



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: MaryJane Shimsky

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Monday, October 31, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

Please note: This meeting was held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room #824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via videoconferencing through WebEx. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website:

<<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>> This website also has links to the Agenda Packets containing documents to be discussed at the meeting.

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Williams-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Vedat Gashi, Erika Pierce, and Jewel Williams Johnson; Legislators (Remote): Damon Maher and Chris Johnson; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; DPW (Remote): Gayle Katzman and Rob Abbamont; DEF (Remote): Vincent Kopicki, Lou Vetrone, Nat Federici, CJ Gelardo, Joe Brown, and Melissa Rotini; Planning (Remote): Norma Drummond, Blanca Lopez and Leonard Gruenfeld

Present: Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Committee Chair Shimsky and Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 17, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

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

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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

Guests: DPW & T: Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

Mr. Abbamont shared photos and discussed the work to be done. Chair 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. Chair 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 Committee Chair Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee and referred to the Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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

Guests: DPW & T: Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

See discussion of ID #2022-511 above.

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

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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

Guests: DPW & T: Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman and Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Rob Abbamont

See discussion of ID #2022-511 above.

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

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini, Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo, and Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

Commissioner Kopicki discussed the item. Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici said the new roof will be more energy efficient. Chair Shimsky noted that the “Energy Efficiencies” box on the Capital Project Fact Sheet had not been checked. Commissioner Kopicki said he would change that.

Chair 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. Chair Shimsky asked him to get back to her with a short written explanation.

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

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini, Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo, and Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

See discussion of ID #2022-505 above.

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

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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

Guests: DEF: Commissioner Vincent Kopicki, Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone, Deputy Commissioner Nat Federici, Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini, Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo, and Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown

The committee discussed the item.

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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 Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

7. [2022-514](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-36-38 Main Street, Yonkers**

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Norma Drummond, Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez, and Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld *Commissioner Drummond discussed the project. She noted that the developer was required by the Yonkers Zoning Code to have 66 parking spaces, and will build 34 spaces under the building, 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 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 Barr, 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 Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

8. [2022-515](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-36-38 Main Street, Yonkers**

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Norma Drummond, Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez, and Program Administrator (Housing & Community Development) Leonard Gruenfeld *See discussion of ID #2022-514 above.*

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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 Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 11:28 a.m. by the following vote:

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

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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