

COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS
joint with
COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

MINUTES: February 5, 2007

BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

MEMBERS: Chair: Kaplowitz; Legislators: Rogowsky, LaMotte, Alvarado, Oros, Burton, Pinto, Swanson

PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY

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IN ATTENDANCE: **BOL:** T. Bernard, B. Boland, R. Indelicato, L. Gantress, M. Montalto, Regina Pelligrino; **CEO:** A. Neuman, B. Randolph; M. Furtick (Youth Bureau); **Budget:** A. Reasoner, L. Bennett, A. Vietro; **DEF:** Tony Landi; **FINANCE:** Peter Pucillo, Dennis Kelly; **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Donna Ritucci; **CBAC:** B. Strauss; **Guests:** H. Corbin (intern)

With a quorum present, the Committee on Budget & Appropriations (B&A) was called to order at 10:13 a.m.

With a quorum present, the Committee on Public Safety & Security (PSS) was called to order at 10:32 a.m.

Finance Commissioner Peter Pucillo introduced Dennis Kelly, the new Deputy Finance Commissioner.

The following items were discussed and/or voted on:

1) A1: Court Ordered Refunds: Forwarding a package of court ordered refunds to be paid by the Commissioner of Finance (*December Package*).

Motion: Pinto; Second: Burton; approved 7-0.

2) A21: Court Ordered Refunds: Package of court-ordered refunds which will be paid by the Commissioner of Finance (*November Package*).

Motion: Pinto; Second: Burton; approved 7-0.

3) ADDED STARTER: Tax Warrants

Motion: Pinto; Second: Burton; approved 4-3 (nay: Oros, LaMotte, Swanson).

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4) A29: District Attorney's Investigators PBA Collective Bargaining Agreement: Proposed Act approving certain financial terms and conditions of employment requiring legislative approval by law in a Collective Bargaining agreement for those employees of Westchester County represented by the District Attorney's Investigators PBA.

B&A - Motion: Oros; Second: Pinto; approved 8-0.

PSS - Motion: Pinto; Second: Burrows; approved 5-0.

5) A17: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU): Proposed Act authorizing the County, acting by and through its Department of Public Safety, to renew an MOU with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the New York State Police, the Town of Greenburgh and the Cities of Mt. Vernon, White Plains, Peekskill and Yonkers, through their respective police departments, for the purpose of continuing a County-wide critical incident response team for another 4 year term.

B&A - Motion: LaMotte; Second: Pinto; approved 8-0.

PSS - Motion: Pinto; Second: Burrows; approved 5-0.

6) A13: Agreement with WCHCC: Proposed Act authorizing the County to enter into an agreement with WCHCC whereby the County will provide certain police services to WCHCC.

B&A - Motion: Kaplowitz; Second: Burton; approved 7-0.

PSS - Motion: Pinto; Second: Burrows; approved 4-0.

With no further business to discuss, Chair Burton made a motion to adjourn PSS. Seconded by Legislator Burrows, the committee adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

B&A continued and the following items were discussed and/or voted on:

7) A5: Invest-in-Kids IMAs: Proposed Act authorizing the County to enter into IMAs with the Cities of Mount Vernon, Peekskill, and White Plains, acting by and through their respective Youth Bureau's, for the provision of services under the County's Urban Youth Initiative "Invest-in-Kids" Program.

Motion: Pinto; Second: Burton; approved 7-0.

8) A27: Budget Amendment: Proposed Act amending the 2006 Port Chester Sanitary Sewer District Operating Budget.

Motion: Burton; Second: Pinto; approved 7-0.

9) C118: (SY014): Authorizing the issuance of \$1,550,000 in bonds – Emergency Generator Replacement Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant.

After a discussion on this item, Chairman Kaplowitz requested a copy of the study with a breakdown of the cost and details on the alternatives. Chairman Kaplowitz decided that no vote would be taken until the next meeting, pending the receipt of the requested information.

10) C128: (S0S01): Authorizing the issuance of \$8,000,000 in bonds – Ossining Waste Water Treatment Plant Performance Maintenance.

Motion: Burton; Second: Pinto; approved 6-0.

11) C123: (BCR5A): Authorizing the issuance of \$750,000 in bonds – Infrastructure Improvements (2001-2005).

Motion: Alvarado; Second: Burton; approved 6-0.

The A&C Calendar was distributed.

With no further business to discuss, Legislator Pinto made a motion to adjourn B&A. Seconded by Legislator Burton, the committee adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

- 1) C116: Bond Act: Authorizing the issuance of \$940,000 in bonds - DES Main Facility Renovation (BES05).
- 2) C118: Bond Act: Authorizing the issuance of \$1,750,000 in bonds – Emergency Generator Replacement Yonkers Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant (SY014).
(discussed on 2/5, received requested information)
- 3) A12/C135: Capital Budget Amendment & Bond Act: Proposed Act authorizing the County to amend its 2007 Capital Budget and a related Bond Act to finance Capital Project (RCC10) – County Center Site work.
- 4) A10: Agreement with WCHCC: Proposed Act authorizing the County, acting by and through Westchester Community College, to amend its agreement with WCHCC for supervised clinical instruction.
- 5) A55: Reduction of Inventory: Local Law amending Subdivision 3 of Section 836.41 of the Laws of Westchester County by reducing the dollar amount of inventory that may be maintained by the Purchasing Agent from a maximum amount of \$400,000 to a maximum amount of \$50,000.
- 6) A18: Sewer District Modification: Proposed Act modifying the Saw Mill River Sanitary Sewer District by the removal of 2 properties (3 parcels) located in Mount Pleasant.
- 7) A51: Retention of Outside Counsel: Proposed Act designating an attorney to be retained in an “of counsel” capacity to the County Attorney to represent the County in the lawsuit entitled United States of America, ex rel, Anti Discrimination Center of Metro New York, Inc. v. Westchester County, New York. ***(GCED relinquished to B&A, memo on file)***

JOINT WITH COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY:

- 8) A60: Retention of Outside Counsel: Proposed Act authorizing the retention of Epstein, Becker and Green to act in an “of counsel” capacity to the County attorney and represent the County Executive and the County of Westchester in an action entitled Andrew J. Spano, as County Executive of the County of Westchester and the County of Westchester v. United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission and the United States of America.
- 9) Unfinished Business and any agenda items to come before the Committee
- 10) A&C Calendar