

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARINGS &

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

6:10 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA A. FABELLA,
CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE: 6:22 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Clerk Victoria A. Fabella

GOD BLESS AMERICA: Charlie Alexis Wawro

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.

CELL PHONES

Please silence cell phones for the duration of the Public Hearings and Meeting.

MICROPHONES

Please be reminded to use your microphones when speaking so that you are recorded for the official record.

ROLL CALL: Present: 23 Absent: 0

**NOMINATION OF THE TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN OF THE
ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

Clerk Victoria A. Fabella called upon Legislator Richard A. Gerentine for the purpose of the nomination of the Temporary Chairman.

Legislator Richard A. Gerentine motioned, seconded by Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio to nominate Legislator James F. Maloney as Temporary Chairman.

Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Hector S. Rodriguez to close the nominations. All in favor.

CALL OF THE 1ST PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:26 PM

Proposed Local Law No. 21 Of 2016 (A Local Law Amending The Ulster County Charter, (Local Law No. 2 Of 2006), And Amending The Administrative Code For The County Of Ulster, (Local Law No. 10 Of 2008), To Modify The Term Of The Clerk Of The Legislature)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was (1) speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Paul Fowler, Saugerties: Mr. Fowler spoke in support of amending the UC Charter modifying the term of the Clerk of the Legislature.

Minority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Legislator Herbert Litts to adjourn. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:27 PM

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

CALL OF THE 2ND PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK: 6:28 PM

Proposed Local Law No. 9 Of 2016 (A Local Law Regarding Campaign Finance Reform In Ulster County)

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to adjourn. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:29 PM

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

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NOMINATION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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Temporary Chairman James F. Maloney announced that nominations were open for the election of a Permanent Chairman.

Legislator Herbert Litts III motioned, seconded by Legislator Thomas J. Briggs to nominate Legislator Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

Temporary Chairman James F. Maloney then asked if there were any other nominations.

Legislator Richard A. Parete motioned, seconded by Legislator Herbert Litts III to close the nominations.

Temporary Chairman James F. Maloney then asked for a long roll call vote.

Temporary Chairman James F. Maloney then asked Legislator Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr. to come forward to address the full Legislature as the 2017 Ulster County Legislative Chairman.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23

NOES: 0

CHAIRMAN’S ACCEPTANCE

Chairman Kenneth Ronk Jr. thanked Ms. Charlie Alexis Wawro for singing God Bless America, and Legislator’s Litts and Briggs for their kind words of support and nominations. He also thanked the legislative body for their faith and confidence in him going forward, noting the legislature is coming off a good year and hopes the momentum continues toward his goal to be the body the Ulster County Charter envisions the legislature to be. Chairman Ronk noted he will be reaching out to all members in a collaborative manner and will present his Chairman’s Address at the March Session.

Chairman Ronk announced his legislative counsel appointments; Nicholas A. Pascale replacing outgoing Erica Guerin as Legislative Counsel, and Kyle Barnett to replace Nicholas Pascale as Legislative Majority Counsel.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was (1) speaker signed up for public comment.

1. Paul Fowler, Saugerties: Mr. Fowler spoke in support of Chairman Ronk being reelected as the 2017 Ulster County Legislative Chairman.

Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Legislator Herbert Litts to adjourn. All in favor.

Please Note: Complete content of the public comment period for tonight’s Organizational Meeting can be heard on the Ulster County Legislative website.

THE FOLLOWING DESIGNATIONS ARE ON FILE:

Majority Leader – Mary Beth Maio, District No. 10
Minority Leader – Hector S. Rodriguez, District No. 20

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OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS

PUBLICATION OF LOCAL LAWS AND VARIOUS NOTICES

(D) – Ulster Publishing
(R) – Shawangunk Journal

PUBLICATION OF ELECTION NOTICES OF THE OFFICIAL CANVAS

(D) – Daily Freeman
(R) – Southern Ulster Times

BIRTHDAYS:

