

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2021

PUBLIC HEARINGS & 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: 7:06 PM

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

Led by Legislator Mary Wawro.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Session.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:08 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 6 Of 2021, A Local Law Repealing Local Law Number 2 Of 2013, And Establishing The Ulster County School-Based Mental Health And Safety Act Of 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was (1) speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Christopher Farrell, Ulster Park: Mr. Farrell a clinical social worker and a member of multiple school boards, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 6 of 2021.

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:13 PM

7:10 PM - CALL OF THE 2ND PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:14 PM

On Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster, Chapter 304, Solid Waste, Article IV, Food Waste Prevention And Recovery, In Relation To Composting

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

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Ronk to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:14 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Brian Cahill, November 30th

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

Majority Whip Abe Uchitelle motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Rondout Valley School, Superintendent J. Morgan
UC Legislator Peter Criswell
The Family of Maryalice E. Cahill
UC Attorney Office, Clinton Johnson

UC Comptroller, March Gallagher
Town of Marlborough, Clerk Colleen Corcoran

Town of Gardiner, Clerk Michelle Mosher
Town of Ulster, Attorney Jason Kovacs, Esq.
Town of Esopus, Clerk Holly Netter
Town of Plattekill, Clerk Donna Hedrick
Town of Shawangunk, Clerk
UC Community Services Board
NYS Dept. of Labor Hudson Valley Regional
County News
UC DPW, Interim Comm. Brendan Materson
UC Veteran Services, Director Mark Cozzupoli
Town of Montgomery, Clerk Tara Stickles
New Paltz Climate Smart Organization
NYS DEC

UC Regional Chamber of Commerce

Letter, In Support Of PLL No. 6 of 2021
Press Release, KingstonYMCA Farm Project
Thank You Note
County Litigation Sept. & Oct. 2021
Order of Succession 10/28/2021
Flexibility Use & Reporting ARPA Funds
Res.#78 Reappoint UC Planning Board
Members, Cindy Lanzetta, Chris Brand
Notice Public Hearing 11/9/2021 7PM
Resolution, Oppose Landfill Town of Ulster
Resolution, Oppose County-wide Landfill
Resolution, Oppose Landfill in Plattkill
Resolution, Oppose Landfill in Shawangunk
Minutes 9/13/2021, 10/18/2021
Virtual Career Fair 10/28/2021
Sept 27, Oct. 11, 25 Vol. 53, No. 16,17,18
Culvert Replmt. Town of Shandaken
Veteran's Events/Notifications
PH Notice Zoning Law & Map Amendments
Newsletter Oct. 2021 Vol. 3 Issue 10
Email, Safeguard Bats "Bat Week"
Email, Pesticides & Chemical Waste
Ribbon Cutting, Saugertails Pet Supply 10/29
Ribbon Cutting, Moonburger 11/8 9AM
Ribbon Cutting, Lucy's Grooming Parlor 11/6
Postponed Maria Cabrera Bridal Opening 11/18

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Concerned Citizens

UC Planning Board

Central Hudson Gas & Electric

WallkillvalleyIt.org

Catskill Watershed Corporation

UC Capital Resource Corp., Chair James Malcolm

UC Planning Dept., Director Dennis Doyle

UC Corporate Compliance, Officer Tom Gibney

(3) In Support Of PLL No. 7 of 2021

(2) Extend The Catskill Mtn. Railroad

Agenda 11/3/21, Minutes 10/6/21

Flyer, October 2021

Email, Wallkill Valley Rail Trail Temporary
Closure 11/15-12/15/2021

Notice of Preliminary Decisions 11/3/2021

Public Hearing, Proposed Romeo Enterprises

UCTC Technical Committee Mtg. Agenda

Meeting Agenda & Minutes September, 2021

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Budgetary Transfers, October 2021

Press Release, DEC Decision Danskammer

Press Release, UC AA Bond Rating

Press Release, COVID Booster Available

Press Release, COVID Medical Volunteers Needed

Press Release, Justice For Monica

Press Release, EM & Gov't. Operations Center

Press Release, Honor Veterans Grn Light Display

Press Release, Create NYS Veterans Dept.

Press Release, UCSEA Tentative 5-Yr. Contract

Minutes 8/25/21 & Agenda 9/29/21 UC Corporate
Compliance Committee Mtg.

