Resolution No. 254       October 16, 2012

Declaring Various County-Owned Properties To Be Surplus Property And Authorizing The Sale Of Such Properties – Department Of Public Works, Buildings And Grounds Division

Referred to: The Public Works and Capital Projects Committee (Chairman Fabiano and Legislators Maloney, Roberts, Briggs and John Parete) and The Ways and Means Committee (Chairman Gerentine and Legislators Harris, Maio, Maloney, Gregorius, Provenzano and Rodriguez)

Chairman of the Public Works and Capital Projects Committee Dean J. Fabiano and Deputy Chairman John Parete offer the following:

WHEREAS, this resolution has been submitted by the County Executive on behalf of the Department of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the County of Ulster owns various parcels of real property throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, due to increased efficiency of the operations of County government, the County workforce has been reduced, decreasing the need for space to house County departments; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has introduced the Strategic Taxpayer Relief through Innovative Visions in Education (STRIVE) Project; and

WHEREAS, the STRIVE Project has as its cornerstone, the creation of a satellite campus of Ulster County Community College, to be located in the City of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, the Sophie Finn Elementary School in the City of Kingston is slated for closure by the Kingston City School District; and

WHEREAS, the location of Sophie Finn Elementary School is particularly advantageous for its use as a satellite campus due to its proximity to Kingston High School as well as Kingston and Benedictine Hospitals, and it is therefore anticipated that the County will negotiate a lease with the Kingston City School District for the use of Sophie Finn; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the STRIVE Project will re-locate the satellite campus of Ulster County Community College from the Business Resource Center (BRC) to Sophie Finn Elementary School, thereby creating additional space at the BRC which will allow the re-location of various County departments and consolidation of services; and
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WHEREAS, the County currently owns real property located at 300 Flatbush Avenue in the City of Kingston (SBL 48.074-3-14) and three parcels of real property located along South Manor Avenue in the City of Kingston (SBL 48.082-1-34; 48.318-9-8; 48.082-1-26.2); and

WHEREAS, after a review of all of the properties utilized by the County for its provision of services to the residents of Ulster County as well as the space required to house the various County departments, the Commissioner of Public Works has determined that these properties are no longer necessary for public use and recommends that they be sold; and

WHEREAS, the sale of the properties will result in an immediate economic benefit to the County, as well as returning the properties to the tax rolls; and

WHEREAS, this conveyance constitutes a Type II action under section 4.1.5 of the County of Ulster’s State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) Type II List that was adopted in Resolution No. 118 on April 20, 2010; and

WHEREAS, as per section 3 of the County’s Type II List, this action does not pose as significant potential environmental impact and may be progressed as a Type II action in accordance with 6 NYCRR Part 617 of SEQRA; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Ulster County Legislature hereby declares that contingent upon the County executing a lease for the use and occupancy of the Sophie Finn Elementary School and the re-location of various county departments to the BRC, the County-owned properties located at 300 Flatbush Avenue in the City of Kingston (SBL 48.074-3-14) and three parcels of real property located along South Manor Avenue in the City of Kingston (SBL 48.082-1-34; 48.318-9-8; 48.082-1-26.2) to be surplus properties; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the sale of such surplus properties is hereby authorized in accordance with New York State Law; and, be it further

RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to make, execute and deliver deeds, and such other documents as may be required, to transfer the aforementioned properties to the appropriate buyers;

and moves its adoption.
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ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES:  22    NOES:  0
(Absent: Legislator Belfiglio)

Passed Committee: Public Works and Capital Projects on October 3, 2012
Passed Committee: Ways and Means on October 9, 2012

FINANCIAL IMPACT:
TO BE DETERMINED

STATE OF NEW YORK  ss:
COUNTY OF ULSTER

This is to certify that I, the undersigned Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Ulster have compared the foregoing resolution with the original resolution now on file in the office of said clerk, and which was adopted by said Legislature on the 16th day of October, 2012, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said resolution and of the whole thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of the County of Ulster this 17th Day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twelve.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Submitted to the County Executive this 17th Day of October, 2012.

[s] Victoria A. Fabella
Victoria A. Fabella, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature

Approved by the County Executive this _____ Day of October, 2012.

Michael P. Hein, County Executive