Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes -Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Monday, March 17, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with LEG

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Shawna MacLeod and Stephanie Perez; BOL: Legislator Colin Smith, Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Emiljana Ulaj (remote), Marcelo Figueroa, Karen Vele (remote), Jill Axelrod and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. <u>2025-108</u> PH - Responsible Bidder Legislation

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Article IV to Chapter 233, entitled 'Board of Acquisition and Contract', regarding requirements for lowest responsible bidding on County public work projects." [Public Hearing set for ______, 2025 at ______.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-109.

SUBMITTED BY: LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna and Associate County Attorney Shawna MacLeod This item was discussed in conjunction with the next one (#2025-109). Committee Chair Pierce and Vice Chair Barr, the co-sponsors of this bill, shared that this legislation was a good governance initiative, created to enhance the process for determining whether a bidder was "responsible." Westchester County law requires Westchester County to choose the lowest responsible bidder for projects over \$20,000. Through the creation of this new process, the County will be better able to properly assess which bidders are equipped to complete a job. Mr. Nonna and Ms. MacLeod discussed the legislation and addressed inquiries, and suggested changes as presented by the members. Under this amended law, entities such as bidders, the Department of Public Works & Transportation and the Board of Acquisition & Contracts, will have new responsibilities to ensure that bidders are properly assessed during the application process.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was continued

2. <u>2025-109</u> <u>LL - Responsible Bidder Legislation</u>

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Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna and Associate County Attorney Shawna MacLeod *Please see the previous item for discussion (#2025-108).*

This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was continued

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. <u>2025-71</u> <u>CLERK OF THE BOARD - Petition for Extension of the Peekskill</u> <u>Hollow Sewer District</u>

Forwarding a Petition from the Town of Somers for the extension of the Peekskill Hollow Sewer District to include the boundaries of the Parkveiw Extension area of Somers Sewer District No. 1.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

This item was read into the record followed by a vote.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:37pm.