

Ways & Means Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 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: Natalie Kelder
PRESENT: Legislators Richard Gerentine, David B. Donaldson (5:33),
Mary Beth Maio, Joseph Maloney, Laura Petit, and Kenneth
J. Ronk, Jr. (5:33); Chairwoman Tracey Bartels
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators Manna Jo Greene, Johnathan Heppner, Herbert Litts,
and Kathy Nolan; Deputy County Executive, Marc Rider

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

Motion No. 1: To approve Resolution No. 450 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 12 Of 2019, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 2 Of 2006 (A Local Law Adopting A County Charter Form Of Government For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York) And Amending Local Law No. 10 Of 2008 (A Local Law Adopting An Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, State Of New York), To Require Submission Of Departmental Budget Estimates From Elected Officials To The Legislature, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:05 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing on Proposed Local Law No. 12 of 2019, a local law amending Local Law No. 2 of 2006 and Local Law No. 10 of 2008, to require submission of departmental budget estimates from Elected Officials to Legislature to be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:05PM.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 2: To approve Resolution No. 451 – Establishing A Policy That Ulster County Shall Be A Zero Waste Community

Resolution Summary: This Resolution resolves that: Ulster County shall adopt a policy to strive to reduce waste and promote reuse and zero waste; that the Department of the Environment and the Planning Department shall review and make recommendations on waste reduction, reuse and zero waste, and publicly present, on or before July 1st of each year, an annual report on its findings, and work cooperatively with similar task forces and organizations within Ulster County and in neighboring communities to ensure that efforts compliment and reinforce one another; and that the Ulster County Energy & Environment and Recycling Oversight Committees shall be charged with investigating and making recommendations pertaining to disclosed items.

Motion Made By: Legislator Petit
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Bartels

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 3: To approve Resolution No. 452 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 13 Of 2019, A Local Law Requiring That Property Owners Of Multi-Family Dwellings Located In Ulster County With More Than Twenty Units Have An Office In Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, December 10, 2019 At 6:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a Public Hearing on proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2019, requiring that property owners of Multi-Family Dwelling be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:10 PM.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Discussion: Legislator Gerentine asked Legislator Petit what the intent of the resolution is. Legislator Petit explained that there are large corporations buying multiple properties and becoming unavailable as landlords. This will ensure that there is at least one office in the County for a tenant to get in touch with.

Legislator Donaldson commented that this is a Public Hearing and is likely that the Resolution will change significantly. However,

rents are going up significantly, sometimes 25-30%, and this is an issue that needs to be discussed.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 4: To approve Resolution No. 454 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With New York State Division Of Criminal Justice Services – GIVE Initiative – Department Of Probation

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an agreement with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services – GIVE Initiative – Department of Probation.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 5: To approve Resolution No. 455 – 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 (LEMP) Grant Program For Federal Fiscal Year 2019 And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Communications/Emergency Management

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes 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 (LEMP) grant program for Federal Fiscal Year 2019 and amending the 2019 Ulster County Budget.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 6: To approve Resolution No. 456 – 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 2019-20 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Emergency Management/Division Of Fire Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes 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 2019-20 Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness (HMEP) Grant Program and amending the 2019 Ulster County Budget.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Ronk

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 7: To approve Resolution No. 457 – Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Sheriff’s Association For 2019 – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Ulster and the Ulster County Sheriff’s Association for 2019.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Donaldson

Discussion: Legislator Maloney expressed concern because he wanted a greater level of support for these officers. Legislator Maloney stated that

Correction Officers have greater levels of suicide and a decreased life expectancy when compared to Road Patrol Officers. He stated that they should be treated the same way the other officers are being treated. In addition, they are short-staffed, and an officer may go to work knowing they will not get out on time, as there is no relieving officer.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 8
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 8: To approve Resolution No. 458 – Approving The Memorandum Of Agreement Between The County Of Ulster And The Ulster County Deputy Sheriff’s Police Benevolent Association, Inc. On Behalf Of The Ulster County Deputy Sheriffs’ Superior Officers’ Unit For The Years 2018 And 2019 – Department Of Personnel

