In Connection With The Kingstonian Development, LLC Project, And The Undertaking Of The Project Under The Agency's Housing Policy

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

**Resolution No. 345** – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2020, A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008) To Further Clarify Budget Modification after Adoption, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 17, 2020 At 7:10 PM

*POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE*

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Legislator Litts, to move Resolution Nos. 354-375 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. Move Resolution No. 347 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

### **Consent**

**325      Establishing And Reporting The Standard Work Day For Elected And Appointed Officials**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**326 Appointing – Commissioner Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**329 Establishing County Equalization Rates For The Year 2021 Levy**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**330 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Reflect Public Health Preparedness Funding For The COVID 19 Enhanced Detection Grant And Create Positions – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**331 Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget To Accept Supplemental Immunization Action Plan Funding From The New York State Department Of Health For Flu Activities – Ulster County Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**332 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Contract With The New York State Department Of Health To Continue The Children and Youth With Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN) Program – Ulster County Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 333 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Education Department's Adult Career And Continuing Education Services-Vocational Rehabilitation And Employment And Training For Reimbursement Through The Work-Try-Out Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020 And Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Office Of Employment And Training**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21 NOES: 0  
(1 Abstention: Legislator Uchitelle)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 335 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Division Of Homeland Security And Emergency Services For Participation In The Local Emergency Management Performance Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2020, Amending The 2020 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 336 Approving The Adoption Of A Revised Ulster County Fire Mutual Aid Plan, Pursuant To New York State County Law Section 225-a – Ulster County Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 337 Approving Ulster County's 2021 STOP DWI Program Plan And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute All Inter-Municipal Agreements Required Under The Plan – Department Of Probation, STOP-DWI Division**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)



- 338 Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Child Passenger Safety Program – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 339 Authorizing the Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Accept A Governor's Traffic Safety Committee Grant – Police Traffic Services – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 340 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Shared Services Agreement With Town Of Gardiner For Maintenance Of County Roads – Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 341 Establishing Capital Project No. 575 – Purchase Of Seraphin Volumeric Calibration Trailer – Department Of Public Works (Central Garage)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 343 Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Enter An Agreement To Accept A Grant From The Center For Tech And Civic Life For Safe And Secure Election Administration And Amending The 2020 Adopted Budget – Ulster County Board Of Elections**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 344 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$210,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Robert G. Relph Agency, Inc., D/B/A Relph Benefit Advisors – Personnel**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 346 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$75,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Soldier On, Inc. – Veterans Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 347 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$108,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging**

Moved to Non-Consent

- 348 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,474.50, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Assetworks LLC – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 349 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$68,778.39 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 350 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$23,320.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 351 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$363,780.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 352 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$74,956.00 Entered Into By The County – PEOPLE: Projects To Empower And Organize The Psychiatrically Labeled, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 353 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$65,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 354 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$350,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Woods Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 355 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Astor Services For Children & Families– Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 356 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Berkshire Farm Center And Services For Youth – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 357 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Home Of Kingston, New York – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 358 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Children's Home Of Poughkeepsie, N.Y. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 359 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of The Diocese Of Albany, Community Maternity Services – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 360 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Devereux Foundation – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 361 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Green Chimneys Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 362 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$500,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Hillside Children's Center – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 363 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Julia Dyckman Andrus Memorial, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 364 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Kidspace National Centers Of North America, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 365 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – La Salle School – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 366 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Mental Health Association In Ulster County, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 367 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Northeast Parent And Child Society, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 368 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Parsons Child And Family Center – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 369 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$400,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Rising Ground, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 370 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$250,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint Anne Institute – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 371 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Catherine's Center For Children – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 372 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$3,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – St. Christopher's, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 373 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Saint John Bosco Child And Family Services – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 374 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Vanderheyden Hall, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 375 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$2,000,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The William George Agency For Children's Services, Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 376 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Birnie Bus Service Inc. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)



- 377      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By  
The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – MAT Bus  
Corp. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 378      Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment Entered Into By  
The County For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 – Rolling V Bus  
Corp. – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:    22                      NOES:    0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

**Non-Consent**

**299 Authorizing The Use Of The Tax Stabilization Reserve Fund For COVID-19 Related Expenses**

Postponed in Committee

**323 Responding To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Notice Of Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Review Of The Draft Ulster County Local Solid Waste Management Plan**

Legislator Petit motioned, seconded by Legislator Greene, to refer the Resolution back to the Energy and Environment Committee.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21                      NOES: 1  
(Noes: Legislator Ronk)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

***REFERRED BACK TO ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE***

**327 Confirming The Appointment Of Ruth Boyer As Director Of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 21                      NOES: 1  
(Noes: Legislator Maio)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 328 Approving The Deviation By The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency Relating To The Terms And Conditions Of A Certain PILOT Agreement To Be Entered Into Between The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency And Kingstonian Development, LLC In Connection With The Kingstonian Development, LLC Project, And The Undertaking Of The Project Under The Agency's Housing Policy**

Postponed in Committee

- 334 Amending The 2020 Budget For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 2  
(Noes: Legislators Fabiano and Ronk)  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 342 Authorizing The Purchase Of A Seraphin Volumetric Calibration Trailer, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$40,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$40,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**  
**BOND**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0  
(Absent: Legislator Roberts)

- 347 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$108,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging**

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(Noes: Legislator Petit)  
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**MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:** Read by Legislator Mary Wawro.

