



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Wednesday, June 1, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Works & Transportation, Parks & Recreation, and 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, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

Remote: Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2022-265](#) **ENV RES-RCL01-Cranberry Lake Nature Center**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the Amended Bond Act for Capital Project RCL01 - Cranberry Lake Nature Center.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION

Joint with PW&T and P&R.

Guest: Department of Parks & Recreation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

First Deputy Commissioner Tartaglia said that the Parks Department requested and received design funding for this in 2013. The need was there then and is certainly there now. There is

currently a 1,000 square foot shack being used as a nature center at Cranberry Lake Preserve. The new building will be 4,900 square feet, and will provide patrons with year round use, serve school groups and children's ecology programs. This will become a biodiversity hub and training center.

Legislator Maher asked for photos of what the shack looks like now and renderings of what we plan to do. Due to technical problems, Mr. Tartaglia was unable to share them with the committee members present in the committee room. He said he would email them to the legislators. Legislator Maher asked if there is sufficient parking. Mr. Tartaglia said there is a second project coming next year to build additional parking and site work. Legislator Williams Johnson asked if they are going to incorporate solar on the new roof. Mr. Tartaglia said that solar is not practical because there are so many trees.

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 Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

2. [2022-266](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RCL01-Cranberry Lake Nature Center**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of additional bonds of Westchester County in the amount of FOUR MILLION, SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$4,650,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RCL01 - Cranberry Lake Nature Center.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & RECREATION

Joint with PW&T and P&R.

Guest: Department of Parks & Recreation
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia
Please refer to item #1.

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 Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

3. [ACT-2022-66](#) **ACT - City of Mount Vernon Summer Basketball Program**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester ("County") to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon ("City") pursuant to which the City will provide a summer basketball program for the period July 5, 2022 through August 12, 2022 for a total amount not to exceed TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN (\$25,987) DOLLARS.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS &

YOUTH

Joint with S&Y.

Guests:

Budget Director Larry Soule and Deputy Budget Director Gideon Grande-Budget

Commissioner Sylvia Gadson- Department of Recreation- City of Mount Vernon
Commissioner Sylvia Gadson and Director Ric Wright from the City of Mount Vernon's Department of Recreation appeared before the committee to discuss item # 2022-287-ACT-City of Mount Vernon Summer Basketball Program. This ACT would authorize the County to enter into an IMA with the City of Mount Vernon, pursuant to which the City will provide a summer basketball program. The Program will operate five days per week for the period commencing on July 5, 2022 through August 12, 2022. The Program will be held in Mount Vernon at the Mount Vernon High School Gymnasium and will operate Monday-Friday from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. A maximum of ninety boys and girls, ages 8-17 will be registered in the Program. Basketball skills and drills will be directed by the head basketball coach at Mount Vernon High School and his staff. In addition to helping youth develop basketball skills, the Program will also teach "life skills". Each week a speaker will present and discuss a different life skill topic to the participants. All participants will receive lunch and a t-shirt. The County will pay the City a total amount not to exceed \$25,987, payable in full upon execution of the agreement, in accordance with an approved budget. They discussed that the Program will enhance the athletic and social skills of participants while providing a safe environment with quality basketball instruction.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, 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 Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 10:57 AM.