

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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DECEMBER 10, 2013

PUBLIC HEARING &

SPECIAL SESSION (BUDGET)

Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building; and
Via Video Conference at 220 Timberlake Circle, Unit 204B, Naples, FL, 34104

7:00 PM

SPECIAL SESSION CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 7:05 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Chairman Bernardo

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

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

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ROLL CALL: Present: 20

Absent: 3 (Legislators Aiello, John Parete and Wishnick)

CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: An application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was 1 individual signed for comment.

1. Kathy Germain, Vice President for Housing Services. Written comment on file with the Clerk of the Legislature.

Ulster County Legislative Hearing
Community Development Block Grant
December 10, 2013

Good Evening, my name is Kathy Germain, Vice President for Housing Services here tonight representing RUPCO to request the support of the Legislature in the submission of a Community Development Block Grant application. This application would increase homeownership opportunities in Ulster County for low to moderate income individuals and families.

Most of you know us as Rural Ulster Preservation Company and we have recently undergone a formal name change to reflect the expansion of our program in and outside of Ulster County. Our mission is simply to create homes, support people and improve communities.

We have had a successful partnership with the county and working closely with the Planning Department have administered over \$5,000,000 worth of assistance to low income families and businesses in Ulster County.

The type of assistance offered has been driven by the need at the time. We have assisted low and very low income homeowners with repairs and upgrades, responded to natural disasters by relocating flood victims and assisting businesses after flood damages; we also have supported homeownership activities. We have just begun to implement a rehab program for homeowners affected by Irene, Lee and Sandy.

Currently, the most pressing need that we have identified is associated with the creation of new homebuyers. We have 15 households on a wait list with purchase agreements another 30 to 40 households actively looking for a home that have been pre qualified by a lender and another 100 households we anticipate will graduate homeownership education and complete a match savings program within the next 12 months. Barriers

to first time buyers include cash for down payment and closing costs as well as the need to upgrade existing housing that is old and inefficient.

RUPCO is proposing to apply on behalf of the county for approximately \$600,000 that would assist up to 20 first time purchasers with down payment, closing costs and post closing home improvements that will replace vital mechanical systems while improving health, safety, and energy efficiency.

We have handouts with more detailed information on the program that highlight the benefits of homeownership to Ulster County residents and the county. The handouts include the links to three short stories of homebuyers that best exemplify the value and importance of homeownership. Please take a moment view the videos to see how RUPCO and the county working together are strengthening homes, lives and communities.

On behalf of our CEO Kevin D' Connor I appreciate your consideration of our proposal and I thank you for your time.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 7:15 pm

SPECIAL SESSION PUBLIC COMMENT: 7:15 pm - There were no individuals signed for public comment.

RESOLUTION NOS: 297, 304- 312

Resolution No. 297 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 13 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Briggs,
Donaldson, Gregorius, Loughran,
Provenzano, and Rodriguez)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete, and
Wishnick)
Vetoed by County Executive

Resolution No. 304 – Authorizing Distribution Of Mortgage Tax Receipts Pursuant To Section 261 Of The Tax Law

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 305 – Ratification Of Tax Rolls

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 306 - Approving Completed Tax Rolls And Directing The Execution Of Delivery Of Warrants

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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 307 – Levy For Unpaid Sewer Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 308 – Levy For Unpaid Water Rents

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 309 - Authorizing Commissioner Of Finance To Make Transfers Of Funds And Budgetary Amendments

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

Resolution No. 310 - Authorizing And Directing Charges Against The City Of Kingston For Home Relief Costs

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

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Resolution No. 311 - Adopting the Ulster County Budget For Fiscal Year Commencing January 1, 2014 And Making Appropriations For The Conduct Of County Government

Legislator Gerentine motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to amend the 2014 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment Nos. 1 thru 8, 10, 11, and 14 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and Wishnick)

Legislator Gerentine motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to amend the 2014 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment No. 9 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 0
(Two Abstentions: Legislators Belfiglio and Provenzano)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and Wishnick)

Legislator Donaldson motioned, seconded by Legislator Maloney to amend the 2014 Ulster County Budget to include Amendment Nos. 12 and 13 as presented in the attached exhibit.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 3 NOES: 17
(Ayes: Legislators Donaldson, Fabiano and Maloney)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and Wishnick)

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and Wishnick)

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Resolution No. 312 – Adopting Ulster County Capital Program For 2014-2019

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 0
(Absent: Legislators Aiello, John Parete and
Wishnick)

SPECIAL SESSION ADJOURNED: 7:25 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The **Meeting in Annual Session** of the Ulster County Legislature will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at 6:30 PM**, in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York, to be followed by our ***Annual Holiday Gathering***.