

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

AUGUST 9, 2016

PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM

PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:08 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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ROLL CALL: Present: 12 Absent: 11 (Legislators Berky, Briggs, Delaune, Donaldson, Fabiano, Greene, Lopez, Maloney, J. Parete, Roberts, Wawro)

Please Note: Chairman Ronk called upon Legislator Bartels who noted for the record that the Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services monthly committee meeting was still in progress in the K.L. Binder Library. Legislative Programs, Education and Community Services committee members include; Legislators Berky, Delaune, Donaldson, Lopez and Wawro.

6:08 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: Ulster County's application for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2016 Program Year administered by the New York State Office of Community Renewal

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were three (3) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Burt Samuelson, UC Dept. of Planning: Mr. Samuelson provided an overview of the work completed for achieving homeownership in Ulster County. This is the latest program funded by a Community Development Block Grant to have its work completed. Mr. Samuelson provided a written copy of his comments for the record.
2. Cathy Germain, RUPCO: Ms. Germain came before the legislature requesting legislative support for an application to the New York State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to help at least 25 low income homeowners in Ulster County make necessary home repairs. Ms. Germain shared RUPCO's history with CDBG and provided a written copy of her comments for the record.
3. Dan Donahue, Cornell C.E.: Mr. Donahue noted Cornell Cooperative is interested in farm labor / worker related housing assistance. He stated housing is very important to attract high quality employees – a very important selling point especially for a fruit farm. Ulster County has received a lot of interest in people wanting to start new farms. Startup farms bring a lot of economic development activity to the area as they are very labor intensive. (additional written comments from Cornell Corp. Elizabeth Higgins will be forward to the Legislative Clerk for the record)

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

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Motion by Legislator Herbert Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio to adjourn the Public Hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:18 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held next **Tuesday, August 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.