

Economic Development, Tourism, Housing, Planning & Transit Committee

Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 10, 2017 – 5:45 PM
LOCATION: K. L. Binder Library
PRESIDING OFFICER: Legislator James Maloney
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee
PRESENT: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio & Rodriguez
ABSENT: Legislator Delaune
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Legislator Manna Jo Greene, Joe DeLeon, Jr., Director Information Services, Suzanne Holt, Office of Economic Development, Ken Crannell, Deputy County Executive, Patricia Doxsey, Daily Freeman, Maria F. Bing, County Attorney, Tracey Bartels, County Legislature, Christopher Ragucci, Counsel, Kyle Barnett, Counsel, Jonathan Heppner County Legislature

Legislator Maloney called the meeting to order at 5:45 PM and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Motion No. 1: **Moved to Approve the Minutes of September 6, 2017**

Motion Made By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes Approved

Suzanne Holt, Director, Office of Business Services- Office of Economic Development's activities quarterly update.

Suzanne stated things are busy around the County and there are many projects in the mix. One item is a panel discussion on the topic of "how the past has informed going forward."

Over the past year the focus has been on specific towns such as Saugerties, Ulster, Esopus & Ellenville and what their needs are as a community.

Growth in film has been tremendous. In an effort to speed up film funding the County Executive

has been working with various banks such as Catskill, Hudson, Bank of Green County, Wallkill Federal & Savings Loan and other financial services to make the transition a smoother process.

Two workshop events will be held for local businesses. The workshops are to provide information to the local businesses and on how they can become involved with the film industry. There is also a new website Ulsterforfilm.com and in December there will be an industry networking event at RUPCO metro center.

EDA rented out 300 Flatbush Avenue for a local film.

Thursday, October 12th the Economic Development Guide will be launched with the assistance of Chairman Maloney. In addition, there is a new website Ulsterforbusiness.com.

Legislator Rodriguez requested comparison metrics between booming business and individuals making money in the area.

Resolutions for the October 17, 2017 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 375: Setting A Public Hearing On Proposed Local Law No. 8 of 2017, 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 Establish The Department of Economic Development, To Be Held On Tuesday, November 14, 2017 At 7:10 PM

Resolution Summary: This resolution sets a public hearing to establish the Department of Economic Development.

Motion No. 2: **Resolution No. 375 moved for discussion**

Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Maio

Discussion:

Legislator Rodriguez stated he had not heard of any updates or modifications. Legislator Berky mentioned discussing the topic in the meeting.

Legislator Berky mentioned most neighboring counties combine Economic Development, Housing, Transportation, Tourism, Planning and Environment.

Legislator Rodriguez mentioned this department currently functions on its own. Many individuals feel the need to make Economic Development its own department so projects/ideas would be approved by the Legislature.

Legislator Maloney asked if County Executive had included this in his budget proposal. Legislator Rodriguez stated the County Executive was aware, was not in favor and it was not in his budget proposal.

Motion No. 3: **Motion to Postpone Resolution No. 375 for 1 month**
Motion By: Legislator Rodriguez
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Berky

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Postponed

Resolution No. 376: Confirming The Appointment Of Jose M. DeLeon, Jr. As Director Of Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution appoints Jose M. DeLeon to the position of Director of Information Services for Ulster County.

Motion No. 4: **Resolution No. 376 moved for discussion**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp/ Rodriguez

Discussion:

Joe DeLeon introduced himself and stated he looked forward to serving the people of Ulster County.

Legislator Rodriguez asked Mr. DeLeon if he was familiar with the department's current needs and wanted to know what those needs were. Mr. DeLeon mentioned that some of the needs were to have a disaster recovery plan, business security and continuity. Discussion ensued.

Motion No. 5: **Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 376**
Motion By: Legislator Maio
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Lapp/ Rodriguez

Discussion:

None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 6
Votes Against: 0
Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Resolution No. 383: Approving The Execution Of A Contract Amendment In Excess Of \$50,000.00 Entered Into By The County – NewCastle Communications – Information Services

Resolution Summary: This resolution approves the execution of a contract with NewCastle Communications in the amount of \$129,317.04 to extend the term of the agreement for maintenance and support of the VoIP telephone system.

Motion No. 6: Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 383

Motion By: Legislator Lapp

Motion Seconded By: Legislator Rodriguez

Discussion:

Mr. DeLeon stated this is an extension of our current contract. There is no additional money just an extension of the contract. Discussion ensued.

Voting In Favor: Legislators Berky, Lapp, Litts, Maio, Maloney & Rodriguez

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 6

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution Adopted

Old Business:

Legislator Berky mentioned having a meeting with UCAT regarding the bus merger. Ken Crannel stated he would arrange at the appropriate time. Currently, they are still in the planning phase. Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, Legislator Litts motioned to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Lapp.

Time: 6:10 PM

Respectfully submitted: Mary Beichert, Senior Legislative Employee

Minutes Approved: November 9, 2017