Hon. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg  
Patricia Maxwell, Kansas City, MO  
Colleen Hughes, Saugerties, NY  
Jeffrey R. Young, Saugerties, NY  
Donald L. Barnes, Kingston, NY  
Marilyn Monahan, Highland, NY  
Thomas Griffin, Gardiner, NY  
John A. Kuriplach, Saugerties, NY  
Shayna L. Longendyke, Kingston, NY  
Alice C. Schoonmaker, Accord, NY  
Clifford E. Ellsworth, Hurley, NY  
Terry L. Davis Sr., Kingston, NY  
Joan F. Mitchell, Mt. Marion, NY  
Carol A. Reese, Saugerties, NY  
Carole Luther, Saugerties, NY  
Robert Tammany, Saugerties, NY  
Oliver S. Spencer, New Paltz, NY

Eva Mae Finelli, Kingston, NY  
Ernest G. Houghtaling, Kingston, NY  
Andrew G. DePoala Jr., Glasco, NY  
Anthony J. Smaldone, New Paltz, NY  
George J. Habernig III, Kingston, NY  
Harold J. Lieberman, Woodstock, NY  
Marilyn K. Walker, Saugerties, NY  
Roger P. Kelley, Ulster Park, NY  
Richard L. Rider, Saugerties, NY  
Melvin Mones, Kingston, NY  
Daniel F. Sickles, Kingston, NY  
Douglas W. Snyder, Saugerties, NY  
Grace Van Etten, Marlboro, NY  
Donna Overbay, Saugerties, NY  
Suzanne Simmons, Saugerties, NY  
Louis Fuoco, Kingston, NY

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.  
All in favor.

**MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:08 PM**

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, **November 17, 2020 at 7:00 PM.**

There will be three Public Hearings on the 2021 Proposed Ulster County Budget and the 2021 – 2026 Proposed Ulster County Capital Program. Further Meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is Friday, October 23, 2020 at 12 Noon.

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Public Comment via Call in Studio. Dial: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370)

7:00 PM

#### **Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty, please let everyone stand for the Pledge. Herb, you got your...there you go perfect. Alright Herb, 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, roll call, Vicky.

#### **Clerk Fabella**

Archer.

#### **Legislator Archer**

Here.

#### **Clerk Fabella**

Bartels.



**Legislator Bartels**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Here.

**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**

Legislator Fabiano, do you know how to unmute, you're muted right now. We did that to him.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Assistance needed.

**Clerk Fabella**

Yeah, we did that to him. I'm going to go back to him.

**Clerk Fabella**

Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris**

Present.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene.

**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.

**Legislator Petit**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Roberts. (Absent)

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk. (arrived 7:44 PM)

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

And Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Here.

**Clerk Fabella**

Twenty-one present and two absent. (Roberts, Ronk)

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. We have a couple of birthdays this month, they just squeezed it in October. October 30, Craig Lopez. Happy birthday, Craig, coming up. And then, Laurie Lichtenstein, October 31. They just squeezed them in.

**Legislator Parete**

Once in a blue moon.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right then. There are various communications that are on file, if you get a chance look through them, the annual reports, committee reports and such.

**Chairman Donaldson**

We can now go into public comments. But before we do, I want to make sure that the public knows that it is going to be two minutes. When you reach that two-minute time, you wrap it up. And please respect that. And do not call out any Legislators, or request any information, or question any Legislator. They cannot answer. They're not allowed to speak during Public Comment. Alrighty how many we have signed up, Vicky?

**Clerk Fabella**

Right now, we have 15 speakers signed up, though they're going to continue to roll in I have a feeling. The first speaker signed up is Clark Richters.

**Clark Richters**

Hi, this Clark Richters from Kingston, New York. I usually do media; the Kingston News and I'm speaking publicly on two issues. One is the Kingstonian in regard to, I don't agree with them abusing, or giving, or getting as a gift, Fair Street Extension. I think that that will cause, even though it was a traffic study, will cause like confusion Uptown, not that there's already confusion Uptown when it comes to traffic.

**Clark Richters**

And my second thing is my support, I'm asking, and I've been asking the City of Kingston, but I'm asking all the towns. Let's see the ones that received a franchise agreement. Actually, I just reminded myself about the internet up in Shandaken is, and all over that Spectrum has said that we're never going to reach, and they, actually, there's a lot of people that are not reachable. And I just think that my city, the City of Kingston, then the rest of the towns, really need hold Spectrum Cable accountable. And as Legislators, as officials, you're supposed to be looking out for the people. I shouldn't have to call and ask about where my Public Access TV is, or studio, or my right of way.

**Clark Richters**

And I'm hoping for more support as far as the other towns. Because some towns, you know, one town told me, the supervisor told me, he's never going to support or give money to public access, which I can't believe. It's like, right now, because of COVID-19, it's like, public access would be ideal, even not only for government, but I mean, just in general, like the Channel 20, like, like rainbow right now. The school district could use that to inform their, their, you know, what's going on. I think it's like, if you're, if you're in the position of you're an elected official step up to the plate. Because right now, the taxpayers need you to speak for us. And, and, and inform us of what's going on.

**Clark Richters**

Because of the right now, the way it stands, you got to have internet service to follow your government. I just can't understand that. I mean, the local media. I mean, I've, I'm independent, yeah, but there's not a whole lot, I mean, you know, there's, they, what they do is they put the wall up, so the information is not getting out there to the public.

**Clark Richters**

And like I said, yeah, you really have to be... you're fortunate to have internet paying \$84 a month for internet. Um, then you're getting information. If not, you're not getting it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Please can you wrap it up.

**Clark Richters**

You could just walk into the meeting.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay.

**Clark Richters**

All right. I was just, I was just trying to keep it going until you cut me off, Dave. I've talked several times. Um, I wish you, as Chairperson would speak about public access, because you seem to be...

**Legislator Heppner**

Point of Order, Chair, that you made the rules very clear.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I'm not getting the timing on that, Madam Clerk, I don't see it showing up for me.

**Clerk Fabella**

We can, we can just hold it up. I was I was texting you a different way. We can hold the time up.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alright, very good.

**Clerk Fabella**

The second speaker signed up is Sarah Wenk.

**Sarah Wenk**

Hi, can you hear me?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yep.

**Clerk Fabella**

Yes.

**Sarah Wenk**

Hello?

**Clerk Fabella**

Yes. We can hear you.

**Sarah Wenk**

Okay, sorry. I'm on my, I'm on my phone. So, I'm not seeing the little pictures.