Legislator Mary Beth Maio, January 15th
Legislator Jennifer Schwartz Berky, January 16th
Legislator Dean Fabiano, January 24th
Legislator Richard Gerentine, January 26th
Sr. Legislative Employee Mary Beichert, January 13th

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Majority Leader Mary Beth Maio motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Hector Rodriguez to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

Budget Litigation, Comptroller vs. UC
Executive & UC Legislature

Erica K. F. Guerin, Legislative Counsel
Resignation Letter Effective 12/31/16

UC Republican Legislature

Certification / Designation Majority Leader
for 2017, Mary Beth Maio

Designation of Southern Ulster Times as
Official Publication for 2017 Election
Notices

Designation of Shawangunk Journal as
Official Publication for 2017 Local Laws,
Notices

UC Democratic Legislature

Certification/Designation Minority Leader
for 2017, Hector S. Rodriguez

Designation of Daily Freeman as Official
Publication for 2017 Election Notices

Designation of Ulster Publishing as Official
Publication for 2017 Local Laws, Notices

UC Minority Leader, Hector Rodriguez

Joseph Donaldson, Lynn Johnson & Carl
Brown UC Human Rights Commission Letter
F.O.I.L. Request Response, Kenneth S. Panza
Certified Statement Of Election, Relocation
Of UC Family Court

UC Legislative Clerk, Victoria Fabella
UC Board Of Elections

Family Advocate Program Report 9/16-12/15
(8) Email, Christmas Trains, Boiceville RR
Bridge, Support U&D Railroad

Family Services
Leroy Hogan

2006 UC Transportation Council U&D RR
Corridor Trail Feasibility Study

UC Tourism
ProAct

Trending, January 2017

Letter Card Program – Board Update

Discount Card Utilization Report Nov. 2016

COMMUNICATIONS (continued):

NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation

Town of Ulster Clerk, Suzanne Reavy

NYS Dept. of State Records & Law Bureau

Central Hudson, A Fortis Company

County News

UC Comptroller's Office

UC Department of Finance

Mental Health Assoc. In Ulster County, Inc.

Ulster County Human Rights Commission

Perrines Bridge Abutment Project

Application Grant Funding Denied

Town Board Resolution Request Naming

Sawkill Rd. Bridge in honor of Chief Cruise

UC Local Law No. 6 of 2016 Filed 12/15/16

December 2016 News Letter

Vol. 48, No. 24 December 2016

Election Cost Report, UC Board of Elections

Press Release, Family of Woodstock

Family Of Woodstock Snapshot Series

Executed Contracts For December 2016

UC Business Advisory Council ADA Guide

Minutes, November 3, 2016

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

Budgetary Transfers December 2016

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: 6:40 PM

Chairman Ronk recognized Minority Leader Rodriguez for the purposes of a motion, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to enter into the Legislature as a Committee of the Whole. Motion passed unanimously. Chairman Kenneth Ronk called upon Legislator Thomas Briggs to assume the role as acting Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION NO. 1 Resolve to Block Vote - Resolution Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 1: Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature

Resolution No. 2: Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2017

Resolution No. 3: Designation of Official Newspaper

Resolution No.4: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

Resolution No.5: Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2016 Real Property Taxes Based On 2015 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: (23)

Voting Against: (0)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Carried

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Resolution No. 6: Establishing Capital Project No. 494, Business Resource Center Renovations To Accommodate Family Court – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget – Public Works (Building and Grounds)

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Discussion: Dennis Doyle and Mark Rider provided information regarding the RFP’s architecture, engineering, construction management services, including a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED - Silver) analysis for the family court renovations. Current lease expires August 2018. Legislator Fabiano, Chairman of Public Works and Capital Projects Committee and Legislator Greene shared their dismay not having the opportunity to vet the resolution in committee prior to tonight’s meeting. Committee discussion ensued.

