

Public Works & Capital Projects Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 4, 2015, 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Deputy Chairman Peter Loughran
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Nettie Tomshaw
PRESENT: Legislators Peter Loughran, Lynn Archer, Manna Jo Greene, Kevin Roberts
EXCUSED: Chairman Dean Fabiano
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES: Susan Plonski, Commissioner Department of Public Works

Deputy Chairman Loughran called the meeting to order at 6:15 PM.

Motion No. 1 Resolved to Approve Meeting Minutes of May 7, 2015
Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts
Discussion: None
Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Motion No. 2 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 220
Text of Motion: Establishing Capital Project No. 455 – Security Improvements – Various Buildings – Amending the 2015 – 2020 Capital Improvement Program – Department Of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)
Motion Made By: Legislator Manna Greene for discussion
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer

Discussion: Legislator Archer recalled May’s Legislative Session discussion on the floor which ultimately referred Resolution 220 back to both this committee and the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee, allowing the opportunity for input and recommendations from the Sheriff’s and Safety Offices prior to hiring outside consultants - and saving significant taxpayer money. The committee expressed confidence in using county manpower to assess preliminary security needs. Legislator’s Greene and Archer would like to see the Law Enforcement & Public Safety Committee be involved in the development of the RFP - utilizing their expertise at the beginning of the process - defining the scope of work. A lengthy discussion ensued with the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works Susan Plonski and committee members.

In summary, although the committee acknowledged the need to support a secure environment, the scope of work was not defined. The resolution simply did not provide enough background-detailed information as to how \$150,000.00 was decided upon without prior research. Also, the committee voiced concerns as to the overall process leading up to this resolution. Legislator Loughran asked the commissioner to verify the RFP process – probing why the committee is being asked to approve funding prior to the RFP going out. The committee ultimately reduced the dollar amount to \$75,000.00 - however reluctantly.

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts to amend funding from \$150K to \$75K

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer - all in favor.

Motion on the Resolution As Amended: Legislator Peter Loughran – all in favor.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 239

Text of Motion: Establishing Capital Project No. 456 – Ulster County Law Enforcement Center Lighting – Department Of The Environment

Motion Made By: Legislator Manna Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lynn Archer

Discussion: This resolution establishes Capital Project No. 456 with funding in the amount of \$12,237 to participate in Central Hudson’s program to analyze lighting efficiency opportunities and retrofit and install energy efficient and environmentally conscious fixtures at the UC Law Enforcement Center. Legislator Greene informed the committee she is in favor of this resolution as it saves the county money and considerably reduces carbon emissions. Leg.

Greene also expressed the county is taking the path of least resistance by using Central Hudson’s contractor, and it may not be the best deal, but it’s here and now and a step in the right direction.

Leg. Greene conveyed ever since the lighting forum, the Towns and City of Kingston have been meeting along with Citizens of Local Power, Pat Courtney Strong from the Climate Smart Committee, and the Association of Towns have held a series of meetings to determine the very best possible street lighting options. The City of Kingston and towns are taking a more rigorous approach – seeking a grant to do a deep review as to own or lease street lighting and poles. Central Hudson rates are currently being set and do not look favorable.

Legislator Roberts qualified what the resolution will be providing – whereas replacing inefficient indoor lighting and installing occupancy sensors and controls for the warehouse area and recreation yards of the UC Law Enforcement Center, which will save 82,000 kwh of energy annually.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 Resolve To Approve Resolution No. 242

Text of Motion: Conveying Parcel Of County-Owned Real Property Acquired Through The Greater Catskills Flood Remediation Program To Napanoch Fire District

Motion Made By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Peter Loughran

Discussion: Legislator Archer noted this land can’t be utilized for building structures. It is restricted for open space, recreation, flood mitigation and/or wetlands management. Susan Plonski stated it will be used as a parking lot. This lot is located right next to the Napanoch Fire Department.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 243
Text of Motion: Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – CHIPS Funding Adjustment – Department Of Public Works (Highways and Bridges)
Motion Made By: Legislator Manna Greene
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts
Discussion: This resolution is necessary to adjust the 2015 UC Budget to reflect the net difference of the rollover balance and State decrease in CHIPS funding. CHIPS monies, \$375,358.00 roll over from 2014 – noting a \$3,759.00 decrease in funding for the State fiscal year 2015-2016.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 244
Text of Motion: Authorizing The Chairman Of The Ulster County Legislature To Exercise An Option To Extend The Lease Agreement With GD Realty Kingston, LLC For Office Space For Ulster County Family Court – Department of Public Works (Buildings and Grounds)
Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer for discussion.
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Manna Greene
Discussion: The current lease will expire 8/31/15 – the county would like to exercise the option to extend the present lease agreement. This resolution will extend the agreement for an additional year effective 9/1/15 through 8/31/16. Legislator Archer asked what the plans are for the future. Sue Plonski noted although the county has made adjustments to accommodate the additional judgeship, the facility still is not up to their standards. Sue Plonski said preliminary plans are to move family court over to the BRC building once SUNY Ulster relocates in August. There is apprehension as the BRC is located in the Town of Ulster - outside of the county seat.
Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 7 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 245

Text of Motion: Amending The 2015 Ulster County Budget – Extreme Winter Recovery Funding Appropriation – Department Of Public Works (Highways and Bridges)

Motion Made By: Legislator Manna Greene

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Kevin Roberts

Discussion: New York State Dept. of Transportation of Extreme Winter Recovery has awarded the county \$308,997.96 in additional funds for road and bridge repairs for the State fiscal year 2015-2016. Sue Plonski noted funding was also awarded to the county last year as well.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 8 Resolved to Approve Resolution No. 246

Text of Motion: Setting A Public Hearing On The Sale And / Or Transfer Of 25 South Manor Avenue, Kingston New York To The Ulster County Economic Development Alliance, Inc., A Local Development Corporation

Motion Made By: Legislator Lynn Archer for discussion

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Manna Greene

Discussion: The committee discussed LDC terms and conditions - such as once UC Economic Development Alliance Inc. sells the property, does the money transfer to the county, and does the LDC get a transaction fee.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Loughran, Archer, Greene, Roberts

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Old Business:

Legislator Archer thanked Sue Plonski for the Public Works Organizational Chart, and asked if the same chart can be revised to include employee names – not just position titles. This will illustrate what positions are filled vs. open, etc.

Siemen's Report Update: Bob Sudlow has advised via email that Thomas Garrett w/ Siemens will not attend the June meeting to present an update of the overall direction of the project.

New Business:

Legislator Archer noted the U & D Corridor Committee discussed using the salvaged Tappan Zee Bridge steel decking panels for the Boiceville trestle repair. The trestle span is 300 + feet long. Leg. Archer and the U & D Corridor Committee felt using these could save the county money. Sue Plonski will follow up with Dennis Doyle in the Planning Dept. who also was in attendance at the U&D meeting along with Legislator Herbert Litts.

Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Legislator Archer and seconded by Legislator Roberts, all were in favor, and Deputy Chairman Loughran declared the meeting duly adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Note: Complete audio content is posted on the Legislative website.

Dated the 18th of June, 2015
Nettie Tomshaw, Legislative Staff

Minutes Approved on: July 9, 2015