

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 19, 2019 – 5:30
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building,
244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Lynn Archer, Chairwoman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Amber Feaster
PRESENT: Legislators Richard Gerentine, James F. Maloney (arrived at
5:31 PM), Joseph Maloney, Laura Petit, and Hector
Rodriguez, and Legislative Chairwoman Tracey Bartels
ABSENT: Legislator Mary Beth Maio
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Julius Collins and Kathy Nolan; David Gordon,
Legislative Counsel; Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive;
Elliot Auerbach, Comptroller; Morgan Eckwall, SUNY New
Paltz

- **Chairwoman Archer called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM**

Motion No. 1: To discuss Resolution No. 15 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 At 6:00 PM

Resolution Summary: This Resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 1 of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals for Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, Ulster County Office Building, 6th Floor, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: Legislator Joseph Maloney stated that the proposed 40/60 split may be taken out of the law, emphasizing urgency in the proposed law’s progression as additional income may be earned upon its effective date. Legislator Petit informed Committee members that several States have enacted similar legislation. Chairwoman Archer stated that she has requested the Comptroller’s office provide data on how surrounding Counties are treating the taxation on all-inclusive rentals, and has requested the Commissioner of

Finance provide an update and an overview of the current registration and tax collection process in place. Legislator Petit emphasized how the current process may work in harmony with the proposed changes.

Motion No. 2: To postpone Resolution No. 15 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 1 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Local Law No. 5 Of 1991 (A Local Law Adopting A Hotel And Motel Room Occupancy Tax) To Clarify The Tax Law’s Application To Short-term And Vacation Rentals, To Be Held On Tuesday, April 9, 2019 At 6:00 PM

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Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez, and Chairwoman Bartels
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Postponed

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 97 – Authorizing The Purchase Of Cameras, Including Computer Hardware And Software, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$320,826.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$320,826.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$320,826.00 Bonds for Capital Project No. 535 Body Camera Purchase for the upgrade of the current Body Camera system and the addition of additional units to outfit Corrections and Criminal Officers in the line of duty.

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez, and Chairwoman Bartels
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 110 – Authorizing The Reconstruction Of Various Roads Throughout And In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$425,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$425,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of \$425,000.00 Bonds for Capital Project No. 534 – Reconstruction Of Various Roads In Ulster County based on the 2019 list of Reconstruction of Various Roads in Ulster County prepared by the Commissioner of Public Works.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez, and Chairwoman Bartels

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To discuss Resolution No. 119 – Adopting The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And The Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts the Ulster County Sexual Harrassment Prevention Policy and the Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy and Complaint Procedure.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney (James)
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Chairwoman Bartels requested the Resolution be postponed so that she may meet with the acting County Executive, potentially have discussions with the involved legal counsel, and take Legislative comments into consideration.

Motion No. 6: To postpone Resolution No. 119 – Adopting The Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy And The Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy And Complaint Procedure – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This Resolution adopts the Ulster County Sexual Harassment Prevention Policy and the Discriminatory Harassment Prevention Policy and Complaint Procedure.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney (Joseph)

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Gerentine, Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph), Petit, and Rodriguez, and Chairwoman Bartels

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Postponed

New Business: Legislator Gerentine asked Committee members to consider the reduction in anticipated revenues which has resulted from Greene County removing their inmates from the Ulster County Correctional Facility and placing them in Albany County, in addition to the unanticipated expenditure of a special election. Legislator Petit inquired if anyone had reached out to Greene County to ask why this change had been made. Deputy County Executive Marc Rider informed Committee members that the Sheriff has attempted to contact Greene County several times with no success. Legislator Joseph Maloney inquired of the exact value of the reduction in anticipated revenues, commenting that sales tax may compensate for the loss. Legislator Rodriguez emphasized that the Laws & Rules Committee and the Sheriff can work through and communicate the available options.

Old Business: Legislator Joseph Maloney asked if any decisions had been made concerning additional projects requested of The Benjamin Center as part of their contractual agreement. Chairwoman Archer responded that an update was provided at the last Committee meeting, that since that meeting she has been in communication with The Benjamin Center and that they are currently negotiating the scope of the work to be completed as the requested scope is quite large.

Chairwoman Archer asked if there was any other business or questions. There being no further business before the Committee, a motion was made to adjourn.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:43 PM

Respectfully submitted: Amber Feaster

Minutes Approved: April 9, 2019