

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, LABOR,
TRANSPORTATION
MINUTES APRIL 19, 2010**

MEMBERS B&A: **Chair:** Jose Alvarado, **Legislators:**
Burton, Myers, Rogowsky, Ryan, Spreckman,
Williams, Jenkins, Maisano (by telephone)

**MEMBERS OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS, LABOR,
TRANSPORTATION:** **Chair:** Bill Ryan, **Legislators:**
Rogowsky, Myers, Jenkins, A. Williams,
Jose Alvarado

IN ATTENDANCE: **CBAC, LWVW:** Barbara Strauss; **CEO:**
Katy Delgado, George Oros; **Intern:** Hope
Corbin; **Law:** Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Linda
Trentacoste; **DEF:** Marian Pompa; **Budget:**
John Delaney, Arthur Vietro; **Journal News:**
Gerald McKistry; **DOT:** Lawrence Salley

Both Committees were called to order by their respective Chairs at 10:17 a.m.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Spreckman, Item B5 (Legislative Packet - Mews at Baldwin Place) was received and filed. And on the motion of Legislator Burton seconded by Legislator Spreckman, the minutes of April 12 were accepted as corrected.

B6. Health and Related Benefit Plans: Legislator Rogowsky wanted to know what the administration position is on this. He also stated that there was no fiscal impact statement attached. Legislator Myers said it would be a contingency fee with a cap. Legislator Rogowsky had questions as to the wording in Section 1 and Section 2. Legislator L. Williams said "opt-out" is commonly used in the trade and the consultant will know what that means. Chief of Staff Oros said until the union contracts expire, the administration feels it is premature to bring in a consultant as the unions have indicated that they will not change from POMCO to NYSHIP. Legislator Ryan said we are looking for a plan that is efficient and easy to operate,

comprehensive, a quality plan and we want lower costs. He said he does not know if the act is structured so that what needs to be evaluated is clearly stated, the things that we are requesting recommendations on are clearly stated, and the things that we require analysis and studied are clearly stated. He feels the act does not indicate what the committee wants analyzed and study, that the structure and sentences are not complete, that it should be more specific, that the intent is not clear and a fiscal impact statement should be part of the act. On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator L. Williams, with a few minor changes, the motion was carried by a vote of 5-3 (Alvarado (without prejudice), Burton, Myers, Jenkins, Williams) (No – Rogowsky, Ryan, Spreckman).

A39. Sewer District Mod – Mt. Pleasant Env. Res., A40. Sewer District Mod Mt. Pleasant P.H. Res., and A41. Sewer District Mod Mt. Pleasant Act: These are four parcels that are being removed from the Saw Mill District. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 8-0 (Alvarado, Ryan, Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Jenkins, L. Williams, Spreckman) and on the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Public Works, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ryan, Rogowsky, Myers, Jenkins, Alvarado, A. Williams). This was signed out for all purposes.

A47. Sewer District Mod Mt. Pleasant PH Res., A48. Sewer District Mod – Mt. Pleasant Env. Res., A49. Sewer District Mod. Mt. Pleasant Act: This is one parcel that is being removed from the Ossining Sanitary Sewer District. On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 8-0 (Alvarado, Ryan, Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Jenkins, L. Williams, Spreckman) and on the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Jenkins for Public Works, the motion was carried by a vote of 6-0 (Ryan, Rogowsky, Myers, Jenkins, Alvarado, A. Williams). This was signed out for all purposes.

Chairman of the Board Jenkins submitted into Committee, not for action as this time, a Memorandum of Legislation for employees' health care contributions based on income that several legislators have asked for. There are five levels – the top is 25 percent and the lowest level is 5 percent.

A51. Act CBA T0041 Central Avenue Corridor, A52. Act Central Avenue Corridor Multi Modal Program, A53. Res. Central Avenue Corridor Traffic Flow Improvements, A54. Act IMA WP Central Avenue Corridor Traffic Signals: Commissioner Salley explained there are three actions that need to be taken to accept the \$2.5 million from New York State Multi-Modal Program. The first is to amend the 2010 Capital Budget T0041 to accept the grant, next is a resolution to enter into an agreement with the NYS Department of Transportation to accept the grant, and third is to enter into an IMA with the City of White Plains to coordinate the upgrading of City owned traffic signals on Central Avenue. Legislator Jenkins asked about a \$1.5 million amendment to the DOT budget. It was decided that the \$1.5 million amendment and the above items will be discussed at the Budget meeting on Monday.

On the motion of Legislator Myers, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky, the Public Works Committee was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Appointment of Howard P. Klein to CBAC: On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burton, the motion was carried by a vote of 8-0 (Alvarado, Ryan, Rogowsky, Burton, Myers, Jenkins, L. Williams, Spreckman).

A15. Act Reduction in Sick Leave Buy Out: Legislator Burton questioned if it was true that the buy out would be at the current rate even though some of the sick time was earned at a lower rate. Commissioner Berg said it is typically done this way that people use their older sick time first. The Commissioner was asked for a list of the number of employees that would be impacted by this legislation. Legislator Jenkins mentioned modifying this act to limit it to those that don't have elected officials as their department head which would stay consistent with the Teamsters contract. The Teamsters are considered management. This item will be discussed further at the next Budget meeting.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the Committee was adjourned at 12 noon.