

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, February 12, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Karin Hablow, Cesar Vargas, Vic Mallison, Aleksandar Milovanovic, Robert Hilbrandt, Blanca Lopez, Len Gruenfeld ; BOL: Jose Alvarado, David Imamura, Nancy Barr (appeared by phone), Dayana Gomez, Shatika Parker, Shayna Brunson, Santiago Caceras, Joy Haber, James Silverberg, Flora White, Warren Watson, Marcello Figueroa, Dylan Tragni

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2024-79](#) **RESO - Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee**

A RESOLUTION approving of a Citizens' Budget Advisory Committee for the 2024/2025 legislative term.

B&A Only.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

2. [2024-97](#) **ACT-Amending Act 5-2024-2024 Real Property Tax Levy Warrants**

AN ACT amending Act No. 5 of 2024.

B&A Only.

Guests: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

3. [2024-98](#) **ACT-Amending Act 6-2024-2024 Real Property Tax Levy Warrants**

AN ACT amending Act No. 6 of 2024.

B&A Only.

Guests: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

4. [2024-69](#) **BOND ACT-BLR2E-Labs & Research Equipment Acquisition '21-'25**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, SIX HUNDRED NINETY-TWO THOUSAND (\$1,692,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLR2E - Labs & Research Equipment Acquisition '21-'25.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HUMAN SERVICES

Joint with HS.

Guests: Department Lab & Research

Chief Medical Examiner Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic

Division Head of the Environmental Laboratory Rob Hilbrandt

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the

following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

5. [2024-51](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-115 South MacQuesten Pkwy., Mount Vernon**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION (\$6,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL30 - 115 South MacQuesten Parkway, Mt. Vernon.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Department of Planning

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

6. [2024-52](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-115 South MacQuesten Pkwy., Mount Vernon**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 1.74 acres of real property located at 2 & 8 Grove Street, 102 & 126 South Terrace Avenue and 111 & 115 South MacQuesten Parkway in the City of Mount Vernon and to subsequently convey said property, as well as authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary to furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating 299 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Department of Planning

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

7. [2024-53](#) **ENV RES-1, 7-11 North MacQuesten Pkwy., Mount Vernon**

A ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the acquisition of real property at 1, 7-11, 25, 29 and 33 North MacQuesten Parkway in the City of Mount Vernon in support of the construction of two hundred twenty-nine (229) affordable rental housing units that will affirmatively further fair housing.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Department of Planning

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

8. [2024-54](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-1, 7-11 North MacQuesten Pkwy., Mount Vernon**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION, ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$6,125,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL30 - 1,7-11 North MacQuesten Parkway, Mount Vernon.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Department of Planning

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

9. [2024-55](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-1, 7-11 North MacQuesten Pkwy., Mount Vernon**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 0.68 acres (29,621 square feet) of real property located at 1, 7-11, 25, 29 and 33 North MacQuesten Parkway in the City of Mount Vernon and to subsequently convey said property and authorizing the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating 229 affordable rental housing units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Department of Planning

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Gashi

Absent: Legislator Barr

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2024-38](#) **COMM-Gift Acceptance-Enbridge, Inc.**

Forwarded from County Executive George Latimer, his written consent to accept a gift of a check in the amount of FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000) DOLLARS from Enbridge, Inc. to be used by the Westchester County Department of Emergency Services to purchase a flammable gas detection device.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Gashi, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried.

2. [2024-56](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - 2023 Annual Report - Westchester County Clerk**

Forwarding the 2023 Annual Report from the Westchester County Clerk.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Gashi, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 11:24 AM.

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