



Housing

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, October 31, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Public Works & Transportation

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY, 10510

Legislator Damon Maher will be participating remotely from 99 Main St, Basement Level, Hempstead, NY 11550

With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:55 AM.

Present: Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

Remote: Legislator Borgia, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Maher

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2022-153](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-36-38 Main Street, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 0.24 acres (10,329 sq. feet) of real property located at 32, 36-38 Main Street and 1-3 Riverdale Avenue in the City of Yonkers and to subsequently convey said property, as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating 76 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with B&A and PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Norma Drummond

Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld

Commissioner Drummond, Deputy Commissioner Lopez, and Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Gruenfeld appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Commissioner Drummond discussed that the developer was required by the Yonkers Zoning Code to have 66 parking spaces, and will build 34 spaces under the building, and, and pay Yonkers \$1.2 million (\$35,000 per space) to cover the cost of the City providing parking in the area. Chair Woodson-Samuels questioned how the community will be affected by this since the area is densely populated. Commissioner Drummond said there are 18 bus lines within a quarter mile of the location, so there might be less of a need for families to have more than one care. She also noted that this is approved locally, and is not a County issue. Legislators Barr and Legislator Williams Johnson also expressed concern about parking issues. Mr. Gruenfeld said there is parking in a shopping center nearby if tenants cannot get parking on site. Chair Woodson-Samuels asked if the money that the developer gives to Yonkers in lieu of providing parking spaces go into a CBA. Commissioner Drummond said she was not sure, and will look into it and get back to him.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

2. [ACT-2022-154](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-36-38 Main Street, Yonkers**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL30 - New Homes Land Acquisition II.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

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Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Parker, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 11:28 AM.