

**Ways & Means Committee
Regular Meeting Minutes**

DATE & TIME: May 16, 2023 – 5:30 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building
PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Gavaris
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Natalie Kelder, Legislative Financial Analyst
PRESENT: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts & Ronk
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Erner, Hansut, Petit, & Uchitelle, Deputy County Executive LaValle – UC Executive’s Office, Comptroller Gallagher & Deputy Comptroller DeMarco – UC Comptroller’s Office, Interim Commissioner of Finance Juras UC Department of Finance, District Attorney Clegg – UC District Attorney’s Office

Chair Gavaris called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Resolutions for the May 16, 2023 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 123: Establishing A Policy To Formalize Procedures Relating To Future Hiring Freezes

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a policy to formalize procedures relating to future hiring freezes.

Motion No. 1: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 123
Motion By: Legislator Cahill
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Motion No. 2: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 123
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Resolution No. 199: Establishing A Policy To Provide Healthy, Locally Sourced Food To Those Facing Food Insecurity, Through Community Supported Agriculture

Resolution Summary: This Resolution establishes a policy to provide healthy, locally sourced food to those facing food insecurity through community supported agriculture.

Motion No. 3: MOTION TO DISCUSS Resolution No. 199
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislative Chair Bartels explained to the committee that there will be a meeting with the Executive’s Office and co-sponsor Legislator Sperry to ensure that everything is finalized before the 2024 budget.

Legislator Ronk expressed interest in being involved and stated support for the initiative.

Motion No. 4: MOTION TO POSTPONE Resolution No. 199
Motion By: Legislator Bartels
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Gavaris, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution POSTPONED

Resolution No. 294: Authorizing The Purchase Of A Bearcat G3 Armored Vehicle, For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$357,061.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$357,061.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the purchase of a Bearcat G3 Armored Vehicle and the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$357,061.00 for said vehicle.

Motion No. 5: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 294
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, & Ronk

Voting Against: Legislator Gavaris

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 1

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 303: Authorizing The Issuance Of An Additional \$5,850,000 Bonds Of The County Of Ulster, New York, To Pay Part Of The Cost Of Improvements To The County Courthouse, In And For Said County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the issuance of an additional \$5,850,000.00 of bonds for Capital Project No. 585, Courthouse Repairs.

Motion No. 6: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 303
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Criswell

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell, Roberts, & Ronk
Voting Against: Legislator Gavaris
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 1
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

LATE Resolution No. 321: Approving Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S6896 And Assembly Bill No. A7200, In Relation To Hotel And Motel Taxes In Ulster County

Resolution Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive and the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to execute and submit a Home Rule Request for the enactment of Senate Bill No. S6896 and Assembly Bill No. A7200 entitled “An act to amend the tax law, in relation to hotel and motel taxes in Ulster County”.

Motion No. 7: MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution No. 321
Motion By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: Legislator Cahill asked who, at the state level, sponsored the resolutions. Legislator Uchitelle responded that Senator Hinchey and Assemblywoman Shrestha.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Criswell & Gavaris
Voting Against: Legislator Roberts & Ronk
Votes in Favor: 4
Votes Against: 2
Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Chairman Gavaris moved on to the Forthcoming Local Laws portion of the agenda.

Resolution No. 486 of 2022 – Adopting The Ulster County Information Services/ Information Technology Security Policy – Department Of Information Services
(Postponed for 1 Month in Ways & Means Committee on 5/9/2023)

Resolution No. 86 – Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget To Create Two Fully Reimbursable Full-Time Positions – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
(No Action in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee on 5/2/2023)

Resolution No. 87 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$430,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency
(No Action in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee on 5/2/2023)

Resolution No. 126 - Dedicating Funding To Housing Justice
(Postponed in Health, Human Services & Housing Committee on 5/3/2023)

Resolution No. 127 - Establishing A Policy To Prioritize Meals For Ulster County Residents Living In Emergency Housing
(Postponed in Health, Human Services & Housing Committee on 5/3/2023)

Resolution No. 155 - Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And/Or Transfer Of Lands Owned By Ulster County Located At 701 Grant Avenue, Lake Katrine (Town of Ulster), To Be Held On Tuesday, June 13, 2023 At 7:15 PM
(No Action in Economic Development, Planning, Education, Employment, Arts & Agriculture Committee on 5/2/2023)

Resolution No. 299 - Amending The 2023 Ulster County Budget - Authorizing Payment Of Retroactive COVID Pay – Ulster County
(No Action in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee on 5/4/2023)

Resolution No. 305 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$37,509.50, 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
(No Action in Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee on 5/4/2023)

FOR JUNE INTRODUCTION: Resolution No. 309 - Placing A Spending Cap Of \$XX,XXX,XXX.00 On All Costs Related To The Proposed Government Operations Center At Paradies Lane In New Paltz

Comptroller Gallagher updated the committee on the work of the Quality Analyst and stated 2,400 open contracts in New World have been identified, along with the most often used vendor, contract type, and department. Preschool contracts occur the most frequently with 292 open contracts and the Department of Social Services has the most contracts of any department.

Legislative Chair Bartels requested to include the names of the contracts and noted the value in the cleanup of old contracts but questioned if there was any value in leaving the old contracts open.

Legislator Criswell asked how many open contracts were with RUPCO. Comptroller Gallagher stated that there were 16 open RUPCO contracts but they were all large value contracts.

Legislator Cahill questioned if the analyst would be able to tell if there was any overlap in services. Comptroller Gallagher explained that first, they will exclude the contracts that should be closed, and the scopes will be reviewed and will be able to identify if there an any overlap of services.

Chairman Gavaris asked if the Quality Analyst would be able to assist in creating a template for data to be input in which to quantify the successfulness of a contract. Comptroller Gallagher was agreeable but noted that there would be a few different forms based on different vendors and / or contract types.

Chairman Gavaris asked if there was any old or new business.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Cahill

No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 5:42 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder
Minutes Approved: June 6, 2023