

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: June 3, 2014, 6:00 PM

LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, COB, Kingston, NY

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Thomas J. Briggs

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Krista J. Barringer, Deputy Clerk

PRESENT: Legislators Chris Allen (arrived 6:03 PM), Lynn Archer (arrived 6:12 PM), Herbert Litts, III, James F. Maloney, Mary Beth Maio, and Kenneth Wishnick (arrived 6:19 PM)

EXCUSED: None

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislators David Donaldson and Donald Gregorius, Legislative Counsel Cappy Weiner, League of Women Voters Representative Vic Melville, Deputy County Executive Kenneth Crannell, Ulster Publishing Publisher Geddy Sveikauskas and individual IDA applicants for interviews in Executive Session.

Chair Briggs called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

MOTION NO. 1 RESOLVED To Approve the Minutes of May 6 and May 20, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Litts, and Maio

Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 4

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 2 Resolution No. 187 – June 17, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Maloney

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 187** - Appointing Members To The Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee – Ulster County Legislature

Resolution No. 187 Summary: This Resolution appoints members to the Ulster County Railroad Advisory Committee, for the purpose of continuing the on-going efforts of the previous Railroad Advisory Committee, and to explore innovative means in which the railroad could be utilized to enhance economic development in Ulster County. The resolution appoints the following members for the term commencing immediately through December 31, 2015, or until new members are appointed and or re-appointed: Ulster County Legislature (5 members): Legislators Donaldson, Greene, Lopez, Richard Parete, and Ronk.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs noted questions asked regarding this resolution included why establish a Board when the Catskill Mountain Railroad is currently in litigation with the County. Legislator Donaldson replied the litigation was due to County Executive actions, not Legislative and that based on the number of emails the Legislature had been receiving on the topic, he felt it was time to take a look at it so that the Legislature could make appropriate decisions. Deputy County Executive Crannell clarified the County was enforcing it's lease and that the Catskill Mountain Railroad sued the County. He noted the County Attorney is planning to discuss the matter with the Legislature in Executive Session during their June Legislative meeting and suggested the Committee hold off on the resolution until after hearing from the County Attorney. Legislative Council Weiner stated he preferred being in attendance when the Legislature was briefed by the County Attorney and that he would not be at the June Legislative meeting. He felt the Legislature did not need to wait for the County Attorney's discussion to pass the resolution appointing members to a Railroad Advisory Committee. Legislator Donaldson felt the Legislature needed to examine issues related to the county owned railroad and that the lawsuit was not the focus of this issues. Chairman Briggs indicated he felt he could vote aye to move the resolution to the full Legislature but did not know how he would vote for it on the floor.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Allen, Maio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 3 Resolution No. 192 – June 17, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Litts

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 192 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Family Of Woodstock, Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 192 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract, and hereby approves a contract, for \$150,000 with Family of Woodstock for a year round, county-wide youth services employment program for Workforce Investment Act (WIA) eligible youth, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Legislator Litts clarified that this was for pass through funding to which Deputy County Executive Crannell replied it was. Deputy County Executive Crannell further noted it was for youth that did not pass high school and served approximately 60 kids.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Allen, Maio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 4 Resolution No. 193 – June 17, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Maio

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maloney

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 193 - Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – United Way of Ulster County, Inc. – Office Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 193 Summary: This Resolution states the Ulster County Legislature has examined the contract, and hereby approves a contract, for \$167,230 with United Way of Ulster County, Inc. to administer and process payroll for the Summer Youth Employment Program, a program which provides youth with work experience, occupational skills, leadership development, and work readiness, in the form as filed with the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature or as modified with the approval of the County Attorney and Legislative Counsel.

Discussion:

Deputy County Executive Crannell noted the County receives TANF funding for this program which serves approximately 120 kids. He noted the program identified sponsoring companies to be work sites and would pay the salaries of the youth for five weeks.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Allen, Maio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 5 Resolution No. 201 – June 17, 2014

Motion Made By: **Legislator Maloney**

Motion Seconded By: **Legislator Maio**

Text of Motion: **Resolved to approve Resolution No. 201 - Approving A Home Rule Request For Senate Bill No. S7448 And Assembly Bill No. A9601 Authorizing Ulster County To Regulate The Registration And Licensing Of Taxicabs, Limousines And Livery Vehicles**

Resolution No. 201 Summary: This Resolution authorizes the County Executive and the Clerk of the Ulster County Legislature to execute and submit a Home Rule Request (Request by a Local Government for Enactment of a Special Law), pursuant to Article IX of the Constitution, requesting the enactment of Senate Bill No. S7448 and Assembly Bill No. A9601 entitled “An act to amend the general municipal law and the vehicle and traffic law, in relation to authorizing the counties of Dutchess and Ulster to regulate the registration and licensing of taxicabs, limousines and livery vehicles,”

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs referred to the Committee’s discussion and the presentation of the taxicab company owners at last month’s meeting.

Roll Call Vote: No
Voting In Favor: Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Allen, Maio, Litts
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 5
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Carried

Motion No. 6 Resolution No. 202 – June 17, 2014

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Text of Motion: Resolved to approve Resolution No. 202 - Amending The 2014 Ulster County Budget to Accept And Appropriate Additional Workforce Investment Act And Temporary Assistance For Needy Families Funding – Department Of Employment And Training

Resolution No. 202 Summary: This Resolution amends the 2014 Ulster County Budget by increasing Appropriation Account #BB-2980-4300-4505 (Other Fees Prof Services) by \$ 45,000.00, Appropriation Account #BB-2980-4600-4660 (Other Misc. Contractual Expenses) by \$187,025.00 and Revenue Account #BB-2980-3400-4790 (Federal Aid) by \$232,025.00 and notes if funding for this program is eliminated, the program will be eliminated as well.

Discussion:

Chairman Briggs noted this was pass through funding. Deputy County Executive Crannell indicated this was the funding for the summer youth employment program previously discussed.

Roll Call Vote:	No
Voting In Favor:	Legislators Briggs, Maloney, Allen, Maio, Litts
Voting Against:	None
No. of Votes in Favor:	5
No. of Votes Against:	0
Disposition:	Carried

New Business None

Old Business – Ulster County Industrial Development Agency – Appointment Applicant Interviews

Chairman Briggs inquired as to the Committee’s desire regarding entering into Executive Session for the purposes of conducting the interviews. Deputy Chairman Maloney asked Legislative Council Weiner for his opinion to which Council indicated any interview of personnel should be done in Executive Session. He noted a felony conviction would be part of public record.

Legislator Litts motioned to enter Executive Session for the purposes of discussing appointment of a particular person pursuant to Public Officers Law §105(f). Legislator

Maio seconded and with all in favor, the Committee entered Executive Session at 6:19 PM.

During Executive Session, Legislator Maio abstained and left the room during the interview of her employer, Michael Horodyski.

Legislator Litts motioned to exit Executive Session and Legislator Allen seconded the motion. With all in favor, the Committee exited Executive Session at 8:07 PM.

Chairman Briggs noted the Committee would continue interviews at the Special Meeting of the Committee to be held at SUNY Ulster on June 11th following the Caucus meetings at 8:00 PM.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:10 PM

Dated the 9th day of June, 2014

Krista Barringer, Deputy Clerk

Minutes Approved on: July 1, 2014