

Authorizing The Creation Of A Special Committee To Study And Review The Environmental Needs Of Ulster County And Report Back To The Ulster County Legislature

The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Lomita and Legislators Bartels, Berardi, Gregorius, Provenzano, Zimet, Cummings, Gerentine and Noonan) offers the following:

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council was created pursuant to Resolution No. 222, November 9, 1972, to be responsible for reviewing and advising Ulster County and other Ulster County municipalities on present and proposed methods of using, protecting, and conserving the environment, consistent with Article 47, Section 107 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Environmental Management Council is comprised of volunteer directors and advisory personnel, with limited financial and administrative resources, and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster has allocated funds for environmental management programs in the 2007 Ulster County Budget, and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the County of Ulster and its citizens that a specific plan be developed and instituted to address the management, supervision, director and control of the County's environmental programs including the planning, development and operation of the County's Municipal Stormwater Management Program, water quality monitoring, water quality assessments, sewage and construction facilities, economic and demographic changes, point, and non point water source controls, and recommendations for future environmental programs, without duplicating services, and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Administrator and the Ulster County Attorney recommend that a Special Committee be appointed from members of the Ulster County Legislature's Environmental Committee and Ways and Means Committee to study and review the environmental needs of the County, now and in the future and report back to the Ulster County Legislature with recommendations and a plan to address those needs, and

WHEREAS, this Special Committee shall request the assistance of the Ulster County Environmental Management Council and any County Department which has a substantial impact on or interest in the County's environmental programs, to help complete this study, and

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WHEREAS, the Special Committee should report back to the County Legislature with its recommendations within 120 days from its creation, and

WHEREAS, the Ways and Means Committee has met and reviewed this recommendation with a majority of the members voting approval.

RESOLVED, that a Special Committee is hereby created, [~~which shall consist of seven (7) members from the Ulster County Legislature's Environmental Committee and Ways and Means Committee~~] said committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members, four (4) of which shall be members of the Environmental Committee and three (3) of which shall be members of the Ways and Means Committee, to study and review the environmental needs of the County and report back to the Ulster County Legislature with a plan to address those needs within 120 days, with the technical assistance of the County Departments, who have an impact or interest in the County's environmental program,

and moves its adoption.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 20 NOES: 9
(NOES: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Dart, Distel, Every,
Kraft, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete and Terpening)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Bischoff)
(Legislator Felicello left at 7:09 PM)
(Legislator Stoeckeler left at 8:00 PM)

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Legislator R.S. Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Terpening to amend the resolution to add two (2) members of the Health Committee to the Special Committee for a total of nine (9) members.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 19
(AYES: Legislators Berardi, Cahill, Kraft, Loughran, R.S. Parete, Provenzano, Roberti, Sheeley, Terpening and Zimet)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Bischoff)
(Legislator Felicello left at 7:09 PM)
(Legislator Stoeckeler left at 8:00 PM)

Legislator Lomita motioned, seconded by Legislator Fabiano to amend the "RESOLVED" replacing "which shall consist of seven (7) members from the Ulster County Legislature's Environmental Committee and Ways and Means Committee," with the following: "said committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members, four (4) of which shall be members of the Environmental Committee and three (3) of which shall be members of the Ways and Means Committee", as indicated by [] and double strikethroughs.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 11
(NOES: Legislators Alfonso, Bartels, Cahill, Dart, Distel, Every, Kraft, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Roberti and Terpening)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Bischoff)
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Legislator R.A. Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Bartels to amend the "RESOLVED" of the resolution to have the Special Committee to consist of seven (7) members of the Environmental Committee.

MOTION DEFEATED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 10 NOES: 19
(AYES: Legislators Bartels, Cahill, Dart, Distel, Every, Kraft, R.A. Parete, R.S. Parete, Roberti and Terpening)
(Absent: Legislators Aiello and Bischoff)
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FINANCIAL IMPACT:
NONE

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