Hi. This is... Okay, I'm going to start now. My name is Sarah Wenk. I live in the City of Kingston. Wealthy developers who want to build high end housing and see high end profits must pay their fair share of tax. This is not a project that should receive any taxpayer money. It is not senior housing or a skilled nursing care facility. The kinds of projects with obvious public benefits that have received pilots in the past.

**Sarah Wenk**

In fact, the only supposed public good that got this project rolling, increased parking in Uptown Kingston is clearly not going to happen. The numbers don't add up. And in fact, the neighborhood will see a reduction of available parking on that site. The developer will need a parking variance for the city. And Joe Bonura has gone as far as to suggest that potential residents might not have cars at all, which certainly helped his sketchy parking math add up.

**Sarah Wenk**

Yesterday, I took a drive up to Opus 40. So many of the enriching and exhilarating experiences that living in Ulster County offers require a car. It's nonsensical to think that any resident of this development won't want or need a car. And if that's the case, the parking numbers simply do not add up and Uptown gains no parking.

**Sarah Wenk**

Our schools can't afford to wait 25 years for revenue from this project to start trickling in. The developer's own materials set out a 50-year timeline that is speculative at best; fantastical at worst. We are in the midst of a crisis now. Our schools are facing huge budget cuts. The taxpayers of Ulster County are being

asked to subsidize luxury housing for a possible benefit that won't begin until after most of us are dead.

**Sarah Wenk**

It's illogical and unsustainable. There can clearly be no vote on this project until everyone, including, and especially the public, has had the opportunity to thoroughly review the independent financial review commissioned by the county. And thank you for that County Executive Ryan. It's hard to imagine, though that this report will show real, quantifiable public benefits and not huge and very quantifiable profits for the development team. Thank you. Thanks for letting me speak.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Onnesha Roychoudhuri.

**Chairman Donaldson**

You have to unmute yourself in order to speak. Go to the next one, and you can always come back.

**Clerk Fabella**

It's a problem with the Call-in Studio, I think. Onnesha, can you hear us? We're working on it. I don't think it's her problem; I think it's our problem.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker would be Elizabeth Render. We can try to put her in the queue and see if that'll help.

**Elizabeth Render**

Can you hear me?

**Legislature Parete**

Yes.

**Elizabeth Render**

Okay, I think what it is, is the people on phones see the press "star six" to speak, just for whoever is next after me.



**Clerk Fabella**

Wait, is Elizabeth?

**Elizabeth Render**

Yes, it is.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, go ahead.

**Elizabeth Render**

I was just... I could hear I could hear the last person who is speaking, and I'm also on a phone. So, whoever is calling on the phone, if you press star six, you should be able to speak so that they can hear you as well.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Elizabeth Render**

So, the Kingstonian PILOT is... the Kingstonian PILOT is just absolutely heinous and irresponsible, given the timing and the climate. Thank you to Executive Ryan for asking for an independent study for this. We are completely gentrifying our neighborhoods instead of having a place where we can have sustainable jobs, we're building luxury housing for essentially the economy that will be drawn up by the cities, not the people who are in Kingston, and who will benefit from it., and the people who put everyone here in office.

**Elizabeth Render**

What's happening is pretty insulting, in fact. And instead of bringing in high end manufacturing jobs, or skilled labor jobs, or, you know, bringing in money for our schools, we are instead banking on the tourist industry, which is not sustainable. We are ignoring cries from the community asking to be heard, and we're relying on mutual aid because the City of Kingston is leaving us out in the cold at this point. And as elected officials, you have rights and responsibilities to your constituents to listen to what they need. And what we need is not a luxury building. What we need are jobs. What we need are places where families can eat. The city has two free community fridges to feed our constituents. And we have people who are taking care of each other through break-like clinics and bike clinics. And that is not coming from Kingston.

**Elizabeth Render**

You're looking for tax breaks and a net loss of actual parking spaces. Why don't we have a decent... if we're going to have a net loss [inaudible]. Why don't we have a decent...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Can you please wrap it up?

**Elizabeth Render**

Why don't we have a decent way for people to get around?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alright.

**Elizabeth Render**

Public transit it is way more important than having...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay, your two minutes are up. Could you please wrap it up?

**Elizabeth Render**

Yes, public transit is much more important than having luxury housing. We have people on bikes getting pulled over by the cops and we already had the state troopers here for that.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, we're going to go back to Onnesha to see if she's on the line.

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

Can you all, can you all hear me now?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, yeah. You have two minutes.

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

Excellent. Great. So, my name is Onnesha Roychoudhuri, and I'm a resident Kingston, and I'm actually a recent homeowner. I'm actually right now covered in sawdust and polyurethane because I'm refinishing some floors. But I just want to speak to the fact that I've been working for years to be able to buy a house. And when I bought, I experienced the insane real estate rush here in Kingston. The only

way I was able to get the house that I'm in, which is a modest house, is because I wrote a letter to the owners telling them that I did not want to flip their house, I did not want to turn their house into an Airbnb, I wanted to be a community member, and continue to stay here and live here. Because I love this community.

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

And it was the third offer I made on a house before I was able to finally get in. And of course, it was just all cash offers, far above asking, which I just couldn't possibly compete with.

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

All this, as I was going through this process, was frustrating of course, but the thing I was most acutely aware of is how privileged I am by contrast to many longtime Kingston residents, who are absolutely struggling. And when it comes to a massive tax break for the Kingstonian, especially right now, during COVID. When we're not just in a housing crisis, we're in a health crisis, a public health crisis. And the fact that we're talking about such a massive tax break, that's hinged on parking spaces, is really disheartening and kind of obscene when we have, we have families here who do not have homes to live in.

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

And I know that there's offensively some small, quote unquote, affordable housing component to the luxury building. But what is that actually pegged to? Is it pegged to what people are actually making in this community. And is it enough to actually address the real legitimate housing crisis we have right now?

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

I sincerely hope that we can all have a true public conversation and hearing about this because it...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Can you wrap it up?

**Onnesha Roychoudhuri**

...is especially not...Yep, because now... is especially not the time to push forward something like this. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you for that.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker is Colby Creedon.

