

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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AUGUST 16, 2022

PUBLIC HEARINGS & REGULAR MEETING

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Public Comment also available via Call in Studio. Dial: 205-Ulster-0 (205-857-8370)

7:00 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIR: 7:12 PM

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

Led by Chair Bartels.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE AT LEAST ONE BLOCK AWAY FROM THE COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

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MICROPHONES

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ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

7:00 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 7:14 PM

To Satisfy The Public Participation Requirement For Community Development Block Grant Funding,
Ulster County CARES Grant Program

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Motion by Legislator Litts, second by Legislator Nolan to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:15 PM

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislative Aide Breanne Fries, August 8th
Legislative Financial Analyst Amber Feaster, August 10th
Legislator Peter Criswell, August 13th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minority Leader Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Uchitelle to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

UC Legislative Chair, Tracey A. Bartels

Appmt. UC Human Rights Commission,
Katie Scott-Childress Expires 12/31/22
Appmt. & Withdrawal UC Board of Ethics,
Dr. Lynn Mills Eckert

COMMUNICATIONS CONT'D.

	Appmt. UC Board of Ethics, Lara Kasper-Bukareff Effective 9/1/22-8/31/27
	Appointment UC Board of Ethics Deborah Schmeer Esq. Effective 9/1/22-8/31/25.
	4-H Tour Invitation 8/3/22 4:30-5:30PM
	Margot Becker Thank You For Serving On The ROC, & Future Projects w/ UCRRA
	Appmt. UCEMC Rep. David Haldeman Effective 6/21/2022-2/14/2025
	Appmt. UC Medical Examiner Eric Stutt MD Effective Immediately
	Appmts. UC Community Services Board Dan Ahouse & Romero Duffy, Effective 5/17/22-12/31/2025
	Appmts. UC Board of Health Marta Sanchez MD & Ashanda Myrna Saint Jean MD, Effective 5/17/2022-12/31/2027
UC Legislative Majority Leader, Jonathan Heppner	Appmts. Charter Revision Commission David Donaldson, Mici Simonifsky, Tom Kadgen
UC Legislative Minority Leader, Kenneth Ronk	Appmts. Charter Revision Commission Thomas Briggs, Hector Rodriguez, Brian Woltman
UC Attorney, Clinton Johnson	Appmt. UC Board Of Ethics, Robert M. Nuzzo Effective 9/1/2022-8/31/2026
UC Assistant County Attorney, Richard R. Williams	County Litigation July 2022
Hudson River Drinking Water Intermunicipal Council	Form J-01: Environ. Consid. Checklist for Reuse Innovation Center Planning Study
HVNCVR, Vet2Vet UC Program Dir. Gavin Walters	Agenda, 7/21/22, Minutes 6/23/22
Jason Jackson, Catskill NY	Event, 7/24/22 - 22 Mile Walk
Personnel Department	FOIL Request & Response
UC Director Veteran Services, Mark Cozzupoli	Civil Service Exam Announcements
	HV Heroes Tribute Concert 9/17/22
	Purple Heart Appreciation Day 8/7/22
Central Hudson	July 2022 Newsletter
UC Planning Board	Agenda, 8/3/22 & Minutes, 7/6/22
Dr. Marie Johnson Family	Thank You Note

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

UC Industrial Development Agency
Town of Shawangunk Clerk, Jane P. Roscoe

UC Dept. of Public Works, Commissioner Masterson

The Anson Family
UC Comptroller, March Gallagher
NYS Public Service Commission
NYS Agriculture and Markets

Rachel Gans
UC RRA, Director of Sustainability, Angelina Brandt

Governance Committee Agenda 8/4/22
Proposed Zoning Amendment – Local
Law #5-2022
Myers Bridge Replacement Over
Plattekill Creek, Saugerties on 8/16/22
Thank You Note
Statement On Exec. 2023 Budget Proposal
Case No. 17-T-0816
County Ag & Farmland Protection Plan
Award
Email in Support of Res. No. 298.2
Garlic Festival – Volunteers Needed

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Press Release, UC Sales Tax Agreement
Appt. UC Ins. Officer Brian Macgregor
Appts. UC Charter Revision Commission
Frank Cardinale, Shannon Harris, Thomas
Jackson, Kathleen Mihm, LeShawn Parker
Effective Immediately
Thomas Jackson Rescindment of UC
Charter Revision Committee Appt.
Budgetary Transfers, July 2022
Invitation To Opening of Midtown Linear
Park 9:30 AM – Revised to 9:00AM
Press Release, Midtown Linear Park Open
Press Release, UC Awards 50 Non-Profits
Press Release, Inflation Relief Plan/Letter
Appt. UC Board of Ethics, Dean McGee,
Dylan Gallagher, Lara Kasper-Bukareff,
Deborah Schmeer, Robert M. Nuzzo
Groundbreaking at Golden Hill Invitation,
8/17/22, 9:30 AM

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

DATE:

Economic Development, Planning, Education,
Employment, Arts & Agriculture
Energy, Environment & Sustainability

July 5, 2022
July 7, 2022
July 19, 2022

Law Enforcement and Public Safety
Laws and Rules, Government Services
Health, Human Services & Housing
Public Works, Capital Projects & Transportation
Ways and Means

