

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL, HOUSING
& CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing & Consumer Protection Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, 725 Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York on May 31, 2012.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Robert Calarco, Chairman (Absent)
Leg. William Spencer, Vice Chair
Leg. Kate M. Browning
Leg. Thomas Cilmi
Leg. Edward P. Romaine

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Deputy Presiding Officer Wayne R. Horsley
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel
Barbara LoMoriello, Chief Deputy Clerk
Robert Lipp, Deputy Director/Budget Review Office
Benny Pernice, BRO
Joe Muncey, BRO
Samuel Chu, Commissioner/Labor Department
Jonathan Schneider, County Executive's Office
Tom Vaughn, County Executive's Office
Richard Meyer, AME
Chris DeLuca, Aide to Leg. Cilmi
Paul Perillie, Aide to Leg. Gregory
Lora Gellerstein, Aide to Leg. Spencer
Amy Keyes, Aide to Leg. Calarco
Susan L. Odell-Pepe
Paul Caplan
Richard Meyer, AME
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Josh Slaughter, Aide to Leg. Browning

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 12:47 PM

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

I'd like to request that all Legislators report to the horseshoe who are members of the Government Ops Committee.

Legislators, please stand for the Pledge to be led by Legislator Cilmi.

SALUTATION

As you may have realized, Chairman Calarco is not with us today. And as Vice Chair, that's why I'm Chairing this meeting. And he's not with us for a very good reason. I'm so proud to announce the birth of his baby girl Alma Rose born at 4:30 PM on May the 28th, eight pounds and 21 inches and everyone is doing great. So, congratulations to Rob and his family. He's missed at this meeting, but he will be back with us next time.

PUBLIC PORTION

So, at this time I have one card for the Public Portion. And I would like to invite Susan Odell-Pepe to address us at this time. You have three minutes. Thank you.

MS. ODELL-PEPE:

Good afternoon, Legislator Spencer, thank you, and Legislators. I just have something brief to state. If -- my suggestion would be for the budget, to make improvements to reduce our deficit: If you do want to make an impact on the current proposed 2012 Operating Budget and cost savings, eliminate the upgrades and the earmark upgrades at the end of each department's budget. If you want to cut, there is a perfect place to start and save.

A combination -- the total of the salary adjustments is a combination of upgrades, steps, cost-of-living increase, which is 2 percent. And we're halfway through the year now so it would be -- for just the first five departments in the budget, a \$500,000 savings this year. And next year it would be over a million. So, if you really want to think about it -- and there's a lot of people out there that are County employees like myself that are willing to do certain things to help reduce the deficit and be a part of this with Suffolk County and the Legislature.

In addition, I just have one other question. With the resolution 366-2012 regarding the health insurance contribution for exempt employees, I was just curious why instead of making a strong impact of having everybody put their -- phase in as far as contributing to the insurance, that you did it in phases of over a three-year period, which I thought was not or -- two-and-a-half year period, which I didn't I think was cost effective at all. If you want to make the impact, make everybody start at the same time. That's why the unions -- all the unions would be doing it. If we had to do a contribution sometime in the future, we would do it all together. Thank you very much.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Thank you. We appreciate your remarks. Is there any other member of the public that would like to address us today? Okay, if you could come up and Barbara will give you a yellow card, if you can just tell us your name and the microphone's yours.

MR. BEYER:

Kevin Beyer, President of Long Island Gasoline Retailers Association. And you guys pretty much have seen me plenty of times, like déjà vu being here.

I'm here to talk about the local, possibly, law of changing price signs at the gas station for the honesty. There is -- first of all, it's not doable, number one, because all the Towns have different signage requirements that they allow at their locations. Most signs are six by four. Brookhaven just lowered theirs, the amount of signs they have. But more importantly this is being addressed in the State. This is between -- we had something with the Dinowitz bill and Lee Zeldin. We've been working on this. And this should be done by the end of session. So this is totally being addressed. If you would like to know -- you know, we're trying to put together is basically -- when this all came about, there was a dollar difference on credit card and then it went to a dollar fifty. Even though it was at many locations, it was one owner that was doing that to all the stations.

