

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Monday, March 18, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Karin Hablow, Cesar Vargas, John Nonna, Vincent Kopicki, Victor Mallison, Karen Pasquale, Loren Zeitler, Blanca Lopez, Len Gruenfeld; BOL: Lisa Hochman, Dayana Gomez, Greg Casciato, Marcello Figueroa, Warren Watson, Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Flora White

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Wednesday, February 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2024-167](#)

ACT - Amending Act No. 5 (Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District)

AN ACT amending Act No. 5 of 2024, as amended by Act No. 20 of 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests:

County Attorney John Nonna-LAW

Commissioner Karin Hablow-FINANCE

First Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas-FINANCE

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki-DEF

Director Victor Mallison-TAX COMMISSION

On motion of Legislator Smith, 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, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[2024-168](#) **ACT - An ACT amending Act. No. 6**

AN ACT amending Act No. 6 of 2024, as amended by Act No. 21 of 2024.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

B&A Only.

Guests:

County Attorney John Nonna-LAW

Commissioner Karin Hablow-FINANCE

First Deputy Commissioner Cesar Vargas-FINANCE

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki-DEF

Director Victor Mallison-TAX COMMISSION

On motion of Legislator Smith, 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, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[2024-147](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement - Chernis v Bedford, County of Westchester**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to settle the lawsuit of Mark Chernis and Michele Chernis v. Town of Bedford, Town Board of Bedford, Bedford Historical Society and County of Westchester in the amount of THIRTY THOUSAND (\$30,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

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

Joint with LMC.

Guest: Law Department

Associate County Attorney Loren Zeitler

Mr. Nonna and Ms. Zeitler discussed the item with the committee. Ms. Zeitler requested that the committee go into executive session to discuss settlement negotiations.

With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Smith, the Committee went into executive session at 10:48 AM. With a motion by Legislator Woodson Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee came out of executive session at 11:03 AM.

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[2024-117](#) **ACT-Amend IMDA-23 Mulberry Street, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an amendment to an Inter-Municipal Developer Agreement with the City of Yonkers, La Mora, LLC, its successors or assigns, and the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers in order to amend the description in the easement, the plans and the budget and to ratify the IMDA to include the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers as a signatory.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

On motion of Legislator Williams, 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 Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

[2024-118](#) **ACT-Amend IMDA-178 Warburton Avenue & 160 Cottage Gardens, Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an amendment to an Inter-Municipal Developer Agreement with the City of Yonkers, 178 Warburton Limited Partnership and CPG Phase VI Limited Partnership, its successors or assigns, in order to amend the affordability requirements of ninety-two (92) of the Affordable AFFH Units so that these units will be available exclusively for seniors aged sixty-two (62) and older with incomes between 30% and 60% of the Westchester County area median income instead of households with incomes at or below 30% and up to 90% of AMI and to ratify the IMDA to include the Municipal Housing Authority for the City of Yonkers as a signatory.

SUBMITTED BY COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

Joint with H&P.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Director for Community Development Leonard Gruenfeld

On motion of Legislator Williams, 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 Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Discussion with the Tax Commission

Guest: Director Victor Mallison

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the Committee adjourned at 12:24 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams

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