

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE



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MINUTES

PUBLIC HEARING & ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 2019

6:30 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY VICTORIA FABELLA, CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE:
6:35 PM

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

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 Hearing and Meeting.

MICROPHONES

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

ROLL CALL: **Present: 23** **Absent: 0**

6:36 PM - CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

On Proposed Local Law No. 24 Of 2018, A Local Law Amending Local Law No. 5 of 2018, A Local Law Promoting The Use Of Reusable Bags And Regulating The Use Of Plastic Carryout Bags And Recyclable Paper Carryout Bags

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

Motion by Legislator Rodriguez, seconded by Legislator Litts to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:37 PM

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

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

Legislator Greene motioned, seconded by Legislator Litts to nominate Legislator Heppner as Temporary Chairman.

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to close the nominations. All in favor.

NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR OF THE ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Temporary Chairman Heppner announced that nominations were open for the election of a Permanent Chairman.

Legislator Archer motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson to nominate Legislator Tracey Bartels. Temporary Chairman Heppner then asked if there were any other nominations.

Legislator Litts motioned, seconded by Legislator Haynes to nominate Legislator Kenneth Ronk Jr.

Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Donaldson to close the nominations. Temporary Chairman Heppner then asked for a long roll call vote.

MOTION ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

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Legislator Bartels – 12 (Legislators Archer, Bartels, Collins, Delaune, Donaldson, Eckert, Greene, Heppner, Joseph Maloney, Nolan, Petit, Rodriguez)

Legislator Ronk - 11 (Legislators Fabiano, Gerentine, Haynes, Litts, Lopez, Maio, James Maloney, Roberts, Ronk, Wawro, and Woltman)

Temporary Chairman Heppner then asked Legislator Tracey Bartels to come forward to address the full Legislature as the 2019 Ulster County Legislative Chairwoman.

ACCEPTANCE SPEECH OF CHAIRWOMAN TRACEY A. BARTELS

Chairwoman Tracey Bartels thanked Legislator’s Archer and Donaldson for their kind words of support and nominations, noting it is a privilege to serve as a member of this body. Chairwoman Bartels thanked the legislative body for their faith and confidence in her going forward, and Legislator Ronk for his service as Chairman. Chairwoman Bartels noted she will be reaching out to all members in a collaborative manner toward a shared goal for a vision of a future for Ulster County that’s ever improving.

BIRTHDAYS:

Sr. Legislative Employee Mary Beichert, January 13th
Legislator Mary Beth Maio, January 15th
Legislator Dean Fabiano, January 24th
Legislator Richard Gerentine, January 26th
Legislator Laura Petit, January 28th

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

Majority Leader Heppner motioned, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. All in favor.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM:

Legislator Herbert Litts III

Orange County Legislature

UC Tourism Department
Peter Baker

Tim Weidemann, Assist. Deputy Exec.

Town of Rochester, Clerk Kathleen Gundberg

Town of Ulster Town Board
UC Personnel Department
Catskill Forest Association, Inc.

Sheriff's Office Agreed Upon Procedures
Audit 1/1/2017 – 12/31/2017
Resolution No. 330 of 2018 Calling For NYS
Legislative Action To Classify As Controlled
Substances Certain Fentanyl "Analogues"
Responsible For Opioid Overdose Deaths
Trending January & February 2019
NYC DEP Massive Ashokan Upgrades
Rail Trail Corruption Concerns
International Railway Journal Article
Invitation Restorative Justice & Community
Empowerment Center Grand Opening
12/27/18 3:45 PM
Resolution No. 379 of 2018, Naming
Alligerville Bridge After Resident Arthur
Lapp
Meeting 12/20/18 Planning Board Apptmts.
Civil Service Examination Announcements
CFA News Winter 2018

COMMUNICATIONS (cont.):

Christopher White, Deputy Director, Planning

Final Record for Ulster County Legislature
Public Hearing Pursuant to Eminent Domain
Procedure Law for PIN 8758.04-Kingston
Rail Trail December 11, 2018

RBT, LLP

UC Sheriff's Office Agreed-Upon Procedures
for the Period Jan 1-Dec 31, 2017

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS:

UC Corporate Compliance Committee
Meeting Minutes, 10/31/2018

UC Corporate Compliance Committee
Meeting Minutes, 11/28/2018

Letter appointing Stephanie Turco to the UC
Board of Health

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE:

Chairwoman Tracey Bartels recognized Majority Leader Heppner for the purposes of a motion, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to enter into the Committee of the Whole. Motion passed unanimously. Chairwomen Bartels called upon Legislator Donaldson to assume the role as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

MOTION NO. 1 Resolution No. 514 of 2018

Motion Made By: Minority Leader Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Majority Leader Heppner

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 514 of 2018: Authorizing The Chairman to Execute A
License Agreement With James Demos And Andrea Demosthenes For
Usage Of County Owned Property For A Patio Project

Discussion: Legislator Joseph Maloney shared talking points regarding the contract and County liability concerns, suggesting the County may want to consider selling the property (small parcel) outright to the business.

Legislator James Maloney noted the small business owner came to the Economic Development Committee 5-years ago wanting to offer outdoor space to compete with similar businesses.

Legislator Nolan there is no corrupt action wanting to make or accept donations in this instance based on current law which is transparent to all.

Legislator Donaldson spoke with one of the owners today, noting although it won't be an easy process with the City of Kingston who is also involved, and with easements etc., the owner is interested in the purchase of said property. Legislator Donaldson feels the County should move forward in this direction.

Voting In Favor: (23)
Voting Against: (0)
Absent: (0)
Disposition: Carried

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

Motion Made By: Legislator Ronk

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Heppner

Text of Motion: Resolution No. 1: Creating Standing Committees For The Year 2019

Resolution No. 2: Designation of Official Newspaper

Resolution No.3: 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.4: 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 2019 Real Property Taxes Based On 2018 Real Property Tax Assessments For The Current Fiscal Year Of Said County

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: (23)
Voting Against: (0)
Absent: (0)
Disposition: Carried

Adjournment of the Committee Of The Whole

Motion Made By: Legislator Litts
Motion Seconded By: Majority Leader Heppner
Voting in Favor: (23)
Voting Against: (0)

A motion was made by Majority Leader Heppner, seconded by Minority Leader Ronk to Block & Vote Resolution Nos. 514 of 2018, 1, 2, 3 and 4.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: 23 NOES: 0

MEETING ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF: Read by Legislator Archer.

Mary Anne Woodworth, Kingston, NY
Eleanor Dittmar, Rosendale, NY
Dolores A. Thurin, Kingston, NY
Kenneth W. Umlauft, Saugerties, NY
Christopher J. Olson, Wallkill, NY
Edward W. Floor, Marlboro, NY
Albert A. Barone, Lakeland, FL
Robert V. Worden, Town of Ulster, NY
Ted Kerpez, New Paltz, NY
Georgine H. Drewes, Lake Katrine, NY
Robert Cunningham, Kingston, NY

Hilda Smith, Plattekill, NY
Charlotte G. Williams, Highland, NY
John J. Bailey Jr., Lake Katrine, NY
Hilda C. Coleman, Modena, NY
Eli P. Bernzweig, Ellenville, NY
Russell L. Barger Jr., Wallkill, NY
Robert N. Priest, Metter, GA
Richard La Mark, Gardiner, NY
Annye E. Smith, Kingston, NY
Arnold Bernardini, Highland, NY
Renno W. Budziak, Kingston, NY

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Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Legislator Donaldson to adjourn the Organizational Meeting.
All in favor.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 PM