**Colby Creedon**

Hi, can you hear me?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

13:21

Yep.

**Chairman Donaldson**

You have two minutes.

**Colby Creedon**

Great. Thanks. Hi, my name is Colby Creedon. I'm speaking about the Kingstonian. I'm an attorney and I'm a counsel to a resident of Poughkeepsie, who is concerned about the excessive tax breaks and developer concessions that have been given to the Bonura Group in the City of Poughkeepsie. And it's my clients position that Poughkeepsie has not benefited from the Bonura PILOT on the Poughkeepsie waterfront and we have a detailed critique which is relevant to your current review. We will submit the critique after reviewing your consultant's report and just wanted to let you know that coming. Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker we have signed up is Alex Panagiotopoulos. I always say your name wrong, I seriously apologize for it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead, Alex. You've got two minutes.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

Hey, this is Alex and hopefully you guys can hear me.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

We can hear you, go ahead.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

I'm asking you to vote no, on the Kingstonian PILOT. If you vote yes, you're going to turn our county into the laughingstock of the entire country. According to the National Board of Realtors, we have the fastest rising real estate values in the country. We also have triple the amount of Airbnb activity of any place north of New York City. And if your response to that is going to be to give a \$30 million tax break for luxury development. Think that's an utter joke.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

When this thing gets built, it will be a symbol of alienation and the utter failure of our local political process. If you vote yes, on this, we're going to be giving luxury developers \$2 every minute for the next 25 years. So, I have two minutes, so that'll be \$4. for them.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

Someone also mentioned all the mutual aid going on. And, you know, I know that's like picking up some of the slack. And I know also there's, you know, a billionaire locally, who's picking up some of the slack like, a couple million here, a couple million there. But that's not going to last forever. This is for 25 years. You know, this is like, right now, what's going on in this area? You know, it's trendy and popular to like, get back and do mutual aid, that might not last forever. 25 years is a really long time for this luxury development.

**Alex Panagiotopoulos**

You know, we need to be giving \$30 million to things that are going to protect people that are rights guaranteed by the government. You know, we can't just rely on individuals to band together. You know, we really need the government to step up and do more to protect the community and take care of the community. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Lee Kalish.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead, Lee. You have two minutes.

**Lee Kalish**

Good evening, Mic check. Mic check.

**Chairman Donaldson**

You're good.

**Lee Kalish**

Good evening, Legislators. And thank you for your good work. And I appreciate your time tonight to consider my comments. My name is Lee Kalish. I'm a Town of Ulster resident and an Ulster County resident for my entire life. I'm generally in favor of the Kingstonian project. But I see two significant flaws that I believe the county should take an active interest in considering.

**Lee Kalish**

First, I believe the Pedestrian Plaza as its proposed should be at the end of Wall Street where there's already plaza, where there's already been a strong pedestrian presence. I don't think Fair Street is the right location for that plaza. Nor do I think the foot of Wall Street is the proper location for a parking entrance. I'm concerned about this intersection already being rather crowded, and busy, and it's sort of the highlight of the walk-through North Front, Wall and Fair. I don't believe that pedestrian Plaza should be located over... I'm confusing my words. I don't think the Pedestrian Plaza should be over Fair Street. I think it should be over Wall. And I think any traffic in and out should be up and down Fair Street.

**Lee Kalish**

My second point, which is more significant, is the proposed closure of upper Fair Street to automobile traffic. Uptown in recent years have had significant traffic challenges, and while COVID has caused a temporary reduction, once recovery commences, all of the additional uptown business and residential traffic will generate even more hurdles to the Kingstonian. Senate Garage, Kingsley Hotel, the many new restaurants, and old and new restaurants, all need proper and safe traffic flow in order to ensure their success.

**Lee Kalish**

I asked you Legislators to empower the appropriate committees, perhaps their transportation council to take a closer look at the uptown traffic flow and the effects of this closure and the overall effects to the Kingstonian. I believe that a good review will show that this is an important egress which not only serves as a significant route for fire trucks, ambulances, delivery trucks and shoppers. But it's also an important pressure relief valve when uptown streets get overwhelmed.

Please consider how easy North Fair and Wall Streets become congested. If you track truck deliveries or cars...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Can you wrap it up?

**Lee Kalish**

I'm winding down right now. I gotcha. But just remember how congested we get when we don't have COVID going on with trucks and cars and emergency vehicles and pedestrians. I can't see how closing Fair Street we can make something better than uptown. I wonder if you can.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Lee Kalish**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker is Patricia Koerwer.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay, Patricia, you have two minutes.

**Patricia Koerwer**

Hi, can everyone hear me?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, we can.

**Patricia Koerwer**

Great. My name is Patricia Koerwer. I live in midtown Kingston and I just want to encourage all of you to vote no on this PILOT agreement. There are a lot of reasons why it's just a bad idea for our community. There's not enough affordable housing in this development. There's very, very scant benefit to the community, as a whole. This is a development that serves the interests a few private developers instead of the people of this county.

**Patricia Koerwer**

And now they want a PILOT agreement for a few parking spaces that are probably not going to materialize, that are literally across the street from a giant, underused parking lot.

**Patricia Koerwer**

So, the \$30 million that we're talking about giving them a tax breaks, that should be the cost of doing business here. This is one of the hottest and most desirable real estate markets, literally, in the entire country. That money is for us. That money funds our schools. It funds our first responders. It funds all of the things that we need to make this community livable for the people who are here, right now. It should not be on the table. It should not be negotiable. I cede the rest of my time. Thank you very much.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Rebecca Martin.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead Rebecca, you have two minutes.

**Rebecca Martin**

Hello.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, we can hear you.

**Rebecca Martin**

Great. With an independent cost benefit analysis of the Kingstonian Project PILOT in the hands of impacted agencies, and plans for its release to the public on Friday, I'd like to thank County Executive Pat Rryan and Legislator Lynn Archer for pursuing the review of a PILOT that promises to offset the costs of Kingston's uptown parking inventory. Throughout this process, that has spanned several years., the financials for the Kingstonian Project, which is a public private partnership, has been shrouded in secrecy.