Intermunicipal Collaboration Council Agenda 11/17

Re-Appointments Community Services Mental

Health Subcommittee; Brandon Beauchamp,

Robert Gelbach, Terrence Conklin Term 1/1/2022
– 12/31/2025

Re-Appointments Community Services Mental
Health Subcommittee; Barbara Graff, Term
Expires 12/31/2025

Re-Appointment Community Services Board,
Robert Gelbach Term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025

Appointment UC Interim Director Employment &
Training Faith Golden, Effective 10/23/2021

Appointment UCCC Board of Trustees, Rev. Dr.
Gregory Simpson Term Expires 6/30/2027

EXEC. COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

Withdrawal Re-Appointment UC Board of Ethics,
Derek Spada, 9/13/2021
Appointments UTASC, Burt Gulnick, Marc Rider,
John Milgrim, Edward Jordan, Nina Dawson, Ruth
Boyer & Shaniqua Bowden
Appointment Commissioner Public Works,
Brendan Masterson
CDBG Housing Rehabilitation Application – Green
New Deal
Appointment UC Traffic Safety Coordinator, Brian
Slack

MEMORIALIZING LETTERS:

Legislative Members

Clean Slate Act (S.1553B/A.6399A)

ANNUAL REPORTS:

UC Clerk's Office, Chief Deputy Alice Lawlis

Semi-Annual Report, 4/1/2021 – 9/30/2021

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing,
Planning & Transit

Energy & Environment
Law Enforcement & Public Safety
Laws & Rules, Governmental Services
Legislative Programs, Education & Community Services
Public Health & Social Services
Public Works & Capital Projects
Ways & Means

DATE:

October 7, 2021
October 20, 2021
October 4, 2021
October 6, 2021
October 18, 2021
October 5, 2021
October 4, 2021
October 6, 2021
October 12, 2021
October 19, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT: (on items currently before the Legislature):

There were (6) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Phil Erner: Legislator elect Phil Erner spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021. A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions.
2. Elizabeth Voigt: Ms. Voigt spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021.
3. Diana Lopez: Ms. Lopez spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021.
4. Isaiah Morris, Town of Ulster: Mr. Morris spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021.
5. Maria Rosario Lara Res: Ms. Rosario Lara Res spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021.
6. Brahvan Ranga: Mr. Ranganthan spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 7 of 2021.

**RESOLUTION NOS: 505, 509 – 540; 325, 376, 395, 426, 427, 428 – POSTPONED;
496 – WITHDRAWN;**

Resolution No. 325 - Establishing “The Ulster County Land Bank Development Corporation”, A New York State Landbank
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 376 - Authorizing The Termination Of A Lease Agreement With CPR Kingston, LLC Bank For Space Used By The Board Of Elections
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 395 - Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2021, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, October 19, 2021 At 7:05 PM
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 426 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Professional Standards Supervisor Position – Sheriff’s Office
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 427 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Crisis Intervention Team Manager Position – Sheriff’s Office
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 428 - Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget To Create A Criminal Justice Discrimination Support Referral Specialist – Human Rights Commission
POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 496 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$112,500.39 Entered Into By The County – Samadhi Center, Inc. – Department Of Health
WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

A motion was made by Majority Whip Uchitelle, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution Nos. 538, 539 and 540 out of the Non-Consent Agenda and into the Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

509 Confirming The Reappointment Of Dawn Spader As Personnel Director

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

510 Amending The 2021 Budget To Accept Allocation From Office Of Victim Services For Victims Of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim And Witness Assistance Grant Program – Department Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

511 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$76,203.96 Entered Into By The County – West Publishing Corporation, Thomson Reuters – Department Of Social Services

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 512 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$150,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Abbott House – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 513 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$1,111,045.00 Entered Into By The County – Health Research, Inc. – Department Of Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 514 Appointing Alternate Member To The Ulster County Planning Board – Village Of New Paltz**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 515 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Enter Into An Agreement With The New York Energy Research And Development Authority (NYSERDA) For Acceptance Of A Clean Energy Communities Leadership Round Action Grant**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 516 Establishing Capital Project No. 611 – Development Court Lighting Retrofit — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 518 Amending Capital Project No. 548, Department Of Social Services Basement Restoration – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 520 Amending Capital Project No. 540 – For The Samsonville Road Culvert In The Town Of Rochester (PIN 8762.35) – Bridge NY Program – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Agreements, Certifications Or Reimbursement Requests For Federal Aid On Behalf Of Ulster County With The New York State Department Of Transportation– Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 522 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$58,128.00 Entered Into By The County – SAFECO Alarm Systems, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 523 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$123,708.00 Entered Into By The County – Johnson Controls, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 0
(1 Abstention: Legislator Litts)