July 7, 2022
July 14, 2022
July 6, 2022
July 11, 2022
July 12, 2022
July 19, 2022

PUBLIC COMMENT (on items currently before the Legislature): There were (5) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Tanya Garment: Ms. Garment spoke in support of Res. No. 298.
2. Suzanne Herbert: Ms. Herbert spoke in support of Res. No. 340.
3. Cheryl Schneider: Ms. Schneider spoke in support of Res. No. 298.
4. Clark Richters: Mr. Richters spoke in support of Res. Nos. 298 and 428.
5. Daniel Carmel: Mr. Carmel spoke in support of Res. No. 298.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

RESOLUTION NOS: 289, 298, 403-406, 410-413, 415, 416, 419, 421, 423-430; 308-310, 407-409 – POSTPONED; 139, 189, 200 – NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 139 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 4 Of 2022, A Local Law Enacting A Drug Take Back Program in Ulster County, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 20, 2022 At 7:25 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 189 – Establishing A Policy Prohibiting The Housing Of Incarcerated Individuals Transferred From Facilities Outside Of Ulster County, The “No More Incarceration For Profit Policy”

NO ACTION TAKEN

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Resolution No. 200 – Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 7 Of 2022, A Local Law Amending The Code Of The County Of Ulster In Relation To Evictions, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 20, 2022 At 7:15 PM

NO ACTION TAKEN

Resolution No. 308 – Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Purpose Of Constructing A Government Operations Center And Appurtenances To Be Located At Paradies Lane In New Paltz – Department Of Emergency Services

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 309 – Amending Capital Project 607- Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At Paradies Lane In The Town Of New Paltz For Purpose Of Siting A Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 310 – Authorizing The Acquisition Of Parcels Of Land For A New Multi-Use Government Operations Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,750,000, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,750,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 407 – Amending the 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing – Amending 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department of Finance And The Department Of Public Works

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 408 – Authorizing The Preliminary Architectural Professional Services In Connection With The Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost of \$200,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$200,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

Resolution No. 409 – Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$180,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Finance And Department Of Public Works

POSTPONED IN COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk, to move Resolution No. 431 out of the Consent Agenda and into the Non-Consent Agenda. All in favor.

Consent

403 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Youth Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

404 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

405 Confirming Appointment Of A Member To The Community Services Board's Persons With Developmental Disabilities Subcommittee

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

406 Confirming Appointment Of Member To The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

410 Amending The 2022 Ulster County Budget To Accept Increased Funding From The New York State Office Of Addiction Services And Supports For Medication Assisted Treatment And Peer Support For The Jail Population – Department Of Mental Health

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 411 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$92,500.00 Entered Into By The County – The Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, Inc. – Department of Mental Health**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 412 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$92,500.00 Entered Into By The County – Jewish Child Care Association Of New York – Department Of Social Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 413 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$61,536.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries, Inc. D/B/A Gateway Hudson Valley – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 415 Authorizing An Easement Across The Lands Owned By Ulster County Associated With Ulster Delaware Railroad Corridor Near Mile Point 5.1, City Of Kingston To The Central Hudson Gas And Electric Company – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 416 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$199,792.00 Entered Into By The County – Inter-Fluve Engineering, P.L.L.C. – Department Of Planning**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 419 Establishing Capital Project No. 644 – Site Ready Services For Electric Vehicle Charging Stations — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds) And Department Of The Environment**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 421 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For Rates Anticipated To Exceed \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – J&J Sass Electric, Inc. – Department Of Finance And Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 423 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$32,884.00, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – New York Communications Company, Inc. – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 424 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute A Grant Contract With The New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault – Department Of Probation**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 425 Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute An Agreement With The New York State Office Of Emergency Management To Develop A Multi-Jurisdictional Multi- Hazard Mitigation Plan - Department Of Emergency Communications / Emergency Management**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 426 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$120,284.00 Entered Into By The County – New York State Sheriff's Association – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 427 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$60,333.00 Entered Into By The County – VirTra, Inc. – Ulster County Sheriff**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 428 Adopting Proposed Local Law No. 8 Of 2022, A Local Law Adopting Amendments To The New York State Public Officer's Law §103, Expanding The Use Of Videoconferencing At Public Meetings**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 429 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment For \$11,366.61, Causing The Aggregate Contract Plus Amendment Amount To Be In Excess Of \$50,000.00, Entered Into By The County – Eaton Corporation – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 430 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$82,043.28 Entered Into By The County – Vicom Computer Services, Inc. – Department Of Information Services**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 431 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance**

Moved to Non-Consent

Non-Consent

- 289 Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program – Establishing And Funding Capital Project No. 635 - ARPA Parks Program – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Litts)

- 298 Establishing A Policy To Eliminate Mandatory Fares For Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT) Service**

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts, Lopez, Roberts and Ronk)

Legislator Heppner motioned, seconded by Legislator Erner, to amend the Resolution to add two Resolved clauses and update the financial impact, as indicated in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts, Lopez, Roberts and Ronk)

Legislator Roberts motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts, to amend the Resolution to add an additional Resolved clause stating, “RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall expire fifteen (15) months after its enactment, unless the policy is resubmitted and affirmed.”

