

Public Health & Social Services Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: September 4, 2019 – 5:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, C.O.B.
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Craig Lopez
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Brenda Maloney, Petit
ABSENT: Legislator Collins, Nolan
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Marc Rider Deputy County Executive, Thomas Kadgen LWV

Chair Lopez called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

Chair Lopez on behalf of the entire committee welcomed Legislator B. Maloney as the newest member and looks forward to working with Legislator Maloney and her contributions to the committee.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2019 meeting**

Motion By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator B. Maloney
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, B. Maloney, Petit
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED**

Resolutions for the September 17, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 384: Amending The 2019 – 2024 Capital Improvement Program To Establish Capital Project No. 548 – Department Of Social Services Basement Restoration, And Amending The 2019 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Public Works

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends the 2019-2024 Capital Improvement Program establishing Capital Project No. 548 for the Department of Social Services basement restoration, amending the 2019 Capital Fund Budget. Professional services \$31K Serial Bond Revenue. A Bond Resolution Will Be Required.

Motion No. 2 **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 384**

Discussion: Deputy County Executive Rider provided the history and for the need to hire a design engineer consultant to determine the cause of the water infiltration coming inside from the floor and walls. The building sits on a cement slab. Legislator Maloney confirmed there isn't any findings of mold however, during heavy rains water continues to penetrate the building.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator B. Maloney

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Resolution No. 386: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Catholic Charities Of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster – Department Of Social Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract in excess of \$50,000.00 with Catholic Charities of Orange, Sullivan & Ulster Counties to operate a warming center providing warm shelter, meals, and related services for individuals during winter weather emergencies. 100% State \$1,622,000.00, Effective 10/1/2019 – 9/30/2022.

Motion No. 3: **Moved to Discuss & Adopt Resolution No. 386**

Motion By: Legislator Petit

Motion Seconded By: Legislator B. Maloney

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Rider provided an overview of the county having a warming shelter for the past handful of years even before the governor created Code Blue (below 32 degree). This contract went out to RFP. Catholic Charities provided the service last winter and did a good job. Catholic Charities is the only agency that provided a proposal this year out of two other agencies that showed interest. This shelter is for individuals that are homeless that won't present for any other social services – however we have an obligation to offer the service. Legislator Petit confirmed the county is currently looking for a preferred location for 2019 offering up to three meals a day, depending on weather/operating hours. Legislator Maloney confirmed the average stay per night last year was between 15-25 individuals and county emergency and law enforcement departments put out announcements when the warming shelter is open.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Lopez, B. Maloney, Petit

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 3

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Resolution ADOPTED**

Old Business

Legislator Petit expressed the importance to stay on top of pricing schemes of pharmacy benefit managers (PBM's) and Medicaid Manage Care Program practices relating to county contracts. (ref. last month presentation – Neal Smoller, Pharmacist, Village Apothecary Woodstock.)

Legislator Petit also reiterated the need for case worker home visits.

Chair Lopez asked if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator B. Maloney
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:20 PM
Respectfully submitted: Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff
Minutes Approved: October 2, 2019