

BUDGET COMMITTEE
of the
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Budget Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on Tuesday, March 19, 2002.

Members Present:

Legislator Michael Caracciolo - Chairman
Legislator David Bishop - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Andrew Crecca
Legislator Jon Cooper

Also In Attendance:

Paul Sabatino II - Counsel to the Legislature
Fred Pollert - Director of Budget Review
Ken Knappe - County Exec's Budget Office
All other interested parties

Minutes Taken By:

Donna Barrett - Court Stenographer

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(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

We will now convene a special meeting of the Budget Committee. All members are present. Legislator Crecca, would you return to the horseshoe. Thank you. I just distributed a copy of the last committee agenda, wherein most of the resolutions on that agenda with the exception of one were tabled. So we'll now bring up that agenda, and we'll take up the first resolution, which is IR 1190. Do I hear a motion. 1190.

1190. Amending the Adopted 2002 Operating Budget and appropriating funds in connection with the extension of Medevac Helicopter Services from Suffolk County Gabreski Airport on a permanent year-round basis.

LEG. BISHOP:

1190, motion to table.

LEG. COOPER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

I'm sorry.

LEG. COOPER:

Motion to table and a second.

CHAIRMAN CARACCIOLO:

We have a motion to table by Legislator Bishop. Motion to table by Legislator Cooper, seconded by Legislator Bishop. All in favor? Opposed? Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

1191. Amending the Adopted 2002 Operating Budget and transferring funds in connection with the extension of Medevac Helicopter Services from Suffolk County Gabreski Airport on 12 month basis.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

We now have before us 1191. Do I hear a motion?

LEG. BISHOP:

Table.

LEG. COOPER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Motion to table by Legislator Bishop, seconded by Legislator Cooper.

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous.

(TABLED VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

1192. Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and restoring the funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension Diabetes Education Program.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

We now have 1192 before us.

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LEG. BISHOP:

Table.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Motion -- this resolution, for the record, is being corrected. The

offset is being corrected by the sponsor. Same motion, same second.

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous.

LEG. TOWLE:

If you wouldn't mind, Mr. Chairman, I'm not on this committee, but I happen to hear your agenda. I'm curious, Legislator Bishop, any particular reason on tabling the helicopter?

LEG. BISHOP:

Because the police told us to table it. They don't want it. They're working on it. They're going to come back to us with a plan.

LEG. TOWLE:

There's a big difference between not wanting it and coming back to us with a plan, so which is it?

LEG. BISHOP:

They don't want it at this time. Come on, Fred, you know the story. Why are we going through this? This is why we can't go through the entire agenda again. It's foolish. Why don't we just do the business that we went back in for?

1193. Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and restoring the funding to the Department of Public Works for the purchase of vehicles for the Probation Department.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

We now have before us IR 1193. Is there a motion?

LEG. BISHOP:

Table.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Same motion, same second, same vote. (TABLED VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

MR. SABATINO:

1193 was tabled subject to call last time, so you really shouldn't -- unless you're going to make a motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Thank you. Strike that last motion, second and vote. 1194, is there a motion?

LEG. BISHOP:

We have to do it again?

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

This is your resolution.

LEG. BISHOP:

Right. It was approved previously. It's on the agenda.

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1195. Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and transferring funds to the Long Island Regional Planning Board for Smart Growth and Environment Planning.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

I apologize. I didn't see that notation. Okay. 1195.

LEG. BISHOP:

Table.

LEG. COOPER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILOLO:

Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Same vote. (TABLED VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

1196. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for the Vocational Education and Extension Board.

1197. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for the Police Athletic League.

1198. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for the North Shore Youth Council.

1199. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for the Nature Conservancy.

1200. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for Mather Hospital Fortunato Breast Health Center.

1201. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for Lifeline Mediation Center.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:

1196, 97, 98, 99, 1200 and 1201, the sponsor is present. Legislator Haley, did you want to address the committee on this? These are your resolutions dealing with discretionary funds?

LEG. CRECCA:

Motion to table.

MR. SABATINO:

Corrected copies were filed -- corrected copies were filed, which would not be eligible for consideration today, so.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:

Motion to table, second by the Chair. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. (TABLED VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

1241. Amending the 2002 Operating Budget and restoring 50% of the funding for Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Science Program.

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CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:

We now have 1241. I'll make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Bishop. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Unanimous. (TABLED VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

1268. Amending the 2002 Adopted Operating Budget appropriating funds for various contracted agencies.

CHAIRMAN CARACCILO:

1246 was approved previously. 1268, Legislator Lindsay's resolution. Motion to approve by the Chair, second by Legislator Bishop. All in favor? Opposed? Unanimous. APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-0)

And finally, we have 1271 -- thank you. That concludes the business of the committee.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 5:35 P.M.*)

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