PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER BY WAYS & MEANS CHAIRMAN: 7:16 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRE EVACUATION PLAN

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS REQUESTED THAT LEGISLATORS AND ALL OTHERS MOVE FAR ENOUGH AWAY FROM THE BUILDING IN ORDER NOT TO IMPEDE THE FIREFIGHTERS IN THEIR DUTIES

CELL PHONES

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ROLL CALL: Present: 10 Absent: 13 (Legislators Aiello, Belfiglio, Bernardo, Briggs, Donaldson, Fabiano, Loughran, Maloney, John Parete, Richard

PUBLIC COMMENT:  There were 3 public commentators:

1) Howard Baul – Labor Relations Specialist with the UC CSEA – Reviewed points of interest, one of which dealt with the proposal relative to cutting three (3) of the employees of the Comptroller’s office. Another issue he found troubling was that of flow control with the RRA. Mr. Baul urged the Legislature not to support flow control. Final issue involved the Mental Health Department and the proposed cuts in that program. Mr. Baul noted that departments that provided services to public were being cut while number of people in management was increasing. Mr. Baul asked that Legislature not “rubber stamp” another Mike Hein budget.

2) Elliott Auerbach, Ulster County Comptroller – Comptroller Auerbach distributed a Public Hearing Memorandum (on file with the Legislative Clerk) and reviewed specific points made in the Memorandum.

3) Dare Thompson, LWV – Stated that it was importance to have checks and balances and that the Charter was created to accomplish that .Ms. Thompson also addressed concern with issue of flow control..

Motion to adjourn by Leg. Rodriguez, seconded by Leg. Provenzano

PUBLIC HEARING ADJOURNED:  7:35 pm.

A Special Informational Meeting for O’Connor & Davies, LLP to present their analysis of the 2013 Budget, and a Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2013 – 2018 Capital Program will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 2012 in the Legislative Chambers, Sixth Floor, Ulster County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, New York beginning at 6:30 PM.

A Public Hearing on the Proposed 2013 Ulster County Budget and the Proposed 2013 – 2018 Capital Program will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2012 at the Saugerties Senior Center, 207 Market Street, Saugerties, NY at 7:00 PM.