

Initiating Policies For Prudent Management Of 2008 Budget Allocations

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Cahill, Dart, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) and Legislators Fabiano, Felicello, Hansut, Harris, Maloney, Petit, Roberts, Ronk and Terrizzi offer the following:

WHEREAS, the Country, the State, and the County are entering difficult and potentially recessionary financial times due to a faltering economy, and

WHEREAS, the proposed 2008–2009 New York State Executive Budget increases County’s costs and/or reduces County’s revenues, and

WHEREAS, the prudent management of the fiscal affairs of Ulster County dictate that the County Legislature take immediate steps to put into place controls that will lessen any potential additional burden on the taxpayers of Ulster County, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed said request with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature initiate a hiring freeze for any vacant or new position that is not essential, or does not affect the public health and/or public safety of the County taxpayers, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ulster County Legislature initiate a ninety (90) day moratorium on conferences and travel related expenditures for any conference that is not essential, or does not affect the public health and/or public safety of the County taxpayers, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Standing Committees of the Ulster County Legislature are hereby directed to work closely with departments which they oversee in an attempt to deliver services at a cost below the 2008 Budget allocations, and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature, as Chief Executive Officer of the County, shall make all determinations in regards to the resolution,

and moves its adoption.

Resolution No. 123 April 9, 2008

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ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Aiello)
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Gerentine and Kraft)

Legislator Lomita motioned, seconded by Legislator Noonan to amend the resolution adding a third "FURTHER RESOLVED" as shown below in bold italics:

"FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Legislature, as Chief Executive Officer of the County, shall make all determinations in regards to the resolution,".

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 29 NOES: 1
(NOES: Legislator Aiello)
(Absent: Legislators Donaldson, Gerentine and Kraft)

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
UNKNOWN

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