



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, May 9, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Seniors & Youth

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit:

<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Barr called the meeting to order at 10:19 AM.

Present: Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

Remote: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Nolan, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, April 18, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Maher, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

This was continued

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2022-86](#) **HOME RULE-A7939-S6659**

A New York State Home Rule Resolution requesting the enactment of Assembly Bill No. 7939/Senate Bill No. 6659 entitled, "AN ACT to amend the penal law, in relation to fees charge for a license to carry or possess a pistol or revolver in the County of Westchester".

Submitted by: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Chair Gashi discussed that this is the last of many parts of this bill hat has been taken up in past in regards to amending the penal law in relation to fees charged for a license to carry or possess a pistol or revolver in the County of Westchester. He noted that since we cannot pass it only in the County, it will need to go through NYS, which, is why it requires a Home Rule.

Vice-Chair Barr confirmed that this will allow NYS to pass a law that would allow the County to set the prices for these licenses. Legislator Maher noted that this only enables us to set the prices and clarified that we are not setting increasing or decreasing the prices at present.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

2. [ACT-2022-65](#) **IMA-Justice Assistance Grant-Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle**

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to enter into a four-year inter-municipal agreement with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the administration of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2021.

Submitted by: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Captain William McGuinness

Lieutenant Charles Geraci

Captain William McGuinness and Lieutenant Charles Geraci appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-226-IMA-Justice Assistance Grant-Yonkers, Mount Vernon, New Rochelle. This will authorize the County to enter into an IMA with the Cities of Yonkers, Mount Vernon and New Rochelle for the distribution to each of the Municipalities of grant funds received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for 2021. The IMA will be for a four-year term from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024. Lieutenant Geraci discussed that we get funding through the BJA based on crime reporting in the County. These three Cities are eligible for funding at certain levels based on the statistics they have reported. The County is the signatory for this grant and we are given suggested amounts of distribution and we get to decide on the amount that the County gets to use for the Department of Public Safety. He noted that the grant has guidelines for how the funding must be used and it is mainly toward violent crime and narcotics investigations, specifically fentanyl. Lieutenant Geraci advised that there are \$110,000 in grant funds that will be used as follows:

-\$24,206 will be used for Westchester County Department of Public Safety personnel costs to offset the costs for fentanyl and narcotics investigations.

-Yonkers is expected to use \$48,675 for personnel costs to offset overtime for violent crime investigations.

-New Rochelle is expected to use \$8,269 to offset the costs of 5 multi-band mobile radios.

-Mount Vernon is expected to use \$25,585 to offset the costs of ballistic vests and shields for active shooter events.

-The remainder of the grant funds, \$3,302 will be used by the County to pay for costs associated with National Incident-Based Reporting System compliance.

Legislator Shimsky asked if we should add these breakdowns into the Committee Report? Vice-Chair Barr agreed and noted that the Municipality breakdowns are in the Committee Report and that we will add that the remaining \$3,302 will be used for NIBRS compliance.

Chair Gashi concurred.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

3. [ACT-2022-59](#) **City of New Rochelle National Night Out**

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of New Rochelle ("City"), acting by and through its Police Department, pursuant to which the City will provide its National Night Out program within the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed TWO THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE (\$2,473) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guest:

Detective Terrence Fudge, Youth Detectives-New Rochelle Police Department

Detective Terrance Fudge from the New Rochelle Police Department appeared before the Committee to discuss item #2022-232-City of New Rochelle National Night Out. Detective Fudge discussed that NNO is held on the first Tuesday in August and is a community policing partnership. Families are able to tour the department and see demonstrations of equipment, as well as both governmental and private agencies are present to talk with the families. There is food provided, including Mariano Rivera comes and cooks hotdogs and burgers since his church is nearby. We have been partnered with the BOL and the County since 2017 and the funds that are provided by the County are used mainly for an ICEE truck that comes in and provides cool refreshments. Legislator Maher added that Mariano Rivera comes and really works the grill he is not just there for a photo op. He also noted that the New Rochelle Police Department has a harbor patrol that does tours as well. Legislator Barr asked if they show people how to put out kitchen fires? Detective Fudge responded that sometimes the Fire Department will participate and will do demonstrations like how they dismantle cars to rescue victims, how to navigate smoke filled rooms and putting out small fires.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

4. [ACT-2022-58](#) **ACT - Ossining Union Free School District Basics Program**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Ossining Union Free School District ("Ossining") pursuant to which Ossining will provide its Ossining Basics Program for the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed TWO THOUSAND, FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-THREE (\$2,523) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with S&Y.

Guest:

Dr. Raymond Sanchez, Superintendent-Ossining Union Free School District

Dr. Raymond Sanchez discussed that this program has a set of five easy and nurturing steps that stimulates brain growth in children from birth to the age of three. The achievement gap starts at the age of two, which has been very well researched. Many communities have come together with the following five steps; maximize love, manage stress, count group and explore through movement and play and read and discuss stories.

He stated together with various community partners, our library and various CEO's as well as the school district, work together as a collaborative to reach families at the earliest of ages. It has been very successful.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

5. [ACT-2022-56](#) **IMA-Youth Development Program-Mount Vernon**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon pursuant to which the municipality will provide certain youth development services under its Youth Development Program, for the period commencing retroactively on January 1, 2022 and expiring on December 31, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED SIXTY THREE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY SIX (\$163,976) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with S&Y.

Guest: Youth Bureau

Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden

Dr. Harris-Madden stated this is an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Mt. Vernon passing through its Youth Development Program Services to be able to serve 230 youth through the Safe Haven Program (Safe Haven After-School, Summer Program, and Saturday Stem). This program provides academic support, enrichment activities, social and emotional skills and an empowerment program. The Youth Empowerment program is employment and training for young people that have become justice involved or on their way to becoming justice involved with the Step Up Program. This program specifically works in collaboration with the court system as well as the police to deter gang involvement and violence prevention. These program opportunities operate throughout the year.

Legislator Alvarado asked, how many people are being affected and are we back in person?

Dr. Harris-Madden answered they aren't fully in person. She also stated they have served 220 youth this year and last year served 223 young people.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

6. [ACT-2022-57](#) **IMA-Tarrytown-Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp-Tarrytown**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown (the "Village") for the purpose of operating the Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp in the amount of FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-SEVEN (\$44,147) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH

Joint with S&Y.

Guest: Youth Bureau

Executive Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden

Dr. Harris-Madden stated this an act authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Village of Tarrytown in the amount of 44,147 dollars to operate its Tarrytown Sleepy Hollow Summer Day Camp for the contract period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, even though we know that it will operate in the summer. This program will allow 190 young people to participate in enrichment programs during the summer. There is arts and crafts, sports and swimming. She also stated the IMA for Mt. Vernon and Tarrytown is thanks to the BOL efforts in putting this funding in the budget.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Parker

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:18 AM.