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Ulster and the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff’s Police Benevolent Association, Inc on behalf of the Ulster County Deputy Sheriff’s Superior Officers’ Unit for 2018 and 2019.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Petit

Discussion: Legislator Petit asked for an overview. Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, explained that there are not many members of the Superior Officers Unit and they work off the PBA Contract.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 9: To approve Resolution No. 464 – Authorizing The Replacement Of An Existing Closed Drainage System, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$560,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$560,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for the replacement of an existing closed drainage system at a maximum cost of \$560,000.00

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 10: To approve Resolution No. 460 – Appropriating Funds from Self Insurance Revenues For Replacement Of Sheriff’s Office URGENT Vehicle Purchased From Forfeiture And Amending The 2019 Ulster County Budget – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution appropriates funds from self-insurance revenues for replacement of Sheriff’s Office URGENT vehicle purchased from forfeiture and amending the 2019 Ulster County Budget.

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, and Petit

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 11: To approve Resolution No. 466 – Authorizing The Replacement Of Sections Of The Gym Wall At Ulster County Community College - SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$35,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$35,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for the replacement of sections of the gym wall at Ulster County Community College – SUNY Ulster for a maximum cost of \$35,000.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Donaldson
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine

Discussion: Legislator Petit expressed concern over the amount of money being invested into the SUNY Ulster Campus, stressing the importance of finding additional infrastructure in Kingston.

Discussion ensued on the history of attendance at all SUNY Community Colleges and the programs being offered by SUNY Ulster.

Chairwoman Bartels commented that the College was not invested in for many years.

Chairwoman Bartels, Legislator Archer, Legislator Donaldson, and Legislator Ronk all commented on how wonderful the current SUNY Ulster President, Dr. Roberts, is.

Marc Rider, Deputy County Executive, noted that there is going to be a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a Facilities Master Plan at SUNY Ulster.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 12: To approve Resolution No. 468 – Authorizing The Extension Of The Public Water Supply To Ulster County Community College-SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$2,705,665.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,705,665.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for the extension of the public water supply to Ulster County Community College – SUNY Ulster, at a maximum cost of \$2,705,665.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 13: To approve Resolution No. 470 – Authorizing The Replacement Of The Water Storage Tank At Ulster County Community College - SUNY Ulster, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$226,025.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$226,025.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the issuance of bonds for the replacement of the water storage tank at Ulster County Community College – SUNY Ulster, at a maximum estimated cost of \$226,025.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 14: To approve Resolution No. 474 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract to extend the term of an agreement for lease of radio equipment for the corrections division. 100% County Funds, Amd Term 10/31/19-10/31/20, Amd Amt \$55,968.00.

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 15: To approve Resolution No. 504 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NCACOMP, Inc. – Insurance Department

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract amendment for self-insurance workers' comp, 100% County Funds, Amd Term 12/31/19-1/31/21, Amd Amt \$540,626.00

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Motion No. 16: To approve Resolution No. 508 – Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Amendment To A License Agreement With The Ulster County Agricultural Society, Inc., Granting It The Use Of The Ulster County Fairgrounds For An Additional Term Of One (1) Year – Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the Chair of the Ulster County Legislature to execute an amendment to a license agreement with the Ulster County Agricultural Society, Inc. for an additional one (1) year term.

Motion Made By: Legislator Bartels

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Gerentine

Discussion: Chairwoman Bartels explained that a working group of County Legislators was formed, and they met with the County Executive's office. They are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Agricultural Society. The Agricultural Society has expressed a need for a one year contract

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Bartels, Gerentine, Donaldson, Maio, Maloney, Petit, and Ronk

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Chairman Archer asked the members if there was any other business, and hearing none;

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

No. of Votes in Favor: 8

No. of Votes Against: 0

Time: 5:58 PM

Respectfully submitted: Natalie Kelder

Minutes Approved: December 10, 2019