

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: July 2, 2019 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: K.L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator Brian Woltman
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
ABSENT: Maloney (James), Maloney (Joseph)
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Dennis Doyle, Department of Planning, Kathy Nolan, Legislator, Sajaa Ahmed, Deputy Director of UCAT, Carol Hargrove, Director of UCAT, Chris White, Deputy Director of Planning, Marc Rider, Deputy Director, Andy Bicking, Scenic Hudson, Laura Petite, Legislator, Alan Macaluso, Information Services, Conor Gillis, NYSAR, Amanda Sisenstein, Friends of Kingston Public Transit Riders, Phil Erner, Friends of Kingston Public Transit Riders, Ann L. Frazier, Friends of Kingston Public Transit Riders

Legislator Woltman called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

UCAT BUS MERGER UPDATE

Carol Hargrove, Director of UCAT, stated a bus study was sent out in 2017 and the county hired consultants. The consultants did surveys on the buses, surveys on drivers and in house surveys. In addition, UCAT reviewed low income areas and determined which areas would be better served in the county. UCAT and the consultants developed a new route using the colors red, blue and yellow. Discussion ensued.

The first day of the new routes, the new drivers did great and the buses ran only 10-15 minutes behind schedule. There were 208 passengers on the new routes. Carol Hargrove, stated she contacted all the individuals who were concerned they would not be picked up on the new bus routes and coordinated a time for those riders to be picked up.

Discussion ensued.

The citibus can be accessed by the county bus.

Riders can place a demand response call and will be picked up as long as the call has been placed an hour before the scheduled pick up time. Dispatch hours start at 4:45 am and run until to 11:00 pm.

Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of June 4, 2019**

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Approved

Resolutions for the July 16, 2019 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 297: Authorizing A Grant Application To The Federal Transit Administration To Apply, Accept And Administer 5307 Funds Transferred From The Rural Transportation Assistance Program-Section 5311(b)(3) For Bus Replacements And Authorizing The Ulster County Executive To Execute Any Required Applications Or Agreements To Accept Funding – Ulster County Area Transit (UCAT)

Resolution Summary: This resolution authorizes the chair of the Legislature to execute any required applications to accept funding for UCAT.

Motion No. 2: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 297**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Carol Hargrove stated a bus for \$435,000 will be purchased and UCAT has requested a grant to cover the cost of parts such as the DPF's which are needed for the clean air act in the amount of \$145,000.00.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 146: Establishing A Policy For The Appointment of Members To The Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (IDA)

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests that a policy is established for diverse groups to be appointed to the IDA Board.

Discussion:

Chairman Woltman called for a motion and hearing none cited Rule 7 Section L calling for a vote.

Voting In Favor: None
Voting Against: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Defeated

Resolution No. 179: Restricting Chamber Of Commerce Memberships Paid For With Ulster County Funds

Resolution Summary: This resolution requests limiting various County Departments from using taxpayer funds to purchase chamber of commerce memberships.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 179**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez moved to postpone due to the sponsor not being present.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 270: Requesting The New York State Legislature Introduce Legislation Amending General Municipal Law And The Tax Law, In Relation To Including The County Of Ulster Within The Definition Of A “Designated Community” Under The Hudson Valley Community Preservation Act Of 2007

Resolution Summary: This resolution would allow municipalities to develop plans and provide funds, through the imposition of real property transfer tax, for protection and preservation of lands within their own community.

Discussion:

Legislator Delaune confirmed the State Legislature has passed this legislation. Andy Bicking from Scenic Hudson stated the State Legislature did pass authorization for Ulster County to join the Ulster County Preservation Act. It is an “opt in” program for local government. The state legislation does not require a resolution but it would be considered an important endorsement from a county wide perspective.

Legislator Rodriguez suggested to Legislator Delaune withdrawing Resolution No. 270 and putting forth a resolution next month urging the governor to sign the relevant bills that have recently passed. Legislator Delaune agreed. Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 4: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 270**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune
Disposition: Resolution Withdrawn By Sponsor

Resolution No. 290: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Tyler Technologies, Inc. – Department Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with Tyler Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$278, 508.02 to extend the term of an agreement for maintenance and support of the New World Public Safety Enterprise software.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 290**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Alan Macaluso stated this is an amendment to the previous contract to extend maintenance for additional year for the entire public safety suite.

The original length of the contract was roughly 12 months. Discussion ensued.

Legislator Rodriguez requested information regarding the entire amount invested into New World Systems. Marc Rider indicated the two main systems within the county contracted with Tyler Technologies are the Financial System and the Public Safety System.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 298: Adopting The Inclusion Of Additional Lands In Agricultural Districts Within Ulster County As Recommended By The Ulster County Agricultural And Farmland Protection Board – Department Of Planning

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the adoption of additional lands into the Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board.

Motion No. 6: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 298**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:
Dennis Doyle stated the gentleman from the Town of Esopus, who spoke at the June Legislative Session was not recommended for inclusion but will possibly reapply next year.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 312: In Support Of The John Burroughs Black Creek Trail Project Consolidated Funding Application

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves and endorses the application of The Scenic Hudson Land Trust, Inc. for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993.

Motion No. 7: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 312**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Delaune

Discussion:
No discussion

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 5
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 313: Establishing A Policy Ensuring Maximization Of Funds Received By Ulster County Pursuant To The New York State Homes and Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Program

Resolution Summary: This resolution establishes a policy that 100% of the CDBG funds allocated to Ulster County shall be transferred to the program and the administrative fee collected by Ulster County shall be allocated directly to the Ulster County Homeownership program.

Motion No. 8: **Motion to Discuss Resolution No. 313**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Discussion:

Legislator Woltman stated there is an amendment to the resolution. Legislator Rodriguez stressed the last resolve indicates that if for any reason the state denied the county from transferring administration funds into the program then the funds would come from a location decided by finance. If the state agreed with the terms of transferring funds then the last resolve would not be applicable.

Dennis Doyle stated transferring the funds would not be an issue.

Discussion ensued.

Legislator Rodriguez stated he would remove the third resolve.

Motion No. 9: **Motion to Amend Resolution No. 313**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Archer

Voting In Favor: Legislators Archer, Delaune, Maio, Rodriguez & Woltman

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 5

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

New Business:

- Lynn Archer discussed having EisnerAmper perform a review of the recommendations that were given for the IT policy. EisnerAmper's rough estimate is \$3500 to \$4500 depending on the scope. Legislator Archer proposed moving forward with EisnerAmper to get an idea of best practices. Discussion ensued.
- Legislator Nolan stated the dump site on Route 212/Saugerties border were given DEC notifications.

There being no further business, Legislator Delaune motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Archer.

Time: 7:00 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: August 6, 2019