

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Economic Development, Higher Education & Energy 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 Wednesday, November 29, 2006.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Wayne Horsley - Chairman
Legislator Tom Barraga
Legislator Lynne Nowick

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:

Legislator Rick Montano - Vice-Chair
Legislator Jon Cooper

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office
Joe Muncey - Budget Review Office
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Ben Zwirn - County Executive's Office
Carolyn Fahey - Economic Development
Charles Stein - Suffolk Community College
George Gatta - Suffolk Community College
James Morgo - Commissioner - Economic Development
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:07 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Good afternoon, everybody. Welcome to the Economic Development, Energy and Higher Education Committee. And why doesn't everybody come on in?

LEG. NOWICK:

Don't be shy.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Yeah, don't be shy. There you go. All righty. While we have you all standing, will you please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

SALUTATION

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

And may we stand for a moment of silence for those service people that are defending our freedoms across the world.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Thank you very much. Please be seated. All right. Do we have any public cards?

MS. CATALANO:

No.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Boy, this is going to be a great meeting. We wore them out with our Alternate Energy Summit on Monday. Would anyone like to be heard at all? Any of our regulars at Suffolk Community? Come on up, George.

MR. GATTA:

George Gatta, Vice-President for Workforce and Economic Development, Suffolk County Community College. At the last meeting, I gave you a brief update on our discussions with Steamfitters Local 638, related to the Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Project at our Grant Campus.

I'm happy to report today that I did have a conversation yesterday with Mr. John Tourpie, the President of the Union. And I believe we've had a meeting of the minds and that we should be moving forward in the next few days with executing the Memorandum of Understanding between the College and Local 638. So I think that at this point it looks very good that the issue between the two of us has been resolved and that the project will be moving forward. And I won't use the pun full steam. So I told the committee that I would keep you updated, and it appears that it's moving -- it's now resolved.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

That's news. That's excellent news.

LEG. NOWICK:

Just a comment.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Yeah. Sure. Lynne. Diplomacy works. Nice to hear.

LEG. NOWICK:

Just a comment, George. I really think you should be congratulated, because with such tenacity, you have worked and worked and worked. And finally this is happening. And I think that speaks very highly of you.

MR. GATTA:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Great. Everything else going well other there?

MR. GATTA:

I mean, Chuck could fill in the blanks, but, yes. You know, the fall semester has been good one at the campus. Enrollment has continued to increase. We've -- well, we had a groundbreaking ceremony for our Culinary School in Riverhead. The actual groundbreaking and foundation work has begun. So the people in Downtown Riverhead are very pleased to see the activity and the fact that the project is moving forward. So we're very pleased about that as well. But, yes, things are going well.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Good news. Thank you very much, George. We appreciate it. Anybody else? A silent group today. Okay. We're going to move right to the agenda. The first item on our agenda is Tabled Prime.

2090, To impose moratorium on aviation related construction at Francis S. Gabreski Airport pending Master Plan adoption.

I have not heard anything as of recent on this. Carolyn, anything? Come on up.

MS. FAHEY:

This resolution is similar to Legislator Schneiderman's resolution he submitted in January, which ended up dying on the -- on the floor. The FAA has issues with it. And it was tabled, I believe, last time because it didn't have -- it addressed the same issues.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

All right. Then I'll continue along that vein. I'll move to table 2090. Do I have a second on that?

LEG. NOWICK:

Second.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

By Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? So moved. **TABLED (VOTE:3-0-0-2 - Not present - Legis Cooper and Montano).**

2363, Accepting and appropriating 100% pass-through grant funds from the New York State Education Department (NYSED).

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

I'll move to approve, Legislator Barraga seconds it, and put it on the Consent Calender. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDER (VOTE:3-0-0-2 - Not present - Legis Cooper and Montano).**

2365, Accepting and appropriating a grant award from the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for Innovative Stone 88% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Motion by Legislator Barraga, I'll second the motion. And also to put on the Consent Calender -- no. Can't do it. Got to be 100 and that's it. The motion's been made and seconded. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE:3-0-0-2 - Not present - Legis Cooper and Montano).**

2366, Accepting and appropriating a grant award amendment from the State University of New York for a Community College Workforce Development Training Grants Program for the Alliance of Long Island Agencies, Inc. 56% reimbursed by State funds at Suffolk County Community College.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Move to approve by Legislator Barraga, seconded by Legislator Nowick. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **APPROVED (VOTE:3-0-0-2 - Not present - Legis Cooper and Montano).**

There are no Procedural Motions, Memorializing Resolutions, Home Rule Messages. Tabled Subject To Call, we have one resolution -- we don't have to deal with that. That conclude today's business[.]. [.] December 13th, we have County Executive coming -- former County Executive Gaffney coming in December 13th. I believe that's our next meeting. So we look forward to his presentation. And with that, motion to close, seconded by Legislator Barraga.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 1:13 P.M.*)

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