



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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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 Public Works & Transportation and Housing

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

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

This was approved

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Excused: Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher and Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

Monday, October 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2022-511](#) **CBA-BCR57-HQ Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement**

AN ACT amending the 2022 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BCR57 - HQ Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont shared photos and discussed the work to be done. Legislator Shimsky asked that a sentence be added to the committee report specifying what building and what department this is for. Legislator Barr said that more specificity as to what part of Corrections (i.e., the jail or office space) would be helpful for transparency and to know going forward exactly what work was done. Mr. Abbamont said this is specifically for the Department of Corrections headquarters rooftop air handling unit replacement.

Mr. Abbamont said that 13 of the 16 existing exhaust fans on the roof are non-functioning, and will be replaced. Legislator Shimsky asked Mr. Abbamont to provide a narrative on when it was discovered that the exhaust fans were not working, and what was done to remedy the problem. Mr. Abbamont clarified that not all the exhaust fans were non-functioning, and some were abandoned.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator 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 Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

2. [2022-512](#) **BOND ACT-BCR57-HQ Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,205,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR57 - HQ Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator 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 Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

3. [2022-513](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BCR57-HQ Rooftop Air Handling Unit Replacement**

A BOND ACT (Amended) which would amend Bond Act 218-2021 by removing the authorization for bonds for design, construction management and construction associated with project BCR57 and reduce the total amount of bonds authorized by FOUR MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND (\$4,505,000) DOLLARS.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

Please refer to item #1.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator 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 Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

4. [2022-505](#) **BOND ACT-SPC11-Port Chester WWTP-Roof Replacements**

A BOND ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to authorize the issuance of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SPC11 - Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant - Roof Replacements.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo

Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki discussed the item. Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici said the new roof will be more energy efficient. Legislator Shimsky noted that the "Energy Efficiencies" box on the Capital Project Fact Sheet had not been checked. Commissioner Kopicki approved for Committee Coordinator James Silverberg to mark the box on his behalf.

Legislator Shimsky asked if there was a reason why solar was deemed inappropriate here. Commissioner Kopicki said it might have been because there was not enough room on the roof. Legislator Shimsky asked him to get back to her with a short written explanation.

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

5. [2022-506](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-SPC11-Port Chester WWTP-Roof Replacements**

A BOND ACT (Amended) which would amend Bond Act No. 211-2021 by removing the authorization for bonds for design and construction management costs for Capital Project SPC11 - Port Chester Wastewater Treatment Plant - Roof Replacements and reduce the estimated maximum cost and the amount of bonds authorized by TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS, from FIVE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$5,900,000) DOLLARS to THREE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,900,000) DOLLARS.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo

Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

Please refer to item #4.

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

6. [2022-517](#) **BOND ACT-RD017-MRF & Transfer Station Rehabilitation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION (\$1,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RD017 - Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici

Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo

Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki and his department presented this item for the Committee.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

7. [2022-514](#) **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 PWT and HOUSING.

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. Legislator 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. Legislator 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 Woodson-Samuels, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

8. [2022-515](#) **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 BPL 30 - New Homes Land Acquisition II.

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

Joint with PWT and HOUSING.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Norma Drummond

Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld

Please refer to item #7.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

For purposes of the 2023 Budget Session, the Committee is reducing the opening quorum from 4 to 2.

Chair Gashi discussed the reasoning for lowering the opening quorum and explained that this is just for the purpose of the 2022 Budget Session to review the 2023 Operating Budget. He noted that the opening quorum will be raised again in January 2023.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Maher

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 11:28 AM.