

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HIGHER EDUCATION

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ENERGY COMMITTEE

of the

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, August 10, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Wayne Horsley - Chairman
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chair
Legislator Thomas Cilmi
Legislator Ricardo Montano - Excused Absence
Legislator Lynne Nowick

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
Eric Kopp - County Executive's Office
Carolyn Fahey - Economic Development
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Caucus
Bob Martinez - Aide to Legislator Montano
JP DiMartino - Aide to Chairman Horsley
Dot Kerrigan - AME
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Donna Catalano - Court Stenographer

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:05 P.M.*)

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Good afternoon, everybody. And welcome to the Economic Development, Higher Education and Energy Committee Meeting of August 10th. It looks like a reasonably small agenda today, so I'm sure that will please everybody. We don't have a presentation, so that should make this move along quickly. All right. Should we just get to the agenda? Introductory Resolutions -- oh, yes. Legislator Montano has an excused absence today. He is out of town. Let's get right to the resolutions.

1662, Authorizing a lease agreement with Holey Moses Cheesecake for use of property at Francis S. Gabreski Airport. (Co. Exec.)

Carolyn, where are you? There you go. Why don't you tell us all about Mr. Moses?

MS. FAHEY:

Holey Moses is a manufacturer, obviously, of cheesecake. They've been at Gabreski Airport for over 20 years. They were originally in one of the old military buildings, which now -- which was in the boundaries of the Airport Planning Development District. We've located them over to Building 332, which is about 22, 2300 square feet for their manufacturing facility. It's outside the industrial park, because we had to demolish all of those buildings. They're doing okay. They needed an additional building for their warehouse. So lease in front of you is for two buildings about 2800 square feet. And it's a three-year lease, which is the maximum that we can do in facilities that are on the airport that are not being used for aviation use.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Let me ask you a question on that element of it. That's the maximum, three years, and that would be the same for those folks that would be in the industrial park there?

MS. FAHEY:

No. No.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

I didn't think so.

MS. FAHEY:

In the industrial park we received a release clause from the FAA.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

All right. That makes sense. Now, the Holey Moses Cheesecake folk, are they different than Famous Andy -- Famous Amos rather?

MS. FAHEY:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

We actually had two cheesecake --

MS. FAHEY:

Famous Amos does cookies and muffins.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Bakeries --

MS. FAHEY:

And then off of that was -- their different snacks.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

It's good to see that we have a cluster, an economic development cluster out there at Gabreski. That's always good to hear. Are there any questions for Carolyn over Holey Moses? Where is the cheesecake?

MS. FAHEY:

Actually, Mr. Tucker was going to bring samples, but he was called out-of-state. We will see what we can do for Tuesday. If you haven't had it though, it is probably one of the best cheesecakes you can ever have.

LEG. NOWICK:

Is it?

MS. FAHEY:

There's a Kahlua cheesecake, there's pecan.

LEG. NOWICK:

So you've had to taste them.

MS. FAHEY:

Yes. I've had to go and make sure they are okay.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

How far do they reach?

MS. FAHEY:

They go East Coast. They actually fly some internationally too. They actually go international with some of them.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

All right. I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. And further questions? All in favor? Opposed? So moved. It has been **APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Montano)**.

Off to **1690, Amending Resolution No. 196-2011, establishing the Long Island First Working Group. (Horsley)**

I will make a motion to table that. It's my resolution.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Seconded by Legislator Stern. Just a briefing. If you recall what the Long Island First was, it was to market Long Island to Long Islanders. And it was going to have a whole host of players. Nassau County approved it, we have a mirror legislation over in Nassau County. It was going to be a great thing. That head of that was going to be the Regional Planning Commissioner. Of course, with the problems over in Nassau not giving the monies to the Regional Planning Board, that Mr. White has since left the employ of the Regional Planning Board. So we are trying to work

out future arrangements for Long Island first. It's a great idea. I hope you will see a lot about it in the future. But it is, unfortunately, stalled because of that issue. Anyway. We have a motion to table and a second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Montano).**

1703, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to establish the Gabreski Airport Conservation and Assessment Committee. (Schneiderman)

Carolyn, I know we have a public hearing on it, but what happens to the old one? I mean, did they go out of business? You don't want to talk about it.

MS. FAHEY:

Let's wait for the public hearing.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

That's fine. Legislator Nowick, do you want to table this until the public hearing?

LEG. NOWICK:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN HORSLEY:

Seconded by Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? So moved. That's been **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not present - Legis. Montano).**

I think that's it. Anyone have anything further to report to this committee? We had no one that wanted to speak today. We are good? All right. Motion to adjourn. Thank you, everybody.

(*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 2:11 P.M.*)