- 524 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$111,435.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Youth Bureau**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 525 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$69,557.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Youth Bureau**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 526 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Memorandum Of Agreement With The Federal Emergency Management Agency Integrated Public Alert And Warning System (IPAWS) Program Management Office – Department Of Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 527 Amending Capital Project No. 482 – Countywide Radio System - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 529 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$67,942.92 Entered Into By The County – Motorola Solutions, Inc. – Department Of Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 530 Approving Ulster County's 2022 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: 23 NOES: 0

- 531 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$276,243.00 Entered Into By The County – Legal Services Of The Hudson Valley – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 532 Appropriating Funds From Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Vehicle – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget - Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 533 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$31,680.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Anderson Medical, PC D/B/A Emergency One Urgent Care & Diagnostic Center – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 534 Authorizing The Ulster County Commissioner Of Finance To Refund The Purchase Price On A Parcel Of Property Previously Sold At Public Auction**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 535 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 536 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Intermunicipal Agreement For The Sharing Of Information Relating To Short-Term Rental Properties With The Town Of New Paltz – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 537 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Convey Parcels Of County-Owned Property Acquired Pursuant To Article 11 Of The Real Property Tax Law For Unpaid Taxes To The Town Of New Paltz For Public Use And Benefit – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 538 Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employee Association, For The Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 539 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$19,921.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – C&S Engineers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 540 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$668,889.00 Entered Into By The County – Patriot Towers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Non-Consent

505 ~~Rescinding Resolution No. 333 Of 2021, And Establishing Special Revenue Projects For Transparent~~ ARPA Reporting – Amending The 2021 Capital Fund Budget

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle, to amend the resolution to the form as presented, by striking language as indicated and inserting additional language in bold font, to establish transparent ARPA reporting.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

**517 Authorizing The Design Phase Expenditures For Retrofit Lighting At
BOND The Department Of Social Services Building On Development Court, In
 And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost
 Of \$55,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$55,000.00 Bonds Of
 Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

**519 Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$19,560.00 Bonds Of The
BOND County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Preliminary
 Engineering/Design Expenses In Connection With The Reconstruction
 Of The Foundation At The County's Department Of Social Services
 Building, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 521
BOND** **Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$743,847.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Replacement Of The Samsonville Road Culvert In The Town Of Rochester, In And For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 528
BOND** **Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,150,000.00 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of The Upgrade To The Countywide Radio System, For Said County**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

Late Resolutions

- 538** **Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff's Employee Association, For The Years 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 And 2024 – Amending The 2021 Ulster County Budget**

Moved to Consent

- 539** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$19,921.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – C&S Engineers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

- 540** **Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$668,889.00 Entered Into By The County – Patriot Towers, Inc. – Department Of Public Works**

Moved to Consent

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

There were (2) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Jeanne Edwards, Kingston: Ms. Edwards thanked the legislative body for supporting their community concerns regarding the Samadhi Recovery Outreach Center on Clinton Avenue.
2. Francis Jones: Hung up before called on to speak. (Samadhi)

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Herbert Litts.

Hon. Alice C. Tipp, Red Hook, NY
(former Legislator)
Roger A. Rascoe, Wallkill, NY
Hermine Scheu, Saugerties, NY
Anthony Falco, Marlboro, NY
Andrew “Drew” Kochis, Gardiner, NY
Orman E. Leighton, Shokan, NY
Thomas R. Kearney, Kingston, NY
Bredella A. Smith, Grahamsville, NY
Rosalie A. Kilfoyle, Sawkill, NY
Elizabeth “Betty” Blatter, West Hurley, NY
Tracy Kennard, Mt. Tremper, NY
Terri DiGilio Verterano, New York, NY
David J. Cordner, Wallkill, NY

Paul D. Ostrander, Gardiner, NY

Barbara Winters, Modena, NY
Arlene Bernard, Modena, NY
Elizabeth Hunt, Kingston, NY
Joseph J. Sauer, Mt. Marion, NY
Mary Sauer, Saugerties, NY
Howard E. Shultis, Bearsville, NY
Charles R. Martin, The Villages, FL
Anthony C. Hackett, Saugerties, NY
Ernest P. Fabiano, Glasco, NY
Vanderlyn R. Pine, New Paltz, NY
Kenneth G. Doolittle, Wallkill, NY
Lori A. Fulford, West Shokan, NY

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

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:44 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The Proposed 2022 Ulster County Budget and Proposed 2022 – 2027 Capital Program Vote will be held on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Further meeting details shall be forthcoming.

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Further meeting details shall be forthcoming.

Resolution deadline is this **Friday, November 19, 2021 at 12 Noon.**