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SPECIAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING: PROPOSED 2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401
and 604 Bradford Ct., Boynton Beach, FL

6:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 6:15 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG AND MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

Led by Chair Bartels

ROLL CALL: Present: 17 Absent: 6 (Legislators Fabiano, Heppner, Lopez, Petit, and Ronk)
(Legislator Maloney arrived at 6:17 PM)

Chair Bartels turned the meeting over to Capital Markets Advisors to present their analysis and review of the 2024 Proposed Ulster County Budget.

Capital Markets Advisors primary focus included:

- Status of Prior Recommendations
- Budget Practices and Processes
- Revenues
- Expenditures
- Budgetary Variance
- Fund Balance and Reserves
- Indebtedness
- Capital Improvement Planning
- Fiscal Policies and Internal Controls

Secondary foci included:

- Department Level Operations (In-Person)
- Demographic and Socioeconomic Environment

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Legislators asked questions about the analysis and best practices the advisors recommend.

CMA Advised the Legislators that they are introducing a web portal for Legislators to submit additional questions which will be posted along with answers for the full membership to view. The site will be password protected and not to be shared outside of the Legislature. Log in information will be forwarded by the Legislature's finance team.

Chair Bartels reminded those in attendance of the schedule of public hearings on the budget and asked if there were any other questions or comments from the legislature. Hearing none:

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Sperry to adjourn the Special Informational Meeting All in favor.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:00 PM

NEXT MEETING:

Three Public Hearings on the Proposed 2024 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2024 – 2029 Capital Program are scheduled for:

- Monday, November 13, 2023 – 6:00 PM at the Rondout Municipal Center, 1915 Lucas Avenue, Cottekill, NY 12419
- Tuesday, November 14, 2023 – 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401
- Wednesday, November 15, 2023 – 6:00 PM at the Milton Train Station, 41 Dock Road, Milton, NY 12547

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 7:00 PM in the Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair St., Kingston.