

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY COMMITTEE
of the
Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Economic Development & Energy Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building,

Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on August 13, 2003.

Members Present:

Legislator Jonathan Cooper - Chairman

Legislator Brian Foley

Legislator Allan Binder

Legislator Angie Carpenter

Legislator Lynn Nowick

Also In Attendance:

Paul Sabatino - Counsel to the Legislature

Barbara LoMoriello - Aide to Legislator Cooper

David Ryan - Aide to Legislator Lynn Nowick

Roger Podd - Aide to Presiding Officer Postal

Michael Barone - Presiding Officer Postal's Office

Joe Muncy - Budget Analyst/Budget Review Office

Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office

Katherine Stark - County Executive's Office

Alexandra Sullivan - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature

All Other Interested Parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographer

[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 11:35 A.M.]

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Good morning. I'd like to welcome everyone to August 13th meeting of the Economic Development and Education Committee. Legislator Nowick, if you'd lead us in the Pledge, please.

(Salutation)

Thank you. There being no speakers, we can move directly to the agenda. First, we have tabled resolutions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

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I.R. 1361 - To establish County office space policy for downtown revitalization (Postal). I'll make a motion to table that resolution.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

All those in favor? Opposed? I.R. 13 --

LEG. BINDER:

I'm opposed to tabling.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Note one table -- one -- I'm sorry. One opposition table. And you support tabling?

LEG. NOWICK:

The tabling.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Okay. ***I.R. 1361 is tabled. (Vote: 4-1-0-0)***

Procedural Motion 9 - Authorizing litigation against LIPA to recover County construction project utility cost. I make a motion to table.

LEG. BINDER:

Second.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Table subject to call.

LEG. BINDER:

Yeah.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Good idea. Make a motion to table subject to call, second by Legislator Binder. All those in favor? Opposed? ***Procedural Motion is tabled subject to call. (Vote: 5-0-0-0).***

Procedural Motion 6 - Procedural Motion for LIPA oversight for 2003 (Alden).

LEG. BINDER:

Motion.

LEG. NOWICK:

Second.

LEG. CARPENTER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

We have a motion to approve and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? ***(Vote: 5-0-0-1)***
Procedural Motion 6 --

LEG. CARPENTER:

Just put on the record how much that amount is.

MR. RYAN:

Seventy-five thousand.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Seventy-five thousand. Thank you. And, Barbara, if I'm not already down as a cosponsor, I'd like to be cosponsor.

Sense Resolution 51 - Memorializing Resolution requesting LIPA to terminate Public Relations Contract. Is there a motion?

LEG. BINDER:

Let me just ask a question before -- is that -- there a current contract, or saying that -- does it say -- I just don't have the Sense in front me. Does it say it's a current contract? We don't have Counsel here, huh? Yeah, maybe I can get a copy of it for -- I have to take a real quick look at it.

LEG. FOLEY:

Clerk's Office should have a copy of it.

MS. LOMORIELLO:

He's going to get Paul.

LEG. FOLEY:

Mr. Chairman, while we're waiting for a copy of the Sense Resolution --

LEG. BINDER:

Counsel's here.

LEG. FOLEY:

On Introductory Resolution 1361, I understand that was tabled.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Yes, it was.

LEG. FOLEY:

Just let the record reflect that I will reluctantly support the tabling. I had thought by this time the sponsor of the bill would have made changes to it in order to move it out of committee. It's an important bill for downtown revitalization, and it's my hope that we can move this as soon as we can. So I'll reluctantly agree with the tabling.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

But it was tabled at the request of the sponsor.

LEG. FOLEY:

I understand that, but --

MR. SABATINO:

It has been changed.

LEG. FOLEY:

I understand that, but it's been tabled for so long, I hope we can move it soon.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

I concur.

MR. SABATINO:

It was changed. August 5th was the most recent version, if that's the question.

LEG. BINDER:

If I can ask Counsel, on Sense 51, if he could flip to his Sense motion -- resolutions, give me a thumbnail of that.

MR. SABATINO:

Okay. 51 is requesting LIPA to not only terminate the agreement with Mercury Public Affairs, Public Relations, but also to recoup any payments that were made pursuant to that agreement.

LEG. BINDER:

Oh, but we're not talking about all their other public relations, the millions they've spent that

they don't have --

MR. SABATINO:

Not -- this resolution was --

LEG. BINDER:

Oh, it's not -- oh, yeah, then I'm not going to -- I thought they were talking about other generally public relations, because LIPA has been wasting million of dollars on public relations, competing against no one, so I thought that's what she was talking about. Of course, instead, she wanted to do something a little bit more partisan on her way out. So, okay. No, thank you. I appreciate the --

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

You had to slip that in, didn't you?

LEG. CARPENTER:

Oh, he already did.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

I'll make a motion to table the resolution.

LEG. FOLEY:

Second. Second the motion.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Do I have a third vote for a motion to table? Lynn?

LEG. NOWICK:

I'll table it.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Okay.

LEG. NOWICK:

Table subject to call.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Okay. Make a motion to table subject to call, and a second. All those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. BINDER:

Opposed.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Sense 51 is **tabled subject to call. (Vote: 4-1-0-0)**

LEG. BINDER:

I'm opposed.

CHAIRMAN COOPER:

Thank you very much. You're all dismissed.

[THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 11:46 A.M.]