

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee & Environmental Subcommittee

DATE: September 20, 2010

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: 999 Flatbush Road
Kingston, New York

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Laura Petit, Ken Ronk and Robert Parete

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators Dean Fabiano, Richard Parete and Brian Shapiro

OTHERS PRESENT: William Kemble, Reporter, Daily Freeman
Vic Melville, Corp Observer, LWV
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

Preceding the joint meeting of the *Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee* and the *Environmental Subcommittee*, a tour of the *Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency* took place. During and after the tour, there were questions asked and answers provided about the operation of the facility and its fiscal matters. This tour provided an opportunity to review whether the agency is taking solid waste management seriously.

The RRA's proposed 2011 budget seeks a \$1.38 million county subsidy, a decrease of 1.1 percent or \$15,360. Copies of the key budget highlights were distributed to those present (see copy attached). A short video was viewed which covered the recycling efforts of the agency for the County.

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**
2. **Chairman Roberts motioned to approve the minutes from the August 16, 2010 meeting of the *Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee* and the August 16, 2010 meeting of the *Environmental Subcommittee*. Legislator Robert Parete noted that he asked for a correction to the minutes as noted on page 5 of the minutes. All in favor with the notation that the *Governmental Services, Environmental and Administrative Committee* were amended.**
3. **Resolutions**

The following resolution was taken out of order.

Draft Resolution #0922 - Resolution To Provide Continued Funding For The Children's Services Program At The Washbourne House- Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget - Youth Bureau

The record will show that Resolution No. 229 - REFERRED BACK TO COMMITTEE at the August 17, 2010 Legislative Session. This resolution will be withdrawn by sponsors contingent on the approval of this draft.

There was discussion regarding the funding and whether it was coming from a vacant position or savings from positions being combined. Legislator Ronk informed those present as to what action was taken in both meetings of the Health and Human Services Committee. He advised that Arlene Reynolds (Youth Bureau/Human Rights) was not present at either meeting. Overall consensus was that the funding on this draft was preferable to the funding coming from the contingent account.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. Approved (5 - 1) Noes: Legislator Belfiglio.

The following resolution was taken out of order.

Resolution No. 235 - Amending Capital Project No. 312 For Ulster County Area Transit Building Upgrade And HVAC Controls Facility - Additional Federal Funds And Reallocation Of Funds - Department Of Public Transportation (Ulster County Area Transit) And Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)

Legislator Robert Parete mentioned that he would like to see this committee set criteria for the consideration of late resolutions. He believes the committee should refer resolutions back to the proper committee unless there is sufficient information to explain the why, what, etc. of the resolution. Resolutions with time constraints would receive special consideration.

There was no further discussion regarding this resolution.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (6 - 0).

The following resolution was taken out of order.

Resolution No. 236 - Requesting The Ulster County Legislature's Future Budgets (2011 And Beyond) Be Funded To Provide For Annual Audits Of The Books And Records Of The County By Independent Auditors

The RFP process was briefly explained and the need for the submission of this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez stated that the County Executive's Office had noted that the money for the County Audit appeared in the Comptroller's budget erroneously in 2010. He thought that this might be corrected in the proposed budget for 2011 and a resolution could then be done if necessary.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move the resolution. Defeated (3 - 3) AYES: Legislators Roberts, Ronk and Belfiglio.

The following resolutions were taken out of order in a block.

Draft Resolution #0923 - Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee (Hokanson)

Draft Resolution #0924 - Reappointing Member To The Ulster County Recycling Oversight Committee (Noble)

Draft Resolution #0925 - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Recycling Oversight (Williams)

Draft Resolution #0928 - Appointing Member To The Ulster County Recycling Oversight (McIntyre)

Legislator Petit motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolutions. Approved draft resolution #0923, 0924 and 0925 - all in favor (6 - 0). Approved draft resolution #0928 - all in favor (5 - 0). (1 Abstention: Legislator Rodriguez - due to employment).

Legislator Ronk left at this time.

Resolution No. 230 - Setting A Public Hearing On Introductory Local Law No. 8 of 2010 A Local Law To Combine County Administrative Units - Consumer Fraud Bureau And The District Attorney), To Be Held On Tuesday, October 12, 2010 At 6:00 PM

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 231 - Setting A Public Hearing On Introductory Local Law No. 9 of 2010 (A Local Law To Create The Department Of Weights And Measures For The County Of Ulster With The Same Powers And Duties Conferred To It Under The Ulster County Charter And The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster), To Be Held On Tuesday, October 12, 2010 At 6:05 PM

WITHDRAWN BY SPONSOR

Resolution No. 232 Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 7 Of 2010 (A Local Law Amending Local Law Number 8 Of 1991 As Amended By Local Law Number 8 Of 2007 Ulster County Mandatory Source Separation And Recycling Law), Hereinafter Known As Local Law No. 4 Of 2010

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (5 - 0).

4. Late Resolutions

Resolution No. 237 - In Support Of Permanently Ending New And Existing Unfunded State Mandates On Local Governments, And Ending State Budget Actions That Simply Shift Costs From The State To Local Taxpayers

There was discussion about the "RESOLVED" that calls for the Governor and the State Legislature to repeal the Wick's Law and reevaluate restrictions and excessive cost drivers imposed on local governments under the Taylor Law and Triborough Amendment.

Legislator Rodriguez stated that the resolution would be more palatable without the above "RESOLVED". The resolution must be considered "as is" since it is a late.

Legislator Petit motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move the resolution. Defeated (3 - 2) AYES: Legislators Roberts, Belfiglio and Petit.

Legislator Rodriguez asked that the committee entertain a motion to draft **Resolution No. 237A** - In Support Of Permanently Ending New And Existing Unfunded State Mandates On Local Governments, And Ending State Budget Actions That Simply Shift Costs From The State To Local Taxpayers, deleting the second to last "RESOLVED". Legislator Roberts seconded the motion. All in favor.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (5 - 0).

Resolution No. 238 - Calling On The New York State Legislature To Enact Legislation Calling For A State Constitutional Convention As Soon As Possible To Address Unfunded State Mandates On Local Governments, Structural State Mandates On Local Governments, Structural State Budget Deficits And Issues Of Lines Of Succession For Elected Officials

There was no discussion on this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (5 - 0).

Resolution No. 239 - Supporting The Reform Of The Real Property Tax Exemption Process

There was no discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Robert Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Roberts to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (5 - 0).

Resolution No. 233 (revised) - Opposing The Cordoba House - Park 51 Islamic Training Center (Ground Zero Mosque) At 47 - 49 Park Ave, NYC

Legislator Roberts proposed revising the resolution removing the fifth and sixth "WHEREAS" and the first "RESOLVED".

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the amended version of the resolution. Defeated (3 - 2) AYES: Legislators Roberts, Petit and Belfiglio.

Draft Resolution #0926 - Requiring The Purchase And Use Of Green Cleaning Products In All County Facilities and **Draft Resolution #0927** - Requiring The Purchase And Use Of Low Or No Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Paints And Coatings In All County Facilities will be on the agenda of the Environmental Subcommittee in October. Legislator Robert Parete was given the task by the Subcommittee to draft these resolutions and asked everyone to review them and present any questions or concerns at that time. Further action will be taken in October.

Draft Resolution #0929 - Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget For Turnwood Road Stream Bank Stabilization - FEMA Funded Work Project - Department Of Public Works (Highways And Bridges)

The abstract for September has been amended to reflect the above agreement. This resolution was reviewed and approved by the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee. There was no further discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. Approved - all in favor (5 - 0).

5. Other Business

6. Motion to adjourn

Legislator Robert Parete motioned seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature