



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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**Monday, March 27, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Law & Major Contracts, Seniors & Youth, Public Works & Transportation, and Environment, Energy & Climate committees.

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY 10510.

Legislator Erika Pierce will be participating remotely from 2009 Cll España, San Juan, 00911 Puerto Rico.

Legislator Damon Maher will be participating remotely from Joe Coffee, 10 Lecount Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

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

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Ben Boykin and David Imamura; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Beth LoBello; Guests (Remote): Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller and Carla Chaves; DEF: CJ Gelardo; Youth Bureau: Dr. DaMia Harris Madden and Bernie DEan; Mae Carpenter; Jeanne Pici, and Agnes Nowak*

**Present:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

**Remote:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

### 1. [ACT-2023-64](#) ACT - Enter into Agreement re: FCC Licenses

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retain, at County's expense, The Law Office of Alan S. Tilles ("Alan Tilles"), to serve in an "of counsel" capacity to the County Attorney, on an as needed basis, in connection with the licensing of new and/or the modification of existing FCC licenses in the County's name in order to permit the County to expand the County's existing UHF T-Band trunked radio system and the UHF paging system.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS**

Joint with Law & Major Contracts committee.

Guests: DoIT: Marguerite Beirne, Chief Information Officer and Adam Epstein, Program Coordinator, Radio Systems; Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney and Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

*Ms. Altschiller and Ms. Chaves discussed the item. Legislator Maher asked why the agreement was for five years, as that is longer than the usual retainer of counsel agreement. Ms. Altschiller said that the reason for that here is that it takes a very long time to submit applications to the FCC and it also takes a long time to purchase these frequencies based on past experience.*

*Chair Gashi asked about the provision that allows the attorney to pay administrative fees on behalf of the County and collect a 10% service charge. Ms. Chaves said these are application fees and other fees that are not part of legal work, and it is customary in the industry to have an additional fee paid for that. She also noted that any additional expenses are subject to approval by the County Attorney in advance.*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

### 2. [RES-2023-40](#) PH-Sewer District Mod-Removal-Harrison

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing an "ACT to modify the Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District by the removal of eight (8) parcels of property located in the Town of Harrison from the District". [Public Hearing set for April 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.]. ACT INTRO: 2023-101.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS &**

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**TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE**

Joint with Public Works & Transportation and Environment, Energy & Climate committees

Guest: DEF: Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo  
*Mr. Gelardo discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the above item was . The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

3. [2023-100](#) **ENV RES-Sewer District Mod-Removal-Harrison**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the removal of the eight (8) parcels of property from the Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE**

Joint with Public Works & Transportation and Environment, Energy & Climate committees

Guest: DEF: Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo  
*See Item #2.*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

4. [2023-101](#) **ACT-Sewer District Mod-Removal-Harrison**

AN ACT to modify the Mamaroneck Valley Sanitary Sewer District by the removal of eight (8) parcels of property located in the Town of Harrison from the District.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE**

Joint with Public Works & Transportation and Environment, Energy & Climate committees

Guest: DEF: Associate Engineer (Construction) CJ Gelardo  
*See Item #2.*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

5. [ACT-2023-62](#) **IMA-Invest In Kids-Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, White Plains and Yonkers**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, White Plains and Yonkers, acting by and through their Youth Bureaus for the provision of positive youth development programs under the County's "Invest In Kids" Program.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with Seniors & Youth committee

Guests: Youth Bureau: Dr. DaMia Harris Madden, Executive Director, and Bernie Dean, Financial Administrator

*Dr. Harris Madden discussed the inter-municipal agreement will be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2025. This program will address the needs of approximately 560 at-risk youth aged 0-21 years. The programs use positive youth development models to providing opportunities for at risk youth to actively acquire the skills and abilities needed to grow up to be competent, caring and healthy adults.*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

6. [ACT-2023-63](#) **ACT-Grant Agreements-NYSOFA & IMAs with Municipalities**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging to accept grant funds from New York State under the Community Services for Elderly Program, the Congregate Services Initiative Program, the Caregiver Resource Center Program, the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program, the New York State Transportation Program, the Wellness in Nutrition Program, the Nutrition Services Incentive Program, the Unmet Need Program and the New York Connects Expansion and Enhancement Program, and to also enter into inter-municipal agreements with local municipalities for services to be funded by some of said grants.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with Seniors & Youth committee

Guests: Dept. of Senior Programs & Services: Mae Carpenter, Commissioner; Jeanne Pici, Deputy Commissioner; Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development; and Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development

*Ms. Nowak discussed the grant agreements will be for a term commencing on April 1, 2023 and continuing through March 31, 2024, except for the NSIP Grant Agreement, which will be for a term commencing retroactive October 1, 2022 and continuing through September 30, 2023. The services to be provided under the IMA's with the grant funds received from NYSOFA will include: case management, home delivered meals, information, assistance, repairs & vehicle expenses and transportation.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the Committee adjourned at 10:58 a.m. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Smith