Roll Call Vote: Yes

Voting In Favor: (17)

Voting Against: (6) (Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J.Parete, R. Parete)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 7: Authorizing Certain Design And Construction Management Services For The Reconstruction Of The Business Resource Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,260,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,260,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Discussion: None

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: (20)

Voting Against: (3) (Legislators Donaldson, J.Parete, R. Parete)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

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Resolution No. 8: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Palombo Group – Department Of Public Works

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Discussion: None

Long Roll Call Vote: Yes

Voting In Favor: (16)

Voting Against: (7) (Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J.Parete, R. Parete, Rodriguez)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 9: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Discussion: None

Long Roll Call Vote: Yes

Voting In Favor: (17)

Voting Against: (6) (Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J.Parete, R. Parete)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

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Resolution No. 10: Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries – Office For The Aging

Motion Made By: Legislator Hector Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Mary Beth Maio

Discussion: Mark Rider explained the resolution consolidates contracts and revises the scope of services - extending the contract for another year. Another (2) one year extensions will follow.

Roll Call Vote: No

Voting In Favor: (23)

Voting Against: (0)

Absent: (0)

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Herbert Litts

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Dean Fabiano

No. of Votes in Favor: 23

No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME 7:15 PM

RESOLUTION NOS: 1-10

1 Appointing A Clerk Of The Ulster County Legislature

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

2 Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2017

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

3 Designation Of Official Newspapers

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

4 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$15,000,000.00 Revenue Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of Revenues Estimated To Be Received From Sales And Compensating Use Taxes During The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

5 Authorizing The Issuance And Sale Of Up To \$20,000,000.00 Tax Anticipation Notes Of The County Of Ulster, New York, In Anticipation Of The Collection Or Receipt Of 2017 Real Property Taxes Based On 2016 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

6 Establishing Capital Project No. 494, Business Resource Center Renovations To Accommodate Family Court – Amending The 2017 Capital Fund Budget– Public Works (Building and Grounds)

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 6
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J. Parete, and R. Parete)

7 Authorizing Certain Design And Construction Management Services For The Reconstruction Of The Business Resource Center, In And For The County Of Ulster, New York, At A Maximum Estimated Cost Of \$1,260,000.00, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,260,000.00 Serial Bonds Of Said County To Pay The Cost Thereof

BOND

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING LONG ROLL VOTE:

AYES: 17 NOES: 6
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J. Parete, and R. Parete)

8 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – The Palombo Group – Department Of Public Works

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 16 NOES: 7
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, Loughran, J. Parete, R. Parete, and Rodriguez)

- 9 Approving The Execution Of A Contract In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – LaBella Associates, D.P.C. – Department Of Public Works**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 18 NOES: 5
(Noes: Legislators Bartels, Berky, Donaldson, J. Parete, and R. Parete)

- 10 Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – Gateway Community Industries – Office For The Aging**

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Jonathan Heppner.

Carol M. Fabiano, Glasco, NY
Girard H. Purdy, Marlboro, NY
Gloria Meggison, Saugerties, NY
Floyd J. Turner Sr., Stone Ridge, NY
Carolyn Whitehurst, Albany, NY
Jeanette Fuoco, Saugerties, NY
Ronald M. Chouinard, Port Ewen, NY
Warner Pehling Hein, Lake Havasu City, AZ
Robert W. Constant, Ellenville, NY
Phillip J. Polaski, Saugerties, NY

Jeremy Wilber, Woodstock, NY
Eileen B. Preville, Kerhonkson, NY
William J. Hunnebeck Jr., Woodstock, NY
Sally A. Zollo, Saugerties, NY
Cynthia L. Caporale, Saugerties, NY
Philip F. Reilly, Kingston, NY
Gertrude C. Stevens, St. Remy, NY
Michael A. Ronan, Lords Valley, PA
Jeffery A. Eason, Plattekill, NY
Wayne W. Grey, Ellenville, NY

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Motion by Majority Leader Maio, seconded by Legislator Herbert Litts, to adjourn the Organizational Meeting. All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:32 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting of the Ulster County Legislature is tentatively scheduled for **Tuesday, February 14, 2017, at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.

Resolution deadline is tentatively scheduled to be Wednesday, **January 25, 2017 at 12:00 Noon.**