**Rebecca Martin**

And yet, here we are today, presumably on the verge of finally seeing what our City of Kingston elected and appointed officials told us was not available to us. During the Kingstonian Project presentation in July, Ulster County IDA board member Dr. Diane Eynon asked our Mayor how many parking spaces in uptown were actually needed. Our Mayor couldn't provide a clear answer but pointed to studies that have indicated a need for parking that the Kingstonian Project would fulfill.

**Rebecca Martin**

Since no one that I recall, serving in their elected or appointed capacity, has been able to lay out Kingston's true parking needs, clearly, it is a reasonable presumption to make that the City of Kingston has a long way to go in its efforts to map out its current parking, its needs and undertake an effort to identify a long-range solution.

**Rebecca Martin**

As for parking in uptown Kingston, who should pay for these sorts of localized capital business improvements? In my opinion, the solution is certainly not to place the burden on everyone in Ulster County, and especially our school district.

**Rebecca Martin**

I support development in Kingston and Ulster County. But I do not support a project that may not be financially viable without a PILOT. "No PILOT, no project," we were told this summer by developers. Had that been revealed, and all of the financial impacts revealed during SEQRA...

**Chairman Donaldso**

Please wrap it t up.

**Rebecca Martin**

much time, energy and money. Much time, energy and money might have been spared. With Ulster County's desirability, coupled with the Ulster County IDAs recent policy change to include mixed use housing projects...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Please wrap it up, you exceeded your two minutes.

**Rebecca Martin**

... the floodgates for more requests like this one is foreseeable. I urge the impacted agencies to provide the scrutiny that this precedent setting PILOT agreement deserves. Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Scott Koerwer.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead Scott.

**Clerk Fabella**

Scott, you're on the line with the Legislature. Did you want to speak?

**Clerk Fabella**

We're going to move past that, and come back to it, if need be. And the next speaker is Lynn Woods.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead, Lynn. Hello. Lynn?

**Lynn Woods**

Hello.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, go ahead, Lynn.

**Lynn Woods**

I didn't hear my name.

**Chairman Donaldson**

No problem. You have two..

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, you have two minutes.

**Lynn Woods**

All right. So, I am a Kingston resident, I've lived here for 25 years. My name is Lynn Woods. And I'm, I want to speak against this PILOT as a taxpayer. I own three properties in Kingston. And by the way, I wrote a letter to the legislators, I'm just sort of recapping some of those points. And the amount of tax of school tax that I am going to pay, or I pay this year is a little over a third, and I own six, that is three properties, that's six units, I'm going to pay a little more than a third than the Kingstonian, which has 143 units plus a boutique hotel, plus retail space. I'm

going to be paying more than a third of what they're going to pay. And that amount is going to go up over the years, because we know that our school taxes will continue to go up.

**Lynn Woods**

So, I just think this is unconscionable that you could consider giving them this tax break, particularly because we know, in addition, they're going to cost the city. I mean, just the garbage tickets alone for that many units are going to probably require more garbage staff. The amount of congestion, especially since they're taking over a public street. There will be more costs from this project. And it's just unconscionable that they not pay their fair share.

**Lynn Woods**

And someone else said, this is the cost of doing business. You know, if I'm going to buy a building in Kingston, I look at the cost of property taxes. And if it's too much, I don't buy the building. I also should mention that I think if they get the PILOT, it's directly contributing to the problem of affordable housing, not only because they're going to have mostly market rate housing, but also because if our taxes continue to go up, you know, it's harder for me to keep my rents reasonable.

**Lynn Woods**

I have wonderful tenants, including two families, with a total of five children between them. I think they're going to have a hard time finding a place to live, if I have to sell my building, because my taxes are so high, or I have to raise the rents, which I will not do, even though my costs for these buildings are considerable. So, the idea that over time, as my taxes go up, they don't pay a cent. And they're increasing the cost of the city. You know, it's going to really put a crunch on the rest of us.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Can you wrap it up please?

**Lynn Woods**

Yeah, so, anyway, I just want to emphasize that I think this is, really, I don't know how the city can possibly approve this. They need to pay their fair share. And I'm very grateful that there has been a study of it. But even if the study shows that there's a reason that they need this tax break, well, then it is not a good project.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, we think we fixed the problem with Mr. Scott Koerwer. Scott, can you hear us?

**Scott Koerwer**

I can. Can you guys hear me?

**Clerk Fabella**

We can.

**Chairman Donaldson**

We can, Scott. Go ahead, you've got two minutes.

**Scott Koerwer**

Sorry about that. Thank you. I also just wanted to call in opposition to the Kingstonian PILOT Project for many of the reasons people have already mentioned, the tax break, I think is just completely absurd. We should, at the bare minimum expect businesses to pay their fair share of taxes if they want to do business in our community. And then, as other people have raised, affordable housing is a real issue. And this is not going to solve that. Parking is an issue. This is not going to solve that. And I think that we should only support development in our community that is going to be positive for the community. And I don't see any positive aspects of the Kingstonian PILOT Project. Thank you very much.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Mike Baden.

**Mike Baden**

Good evening to the Legislature. Supervisor Mike Baden, Town of Rochester.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yeah, yeah, two minutes.

**Mike Baden**

Okay, yep. Good evening to the Legislature. I'm calling to speak on Resolution 323, which is the UCRRRA notice of intent to seek lead agency under the SEQRA review. I'm asking the Legislature to oppose that lead agency status and to seek lead agency for themselves. I believe that the Solid Waste Management Plan is a policy decision that should be why in the hands of the legislators, as the policy body of the county. The RRA does a very fine job and we are happy as towns to have them. But I think

that this decision should lie in the hands of the Legislators for the review, not the agency that is being funded by the works of the Solid Waste Management Plan. So, I would ask you to seek lead agency. Thank you very much.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next speaker signed up is Pat Pellicano.

