



Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: MaryJane Shimsky

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation and Budget & Appropriations committees

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, Legislator Barr called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Others in attendance: Legislators: Erika Pierce Ben Boykin, Terry Clements, Jewel Williams Johnson, Damon Maher, and James Nolan; Legislator Margaret Cunzio (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Anand Singh, and James Silverberg; CE: Joan MacDonald; Law Dept.: David Vutera

Present: Legislator Barr and Legislator Smith

Absent: Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Committee Chair Shimsky and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2022-316](#) PH-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination

Guests: Office of the County Executive: Director of Operations Joan McDonald; Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney David Vutera

Ms. McDonald explained that the legislation retroactively terminates the existing lease and allows the County to enter into a new lease, because the current lease does not provide for termination by mutual consent. Mr. Vutera said the lease they are currently negotiating is similar to the original.

Legislator Smith asked if the current tenants will be able to meet their obligations, and Ms. McDonald said that they will, as travel has already increased since the pandemic. Several legislators voiced concerns about this lease being different and having larger implications than what they originally thought. Ms. McDonald reiterated that she didn't believe there was any

negative fiscal impact to the county.

Legislator Smith noted that the Board of Legislators' fiscal team had raised several questions they felt needed to be answered before voting on the item, and asked if it would be a major issue if they delayed the vote on the item until they receive the information they needed. Ms. McDonald said that it was not. Legislator Boykin said there is potentially a lot of money tied to this lease, and it's crucial that the legislators understand what is being given up and what we're receiving in return.

It was agreed that the questions should be sent to the County Executive's staff and the Budget Department before any vote on the item was taken. Further discussion ensued on specifics of the lease, which Ms. McDonald said are actively being negotiated. She said that if the lessee is amenable, she would share some of those details. Legislator Smith said the item would be tabled pending responses to the questions raised by staff.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was tabled

2. [2022-317](#) **LOCAL LAW-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination**

Guests: Office of the County Executive: Director of Operations Joan McDonald; Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney David Vutera
See discussion of ID #2022-317 above.

This LOCAL LAW - Proposed Local Law was tabled

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Chair Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 2:20 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Shimsky, Legislator Barr, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels