

NAME OF COMMITTEE: Governmental Services, Environmental & Administrative Committee

DATE: August 16, 2010

TIME: 6:30 PM

PLACE: Library Conference Room, 6th Floor
County Office Building

LEGISLATORS PRESENT: Chairman Kevin A. Roberts, Deputy Chairman Hector Rodriguez, Legislators Carl Belfiglio, Dean Fabiano, Laura Petit, Ken Ronk (arrived at 7:00 PM) and Robert Parete

LEGISLATORS ABSENT: Legislators Richard Parete and Brian Shapiro

OTHERS PRESENT: Chairman Frederick J. Wadnola
Majority Leader Paul Hansut
Legislator Don Gregorius
Tracey Bartels, Recycling Oversight Committee
Gary Capella, Executive Director, UC Soil & Water District
Mike Bemis, Executive Director, UC Resource Recovery Agency
Michelle Leggett, Recycling Coordinator, UCRRA
Vic Melville, Corp Observer, LWV
Karen L. Binder, Clerk of the Legislature, Recording

1. **Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.**
2. **Chairman Roberts motioned to approve the minutes from July 19, 2010 meeting. All in favor.**
3. **Departments/Agencies/Committees**

Tracey Bartels, Recycling Oversight Committee

The Recycling Oversight Committee has worked on changes to the Ulster County Source Separation and Recycling Law. Ms. Bartels gave an overview of the changes with part of the emphasis being on the committee's membership. They have found it difficult to fill the vacancies on the committee and have addressed the attendance issue that has been a recurring problem.

Section 26. Recycling Oversight Committee refers to the Committee's annual meetings. The suggestion was made in the Environmental Subcommittee meeting to replace the word "annual" with "calendar". All in favor.

Ms. Bartels directed everyone's attention to pages 4 and 5. There are changes to certain definitions and a number of additions. The language has also been changed in the proposed local law to reflect the Charter and Administrative Code.

Legislator Fabiano motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to **submit a resolution** to set a public hearing on the proposed local law for Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 6:00 PM. All in favor. Approved unanimously (7 - 0)

Gary Capella, Executive Director, Ulster County Soil & Water Conservation District - PowerPoint Presentation 2011 Budget

Mr. Capella gave an overview of the UC Soil & Water Conservation Districts origin and their anticipated activities for 2010.

The presentation covered: streams, wetlands & habitat; stormwater & MS4; agriculture & natural resources, green energy/economic development, USDA support and benefit return ratio.

The proposed budget, mission statement, Annual Report to the NYS Soil and Water Conservation Committee and anticipated activities were distributed to all committee members - copy attached.

Chairman Roberts took the following resolution out of order:

Draft Resolution - Requesting Transfer Of Funds - Amending The 2010 Ulster County Budget - Board Of Elections

Commissioner Kathy Mihm explained the needed funds for fully implementing HAVA. The BOE is anticipating a full primary this year.

Legislator Rodriguez brought up the mailing done by the BOE and whether or not this could be done locally. Commissioner Mihm explained the process.

Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to move the resolution. Approved. (5 - 2) Noes: Legislators Rodriguez and Robert Parete

Departments/Agencies/Committees

Mike Bemis/Michelle Leggett, Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency

Mr. Bemis offered information regarding recycling enforcement. They now have 90 plans on file for local businesses and hope to reach 150 plans. Local businesses are required to file a recycling plan.

The RRA is scheduling an e-waste event on October 16, 2010.

There was discussion on glass sand and trying to someone to take the product and has succeeded; SUNY New Paltz has taken 700 tons of glass sand. Questions regarding the glass sand were answered.

Mr. Bemis covered the highlights from the RRA Budget. There is a \$16,000 - \$18,000 savings from last year and they are not using any of the reserved funds. There is a high mortgage but they are 2 million better than in the first five years.

Legislator Petit mentioned the lose of recycling due to towns and single stream. Mr. Bemis discussed single stream being used in major cities. He also mentioned the plant being built in Albany at a cost of 25 million dollars. The volume is remaining constant. There is no increase to towns and there are increased services including pharmaceutical collections.

Michelle Leggett discussed the procedure for collecting controlled substances and their disposal. Committee members were reminded that reports are available on the RRA website.

Chairman Roberts took the following resolution out of order:

Resolution No. 215 - Resolution to Provide Continued Funding for the Children's Services Program at the Washbourne House - Amending the 2010 Ulster County Budget

Legislator Gregorius discussed the children involved with this particular resolution. The domestic violence funding was transferred out and left a whole in this program. There hasn't been the opportunity to fund raise and given the time frame with school around the corner, this situation felt unfair. He just wants this resolution to get to the floor. There was further discussion regarding the shift in the programs being funded and other particulars relating to this situation. Chairman Roberts asked if Legislator Gregorius could live with \$10,000. in funding?

Majority Leader Hansut provided information regarding the Youth Bureau appointment and the connection to the funding.

Legislator Rodriguez suggested that this draft be voted down and a new draft created to reflect \$10,000. in funding.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. Defeated. (4 - 3) Ayes: Legislators Fabiano, Rodriguez, Ronk and Robert Parete

This resolution will not appear on the agenda of the August 17, 2010 Legislative Meeting.

Draft Resolution to Provide Continued Funding for the Children's Services Program at the Washbourne House - Amending the 2010 Ulster County Budget (\$10,000)

The committee agreed to a draft resolution for funding in the amount of \$10,000.

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Robert Parete to move the resolution. All in favor. Unanimously approved (7 - 0)

4. Resolutions

Resolution No. 211 - Creating A Special Committee To Update The Ulster County Administrative Code

There was no discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to move the resolution. All in favor. Unanimously approved (7 - 0)

5. Late Resolutions

Resolution No. 213 - Authorizing the Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature to Execute an Agreement with New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services - Operation Impact VII - District Attorney - Ulster County Sheriff - Department of Probation

There was no discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Ronk motioned, seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to move the resolution. All in favor. Unanimously approved (7 - 0)

Resolution No. 214 - Authorizing a Sixty (60) Day Extension for Reporting to the Ulster County Legislature the Full Finding of the Special Task Force on the Golden Hill Health Care Facility

Legislator Robert Parete questioned whether the Task Force had the authority to spend money. Chairman Wadnola will make a request to Deputy County Executive Marshall Beckman for the amount being spent but offered that the money is being paid from the Golden Hill Health Care Center budget.

There was no further discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez to move the resolution. All in favor. Unanimously approved (7 - 0)

Resolution No. 216 - Confirming County Executive's Appointment of the Director of the Youth Bureau for the County of Ulster

Legislator Rodriguez motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to table the resolution. All in favor (7 - 0)

The membership of the Youth Board was discussed.

Draft Resolution - Adopting Introductory Local Law No. 6 of 2010 (A Local Law To Provide For The Codification Of The Local Laws Of The County Of Ulster Into A Code To Be Designated The "Code Of The County Of Ulster), Hereinafter Known as Local Law No. 3 of 2010

There was no discussion regarding this resolution. Legislator Belfiglio motioned, seconded by Legislator Ronk to move the resolution. All in favor. Unanimously approved (7 - 0)

**Draft Resolution - Opposing The Cordoba House - Park 51 Islamic Training Center
(Ground Zero Mosque) At 47-49 Park Ave, NY**

Legislator Ronk made a motion to move the resolution for lateness, seconded by Legislator Rodriguez.

Committee members discussed the issues surrounding this resolution - the 1st Amendment, religion versus terrorism, who our enemy really is, etc.

Legislator **Roberts*** motioned, seconded by Legislator Petit to move the resolution. Defeated.
(4 - 3) Ayes: Legislators Roberts, Rodriguez, Ronk and Fabiano

**Note the final minutes have been corrected to remove Legislator Parete from the above motion.*

This resolution will not appear on the agenda of the August 17, 2010 Legislative Meeting.

6. Other Business

Chairman Roberts announced a meeting of Consortium of County Environmental Committee Chairs - which is scheduled for Thursday, September 16th, 2010 - Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor at 2:00 PM.

7. Motion to adjourn

Legislator Rodriguez motioned seconded by Legislator Belfiglio to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Binder, Clerk
Ulster County Legislature