**Pat Pellicano**

Hello, this is Pat. Can you all hear me?

**Pat Pellicano**

Yep. Yes, thank you. So, gotcha.

**Pat Pellicano**

I'm a resident in Midtown Kingston. Just calling too, much like many of the people that have been on the line so far, voice my opposition to the Kingstonian. It feels like it's the 11th hour. And thanks to County Exec Ryan, we're actually getting some sort of transparency on what, like the analysis, you know, is, is behind this project. But, you know, as has been made clear, at least, like the scandals that have leaked, or like, you know, been brought to the public, it is a negative on affordable housing. They say 14 units of like, you know, something that's like, less than market. But even that is to people of my generation, I'm a, you know, capital and millennial, it's like, we do not have the cash and to afford these kinds of apartments.

**Pat Pellicano**

So, the... trying to gamble on the certain people you're trying to, they're trying to imagine might go there and only shop there, is just like that's, uh, not only is it risky and dumb, but like this has clearly shown that the tourism industry is not stable whatsoever we need like, yeah, just stable jobs. You know, turn the old IBM Center into like a place people can actually work.

**Pat Pellicano**

But yeah, so it's a negative, affordable housing, it's negative on parking. And unfortunately, the gentlemen before who's talking about oh, it's going to cause traffic jams. How about thinking about people over the actual property?

**Pat Pellicano**

You know, like, we... as someone else in the past, we have lines going around the block people's place for a food pantry? What will this show like, and as someone else said, it will be the laughingstock of Ulster County; if not the country, because as the most, you know, hot county in all the US that people are trying to move up here, we're going to throw cash at, you know, people that own Herzog's, like what are we doing? You know? So, please, thank you very much.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Pat Pellicano**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The next to last speaker signed up is Tonya Garment.

**Tonya Garment**

Hi. This is Tonya Garment. I am a resident of Kingston, and I've been watching the process of this project from the beginning. This is a really politically charged project. There's a weird culture in Kingston this, this idea that, that we're not going to ever move forward, that there's a scarcity, that nobody else will develop this site. That idea is absurd. Right now, we have bidding wars on properties. That site would so quickly be developed by developers who would be willing to build into the project parking that adheres to Kingston's zoning code. Unreasonable as it may be, we do have a zoning code that asks for an unreasonably large amount of parking. We have no parking management system. It's debatable whether we even need more parking with the lack of a parking management system.

**Tonya Garment**

These applicants are going to be asking for not only a waiver to park, but also a variance. We're not going to be getting additional parking, we're not going to be getting affordable housing more than we're planning on asking all developments over five units to have.

**Tonya Garment**

The traffic study. We're going to be losing, we would be losing if this project goes through and I hope it does not. We would be losing Fair Street Extension. That's one less way for the vehicles of uptown Kingston to travel. That's one less sidewalk for people to gather on and walk by interesting storefronts, which this project is not

going to offer on a whole section of the building. The traffic study was one hour, one time long. We will be losing a park that you can sit in currently and watch people go by. Things have been twisted from the beginning...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Can you please wrap up?

**Tonya Garment**

Yeah, I know, 30 seconds. Thank you very much. So, lastly, I just want to say that please understand why the Kingston Common Council voted unanimously for this is because there was an enormous political pressure. And they were not well informed of what this was. This is a disaster all around. Thank you, Mr. Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

You're welcome.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, we had one last late speaker sign up and that is Charlotte Adamis.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead, Charlotte you have two minutes.

**Charlotte Adamis**

Hi, I know it's late. And I don't want to keep you. People have said pretty much everything I want to say. But I did want to register my opposition to the proposed PILOT for the Kingstonian. As a resident of Kingston for the past 22 years. I am not in favor of this tax break. I recently retired, but I worked for the Kingston City School District for 18 years. And I know all too well that our school district can't afford tax breaks for wealthy developers. Our children do not deserve to be short changed. So, I think it would be shameful, at this point in our history, and especially with the proposed or projected budget shortages from Albany, that we could even consider such a thing. Our kids are really suffering, and it would be unconscionable. So, thank you so much for this opportunity to share my voice.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you for your comments.

**Charlotte Adamis**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

Actually, 30 seconds ago, we had someone come in at the last second. And I don't even have his full name, or her full name. It's Dalland, is the last name.

**Dugenie Dalland**

Yes. Hi.

**Clerk Fabella**

Can you tell us your first name for the record?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Well...

**Dugenie Dalland**

Hello.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes, you have two minutes.

**Dugenie Dalland**

Oh, great. Hi. Thank you. My name is...

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead.

**Dugenie Dalland**

Can you hear me? Okay?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes. Just state your name.

**Dugenie Dalland**

My name is Dugenie Dalland. I'm an Ulster County resident. My family lives in Kingston. Thank you, Legislators, for your time. I just wanted to make a very simple and short point, which has been made by several other callers, which is that the only housing that the Hudson Valley and Kingston in particular needs is affordable housing. Not luxury housing for the rich. And 14 apartments in a luxury housing development is not a solution to the housing crisis. Please vote no. Thank you very much.



**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. And there's no more signed up?

**Clerk Fabella**

There are no other speakers signed up.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. Let's go into the Agenda. I mean, we have the consent agenda?

**Legislator Heppner**

Yes, Mr. Chairman, I'll move to move 344-375 to Consent.

**Legislator Ronk**

The Republican Caucus consents.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Okay. So, moved. Now for the Consent Agenda in its entirety.

**Legislator Heppner**

We are short yes, with one abstention on Resolution 333, Legislator Uchitelle, for the purpose of employment.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolutions are adopted 22 to zero, with the exception of resolution 333, which is adopted 21 to zero, with one abstention, Legislator Uchitelle.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Dean, you have to mute yourself until you're ready to vote.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Mute again?

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yeah, you're... Yeah, you're...just mute it.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, Resolution 299 was postponed in the Ways and Means Committee.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 323: Responding To The Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency Notice Of Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under The State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Review Of The Draft Ulster County Local Solid Waste Management Plan.