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 7 NOES: 16
(Ayes: Legislators Corcoran, Fabiano, Hansut, Litts, Lopez, Roberts and Ronk)

- 308 Declaring Ulster County’s Intent To Act As Lead Agency Under New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) For The Purpose Of Constructing A Government Operations Center And Appurtenances To Be Located At Paradies Lane In New Paltz – Department Of Emergency Services**

Postponed in Committee

- 309 Amending Capital Project 607- Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At Paradies Lane In The Town Of New Paltz For Purpose Of Siting A Government Operations Center And Authorizing The Chair Of The Ulster County Legislature To Execute Any And All Documents Required For Said Acquisition – Department Of Public Works (Buildings And Grounds)**

Postponed in Committee

- 310 Authorizing The Acquisition Of Parcels Of Land For A New Multi-Use
BOND Government Operations Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$3,750,000, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$3,750,000 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

Postponed in Committee

- 343 Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2022, A Local Law To Provide For The Collection Of Delinquent Village Real Property Taxes, To Be Held On Tuesday, September 20, 2022 At 7:20 PM**

Legislator Gavaris motioned, seconded by Legislator Heppner, to change the time of the public hearing to 7:05 PM, and to amend the Proposed Local Law to insert additional language in Section 2 of the law, as indicated in bold font.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 401 Amending Capital Project No. 598 – ARPA - Community Wellness Hub, Crisis Stabilization Center Renovations, City Of Kingston – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget — Department Of Public Works (Buildings & Grounds)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 402 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$158,850.00 Entered Into By The County – Pomarico Design Studio Architecture, PLLC – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

- 407 Amending The 2022 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program - Establishing Capital Project No. 645 – Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street – Elizabeth Manor Emergency Housing – Amending 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance And The Department Of Public Works**

Postponed in Committee

- 408 Authorizing The Preliminary Architectural Professional Services In Connection With The Renovation Of 21 Elizabeth Street, In And For The BOND County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$200,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$200,000.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

Postponed in Committee

- 409 Approving The Execution Of A Contract For \$180,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Finance And Department Of Public Works**

Postponed in Committee

- 420 BOND Authorizing The Preliminary Site Preparatory Expense For The Installation Of Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$317,807.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$317,807.00 Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 3
(Noes: Legislators Maloney, Petit and Ronk)

- 422 Supporting A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5307 Funds Transferred From The Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) For Operating Assistance And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding - Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Maloney)

- 431 Authorizing The Conveyance Of County-Owned Property To The Original Owner – Department Of Finance**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 22 NOES: 1
(Noes: Legislator Maloney)

PUBLIC COMMENT (on subjects *not* currently before the Legislature):

There were (10) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Joy Bonneau, Highland: Ms. Bonneau, from the group New York Citizens Audit (NYCA), spoke about a petition regarding the 2020 Presidential Election.
2. Diana Cunningham, Bloomington: Mrs. Cunningham also spoke about the NYCA petition.
3. Nsikak Udoh, Highland: Ms. Udoh also spoke about the NYCA petition.

4. Suzanne VanWagenen, Saugerties: Ms. VanWagenen also spoke about the NYCA petition.
5. Charnikia Pinesett, Highland: Ms. Pinesett also spoke about the NYCA petition.
6. Colleen Sirna, Shawangunk: Ms. Sirna also spoke about the NYCA petition.
7. Anita Estes, Tillson: Ms. Estes also spoke about the NYCA petition.
8. Gina Liberti, Clintondale: Ms. Laverde also spoke about the NYCA petition.
9. Gwendolyn Tibbals, Poughkeepsie: Ms. Tibbals also spoke about the NYCA petition.
10. Jeannie Edwards, Kingston: Ms. Edwards spoke about the need for resources for the Ulster County Emergency Communication Building and team

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative Website.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Petit.

Michaeline V. Porto, New Paltz, NY
Marian Whittaker, Kingston, NY
Donald Whitaker, Kingston, NY
Jonathan Sellers, New Paltz, NY
James J. Ellsworth, Jr., Port Ewen, NY
George Bain, Hudson, NY
Elizabeth Adele Peterson, Highland, NY
Louis S. Foscaldi, Highland, NY
Carlos Roberto Linares, New Paltz, NY
Scott T. Snyder, Walden, NY
Hailey Hasbrouck, Kingston, NY

Viola Marie Morelli, Rosendale, NY
Miguel A. Santiago, Kingston, NY
Patricia A. Walley, Pine Hill, NY
Thomas W. Reilly, Port Ewen, NY
Ronnye J. Shapiro, Woodstock, NY
Linda Johnson, Highland, NY
Martin Edward Zimmerman, Highland, NY
Bruce Neil Finch, Glens Falls, NY
Dorothy I. Murray, Saugerties, NY
Lawrence "Larry" J. Herzog, Rhinebeck, NY
Shawn Schick, Fords, NJ

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to adjourn Legislative Session.
All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:46 PM

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NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is **Friday, August 26, 2022 at 12 Noon.**