



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, September 18, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Ste 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:11 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: James Silverberg and Jill Axelrod; DEF (Remote): Lou Vetrone, Joe Brown, Marion Pompa, and Gerard Petit; Finance Dept.: Commissioner Karin Hابلow (Remote); Budget Dept.: Director Larry Soule (Remote); DoIT: Marguerite Beirne and Koshy Prakash

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Parker and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-173](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Sydnor v. County of Westchester**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit entitled Sydnor v. County of Westchester in the amount of SIX HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$625,000) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guest: Law Department

Senior Assistant County Attorney Mark Gardner

Mr. Gardner said that there is a tentative settlement of \$625,000 for this case, inclusive of the \$250,000 self-insured retention in the County's insurance policy. He explained that the case arose from an accident on March 3, 2015, in which the plaintiff was stopped at a red light on Nepperhan Avenue at the intersection with Lake Avenue in Yonkers when it was rear-ended by a Liberty Lines bus. The plaintiff underwent numerous medical procedures, including many spinal injections and two fusions.

Mr. Gardner said that the settlement takes into consideration the uncertainty of litigation and the potential costs of trial, subsequent proceedings and potential appeal, and both outside counsel and the County's insurer's adjuster recommend this settlement.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2023-174](#) **BOND ACT-SPK24-Peekskill WRRF Plant Wide Systems Upgrades**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPK24 - Peekskill Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Plant Wide Systems Upgrades.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

First Deputy Commissioner Vetrone and Mr. Brown discussed the item. This project will provide for updating various areas of the Peekskill Water Resource Recovery Facility. The current bonding request, in the amount of \$300,000, would fund a study to evaluate new equipment and replacement options, methods to maintain the plant in operation during construction, and develop a preliminary budget.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

3. [ACT-2023-175](#) **BOND ACT-SPK25-Peeskill WRRF Electrical Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPK25 - Peekskill Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Electrical Upgrade.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Mr. Vetrone said that this project will fund the replacement of major electrical distribution equipment at the Peekskill Water Resource Recovery Facility. The current bonding request, in the amount of \$200,000, would fund a study to evaluate and document deficiencies for all equipment and replacement options. The report will focus on, but not be limited to, switchgears, motor control centers, power panels, and main feed distribution systems plantwide.

On motion of Legislator Brandon, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

4. [ACT-2023-176](#) **BOND ACT-New Rochelle WRRF Sludge Thickener Rehab.**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SNR23 - New Rochelle Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Sludge Thickener Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Mr. Vetrone said that this Bond Act, in the amount of \$1,000,000 will finance the design for the rehabilitation of the sludge thickening tank at the New Rochelle Water Resource Recovery

Facility, including: replacement of mechanical collection equipment, sludge handling, dewatering and processing systems, and roof repair. This work will include repair or replacement of all mechanical, plumbing, HV AC, odor control, instrumentation, electrical, structural and architectural systems, including all necessary appurtenances. The sludge thickener

tank equipment and roofing are reaching the end of their useful life and need to be replaced. The new equipment will improve the operational performance, reliability, and efficiency of the facility. The Department is required to keep its water and wastewater treatment facilities in a state of good repair, in accordance with State and Federal regulations.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

5. [ACT-2023-177](#) **BOND ACT-SNR25-New Rochelle WRRF Ultraviolet Disinfection Optimization**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SNR25 - New Rochelle Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) Ultraviolet Disinfection Optimization.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Program Coordinator (Capital Program) Joe Brown

Mr. Vetrone said that this Bond Act, in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 would finance the design, construction management and construction costs for the rehabilitation of the ultraviolet light disinfection system at the New Rochelle Water Resource Recovery Facility, which includes the replacement of or improvements to all mechanical, plumbing, HV AC, odor control, instrumentation, electrical, structural, and architectural systems, including all necessary appurtenances. The existing equipment has a high operation and maintenance cost that could potentially be lowered by making improvements to the equipment.

On motion of Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

6. [ACT-2023-178](#) **CBA-BIT50-AMS-CGI & RAC Upgrade**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BIT50 AMS/CGI Applications and LINUX RAC Upgrade.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Information Technology
Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne
Software Team Manager Koshy Prakash

Commissioner Karin Hablow-Finance

Director Larry Soule-Budget

Chief Information Officer Beirne and Mr. Prakash discussed the item. They advised that the proposed Capital Budget Amendment will amend the County's current-year capital budget to increase the County share for BIT50 by \$2,535,000. The current request will fund the additional functions to be added to this system, including but not limited to: time and leave management, overtime, personnel transactions forms, and automated W2 and 1099 processing in addition to a Help Desk supported by CGI personnel for Department users, for a period of three months, and additional training for end users. The Bond Act, in the amount of \$2,535,000, would finance the additional cost of software and implementation services for DoIT. AMS/ CGI, the vendor for the County's Financial, Human Resource and Budget systems, informed the County that it is instituting a major systems renovation and will no longer support existing systems. BITS0 will fund the cost of the implementation services and related expenses for AMS/CGI to upgrade the County's systems to the new version and the purchase of data processing equipment and database software.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

7. [ACT-2023-179](#) **BOND ACT-BIT50-AMS-CGI & RAC Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY FIVE THOUSAND (\$2,535,000) DOLLARS in bonds of the Westchester County to finance Capital Project BIT50 - American Management Systems, CGI Applications and LINUX Real Application Cluster Upgrade.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Information Technology
Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne
Software Team Manager Koshy Prakash

Commissioner Karin Hablow-Finance

Director Larry Soule-Budget
Please refer to item #6.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Brandon, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Brandon, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:30 AM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

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