**Legislator Fabiano**

You had it muted.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Greene. Legislator Greene

**Legislator Petit**

I'll second that.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I didn't hear anything said.

**Legislator Heppner**

I'll make a motion to refer back to committee.

**Legislator Greene**

Jonathan, I will second. And I'd like to speak.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Go ahead.

**Legislator Ronk**

Just for the purpose of clarification. That's the Energy and Environment Committee.

**Legislator Heppner**

Yes.

**Legislator Greene**

Thank you. I'm sorry, I forgot that I was on mute. So, the Energy Environment Committee discussed this at length. We actually had two meetings. Because

SEQRA is complicated. I want to say that, in my opinion, and the opinion of the attorneys, the Agency was given some bad advice, initially, by the local DEC staff. I think their intentions were good. But when we checked with DEC legal, there were some problems initially with SEQRA that were compounded by a recent decision regarding lead agency status, and the issuance of a negative declaration before the county, the Legislature, as an involved agency, and the...

**Legislator Greene**

I'm sorry, but I do think we need to create a context, Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Greene**

That SEQRA was not followed. And that was the primary reason to challenge the UCRRA's intention to become a lead agency was that they issued a negative declaration before completing a coordinated review with the Legislature and any other involved agencies. It is our understanding that they intend to correct that at a meeting, an upcoming meeting, on October 26. And so, pending that action, I would like to refer this back to committee.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right.

**Chairwoman Greene**

Energy and Environment Committee

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. On the issue, anybody else want to speak on the referral? Hearing none...

**Legislator Heppner**

On sending it back to Energy and Environment, we're a short yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

On the resolution, sending it back to committee, we were a short, yes. But you know, I'm going to be a no. So, we're going to be a short yes with one no, Legislator Ronk. I don't believe that this needs to go back to committee. I believe for a lot of reasons. You know, before Legislator Greene's long explanation about why it was going back to committee, I was going to be yes. But quite frankly, you know, the RRA has, you know, committed to and done a multi-year review many, many years. You know, and I just, you know, I was going to be a yes, but I just after that explanation, I just can't. So, a short yes, with one no, Legislator Ronk.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is referred back to the Energy and Environment Committee by a vote of 21 to one.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 327: Confirming the Appointment of Ruth Boyer as Director of Ulster County's Public Defender's Office.

**Legislator Ronk**

Mr. Chairman, Legislator Maio would like to be heard on this.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Maio.

**Legislator Maio**

Thank you, Chairman. Before casting my vote, I want to give my reason for voting no on Ms. Boyer's appointment tonight. Since the inception of bail reform has been proven to be dangerous. There are very specific cases this year that show that bail reform is not only disturbing by nature, but let me repeat, dangerous. Dangerous to the victim, dangerous to law enforcement, dangerous to our communities. Law Enforcement, the District Attorneys, and yes, even Public Defenders from across New York are calling for this law to be repealed or amended to prevent dangerous individuals back on the streets before police officers who've arrested them get back in their patrol cars, or the victims can get home. While Ms. Boyer may have a qualifying resume, her very clear answer to supporting bail reform, unfortunately, leaves me unable to support her appointment. I will be a no tonight. Thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Legislator Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

So, yes. I mean, I respect Legislator Maio's comments. But I will give a quick response and the fact that I've talked to lots of law enforcement, and one fact is clear, is that law enforcement advocates, community members, everyone before this, believe that the system was broken. And to vote no against a qualified candidate, for a Public Defender. I don't think this is a, you know, related issue. Everyone, cops included, like they said that the system was broken. And so, for that

I'm a yes, and I can say for my caucus, we are a short yes, on the appointment of Ruth Boyer.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Thank you. I want to I extend my appreciation for Ruth putting herself forward for this position. I'm personally very excited about her taking on this important role. As I said, in Committee, I feel like this is... this appointment is one of the most important ones I could possibly make as a Legislator who is very committed to criminal justice, with the emphasis on the word justice. I think that this is a frontline person in ensuring the protections of indigent people and I'm really just wanted to say that I'm very excited to support her appointment.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Legislator Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. You know, I just have to, I just have to step up and stand in front of Legislator Maio a little bit on this. You know, from what Legislator Heppner said, I will be supporting, you know, Ms. Boyers appointment tonight, I think that she's going to do a great job as our Public Defender, but to say that all these folks support bail reform in the way that it is. I mean, it goes, it flies right in the face of common sense. And it flies right in the face of the comments of our current Democrat District Attorney Dave Clegg, who recently spoke out how much of a travesty it was that multiple people involved in the shooting in Kingston were released without bail after his office requested bail. So, to say that bail reform hasn't caused problems for us in New York State, and in Ulster County, in particular, I think, I think is a little, you know, disingenuous. So, I totally understand where Legislator Maio is coming from. I'll just say that, you know, I think that Ruth Boyer is going to do a great job as our Public Defender, and I'll be supporting her. But to stand in defense of bail reform as it sits right now, I think is you know, bold.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Before I call on you, Legislator Heppner, is there anyone else, if I give you your second ones? Okay, Legislator Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

To the Chair, to Minority Leader Ronk. Where those charges bail eligible, that you spoke about.

**Legislator Ronk**

They were they were qualifying offenses, you know, through the Chair, of course, they we're qualifying offenses under bail reform, but they were released without bail.

**Legislator Heppner**

That has nothing to do with bail reform. So, that's my point.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you.

**Legislator Ronk**

That's one person's opinion, sir.

**Chairman Donaldson**

All right. Anyone else? I don't see anyone else. Okay, I'll take the vote.

**Legislator Heppner**

We are short. Yes.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're a short yes with one No. Legislator, Mary Beth Maio

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution is adopted 21 to one.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 328 was postponed in the Ways and Means Committee.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 334: Amending The 2020 Budget For COVID-19 Related Expenses – Emergency Management.

**Chairman Donaldson**

On the issue.

