

ULSTER COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MINUTES

JULY 10, 2018

PUBLIC HEARINGS

6:05 PM

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN: 6:20 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG: Led by Chairman Kenneth J. Ronk, Jr.

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

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ROLL CALL: Present: 18 Absent: 5 (Legislators Collins, Delaune, Fabiano, Haynes, Roberts)

6:22 PM - CALL OF THE 1st PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

On Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing The Ulster County Electrical Licensing Board And Providing For The Qualifications, Examination, Licensing And Regulation Of Electricians In Ulster County, New York

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

1. Mike Dovich, Marlborough: Mr. Dovich spoke in opposition to Proposed Local Law No. 13 of 2018. Town building codes and inspectors are in place and adequate. This legislation would raise the cost of housing in Ulster County.

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:23 PM

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

6:23 PM - CALL OF THE 2nd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

On Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018, A Local Law Establishing An Ulster County Human Rights Law

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were nine (9) speakers signed up for public comment.

1. Dr. Carol Robin, Woodstock: Dr. Robin, an Ulster County resident of 30 years, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018.
2. Jeff Rindler, Exec. Director LGBTQ Community Center, Kingston: Mr. Rindler is a member of the UC Human Rights Commission who spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018 protecting all citizens being discriminated against. Mr. Rindler thanked his fellow Commission members and the Legislature for their work on the law.

3. Shari Gold, Woodstock: Ms. Gold is an attorney and member of the UC Human Rights Commission who spoke in support of Proposed Local No. 17 of 2018.
4. David Clegg: Mr. Clegg is a private attorney and Chairman of the Human Rights Commission who spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018.
5. Marie Elaina: Ms. Elaina, a member of the UC Human Rights Commission, spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018. Ms. Elaina has lived in Ulster County for the past seven years.
6. Fran Divine, LGBTQ Board member: Ms. Divine is a PFLAG mom who spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018.
7. Fred Mayo, New Paltz: Mr. Mayo has served on the LGBTQ Board for the past eight years and spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018. Mr. Mayo recalled how the community came together and supported the center after the Pulse nightclub shooting in Florida.
8. Elana Michelson, Rosendale: Ms. Michelson, a retired SUNY professor, shared her political perspective of government's role in legislating human behavior.
9. Penny Coleman, Rosendale: Ms. Coleman shared her experiences of injustice in Ulster County and spoke in support of Proposed Local Law No. 17 of 2018.

Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:44PM

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6:44 PM - CALL OF THE 3rd PUBLIC HEARING BY CLERK:

A Local Law Amending Ulster County Charter Section 44-8 And Ulster County Administrative Code Section A33-2, Board Of Ethics

PUBLIC COMMENT:

There were no speakers signed up for public comment.

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Motion by Legislator Litts, seconded by Majority Leader Maio to adjourn the public hearing. All in favor.

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED: 6:45 PM

NEXT MEETING:

The next Regular Meeting of the Ulster County Legislature will be held **Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:00 PM** in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York.