**Legislator Heppner**

We're a short yes, with one no, Legislator Petit.

**Legislator Ronk**

Were a short yes, with two noes, Legislator Fabiano and Ronk.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 19 to three.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 342: Authorizing The Purchase Of A Seraphin Volumetric Calibration Trailer, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$40,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$40,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof.

**Clerk Fabella**

Archer.

**Legislator Archer**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bartels

**Legislator Bartels**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Bruno.

**Legislator Bruno**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Cahill.

**Legislator Cahill**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Corcoran.

**Legislator Corcoran**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Criswell.

**Legislator Criswell**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Delaune

**Legislator Delaune**

Yes

**Clerk Fabella**

Donaldson.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Fabiano.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Gavaris.

**Legislator Gavaris**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Greene.

**Chairwoman Greene**



Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Haynes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Heppner.

**Legislator Heppner**

Yep. And applaud for the pronunciation because I struggle with that stuff.

**Clerk Fabella**

Thank you. Litts.

**Legislator Litts**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Lopez.

**Legislator Lopez**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Maio.

**Legislator Maio**

Yeah.

**Clerk Fabella**

Parete.

**Legislator Parete**

Yep.

**Clerk Fabella**

Petit

**Legislator Petit**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Ronk.

**Legislator Ronk**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Uchitelle.

**Legislator Uchitelle**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

Walter.

**Legislator Walter**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

And Wawro.

**Legislator Wawro**

Yes.

**Clerk Fabella**

The resolution is adopted 22 to zero.

**Clerk Fabella**

Resolution 347: Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$108,900.00 Entered Into By The County – Kingston Worx, A Division Of HealthAlliance Hospital Broadway Campus – Office For The Aging

**Legislator Heppner**

Excuse me, I was wrong before. Legislator Petit was a yes on 334. But she is a no. And we're short yes on 347.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, Legislator Ronk. Do you want to give me yours? And then I'll redo both counts.

**Legislator Ronk**

We're short, yes, on this.

**Clerk Fabella**

Okay, so, on Resolution 334, the official vote is, the resolution is adopted by a vote of 20 to 2.

**Clerk Fabella**

And then on Resolution 347, before I announce this vote, I don't... Chairman, I don't know if you want to call on Legislator Petit.

**Chairman Donaldson**

I'm sorry. I did not see Legislator Petit's hand. Go ahead.

**Legislator Petit**

I would just like to explain my vote on this. You know, obviously, occupational therapy, and especially through Office of the Aging is much needed. And you know, of course a county supported program. However, Kingston Worx is part of the HealthAlliance. And the Benedictine Mary's Avenue campus is looking to remove much needed inpatient substance abuse and mental health beds. So, I am a protest no on this particular funding. I don't think they should be funded until they agree to maintain the inpatient substance abuse and mental health beds. And if they continue on with their \$92 million project and jeopardize the programs in Ulster County, then we should be looking for other professionals to subsidize our programs, and we'll give them our money instead.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Thank you. Now I believe that was the end of the resolutions. Is that correct?

**Clerk Fabella**

That is the end of the resolutions. And Resolution 347 was adopted by a vote of 21 to one.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty. And Legislator Wawro was going to read the meetings adjourned in memory of.

**Legislator Wawro**

Thank you. I, I'd like to just start with wishing my parents that very happy 64th wedding anniversary today.

**Legislator Wawro**

And in memorial, the Honorable Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; Patricia Maxwell, Kansas City, MO; Colleen Hughes, Saugerties, NY who was my maid of honor; Jeffrey R. Young, Saugerties, NY; Donald L. Barnes, Kingston, NY; Marilyn Monahan, Highland, NY; Thomas Griffin, Gardiner, NY; John A. Kuriplach, Saugerties, NY; Shayna L. Longendyke, Kingston, NY; Alice C. Schoonmaker, Accord, NY; Clifford E. Ellsworth, Hurley, NY; Terry L. Davis Sr., Kingston, NY; Joan F. Mitchell, Mt. Marion, NY; Carol A. Reese, Saugerties, NY; Carole Luther, Saugerties, NY; Robert Tammany, Saugerties, NY; Oliver S. Spencer, New Paltz, NY; Eva Mae Finelli, Kingston, NY; Ernest G. Houghtaling, Kingston, NY; Andrew G. DePoala Jr., Glasco, NY; Anthony J. Smaldone, New Paltz, NY; George J. Habernig III, Kingston, NY; Harold J. Lieberman, Woodstock, NY; Marilyn K. Walker, Saugerties, NY; Roger P. Kelley, Ulster Park, NY; Richard L. Rider, Saugerties, NY; Melvin Mones, Kingston, NY; Daniel F. Sickles, Kingston, NY; Douglas W. Snyder, Saugerties, NY; Grace Van Etten, Marlboro, NY; Donna Overbay, Saugerties, NY; Suzanne Simmons, Saugerties, NY; Louis Fuoco, Kingston, NY.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Does anyone have anyone else to add? Legislator Archer.

**Legislator Archer**

Yes, Thankyou Chair. It's not adding, but I do want to acknowledge the loss of Alice Schoonmaker. She was a huge personality in the Town of Rochester. She's from the Schoonmaker Farm family. She's been involved at the county level, at the town level, she was the town historian, and her bubbly can-do personality is going to be sorely missed in our communities. So, thank you.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Does anyone else wish to speak? No? Then the meeting is adjourned. The next meeting of the... the regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 7pm. There will be three public hearings on the 2021 proposed close to the County Budget. And the 2021-2026 perspective Ulster County Capital Programs. Further meeting details will be forthcoming on those. Resolution deadline is Friday, October 23, 2020, at noon.

**Legislator Litts**

Mr. Chairman, I'll make a motion for adjournment.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty.

**Legislator Fabiano**

Second it.

**Chairman Donaldson**

And seconded by Fabiano. All those in favor?

**Legislative Members**

Aye.

**Chairman Donaldson**

Alrighty, enjoy the rest of your evening.