So, to put this type of legislation through or try to put something like this through, it's going to impede on everybody else. It's doing it the right way. And when it was just basically one company that was doing it, even though he owns many different locations, you know, different brands. So that's why it looked like it was widespread when it wasn't widespread. And what we're looking to do is, like I said, we haven't -- we're working on it with New York State. It is being addressed and it will only affect -- the way it's set up will affect the people that are being deceptive.

Because if you pull into a station, the price is above -- it's above the pump. You have -- both cash and the credit price has to be displayed there. But to try to display everything on a sign, there's no way. It'll be an inch tall, nobody will understand what it is, what it says or anything. But what we're looking to do is basically, which we felt was a good alternative, if they wanted to go for a major increase and were around 7 percent, if they go from a 7 percent difference between cash and credit -- actually it's down to 6 percent, cash and credit, they're going to have put the higher price on the street.

So, by doing that, it's going to stop the nonsense of this dollar difference, credit card or anything -- of if they want to do the dollar difference, a credit card, they're going to have put the higher price on the street. So, anything -- you know, 7 percent difference between that cash and credit will alleviate this problem and it'll only affect the people that are doing it, instead of, you know, affecting every gas station out there, you know, there's a thousand gas stations going out to try to do signage.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Question. Actually it's a question for Counsel. Obviously there's -- you referred to state legislation that is pending now that you believe will be adopted by the end of session; is that correct?

MR. BEYER:

That is correct.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Counsel, if the state adopts legislation, will it preempt the type of legislation that we're going to be voting on today?

MR. NOLAN:

If they were substantially similar, yes, the State bill would supersede the local law. And, you know, I have been in conversation with Terry Pearsall, Presiding Officer Lindsay's Chief of Staff. He wants to table this bill.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay.

MR. NOLAN:

And perhaps allow the State process to play out, see what happens in the next month or two before

moving forward.

LEG. ROMAINE:

They'll be adjourned probably by the end of this coming month of June.

MR. NOLAN:

Right. So, if they don't take action in Albany, then I think the Presiding Officer would look to move forward later, perhaps amend the bill to be more in line with what the State bill is. But I know it's Presiding Officer Lindsay's feeling that he'd like to table this bill.

LEG. ROMAINE:

So we won't deal with this issue at this Committee meeting?

MR. NOLAN:

Right, it's going to be tabled.

LEG. ROMAINE:

All right. Thank you.

MR. BEYER:

Okay. Thank you.

LEG. BROWNING:

I got one question, if you don't mind.

MR. BEYER:

Sure.

LEG. BROWNING:

You know, curiosity, because recently -- you know a lot of times there's certain gas stations, you know, I pay with my debit card. I don't use credit. I use debit. And, you know, you have the cash and the credit. But I can't use my debit card and get the cash price. And I believe there is a difference when you use debit versus credit. So, I did notice recently, in fact, there's a Gulf Station right down here, now they have it posted debit and cash is the same. So, what is the difference really between -- is there a charge on the debit purchase?

MR. BEYER:

There is. There's a charge to us on a debit also. It's the same as a credit. So the way I explain it to everybody is cash is cash. That's the only thing. Cash is cash. Credit and debit we still get charged, we still have handling fees and everything else that go along with it. The same thing -- and sometimes debit's even worse for us because not only will they charge you a percentage, they'll charge you, I think, I don't know if it's 25 cents, some of them 25 cents a swipe besides the percentage.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. Thank you.

MR. BEYER:

And the station that you're talking about is the one that originally started this whole mess.

LEG. BROWNING:

Ah. Thank you.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Any other questions? Thank you. Is there any other public comments?

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

If not, then we'll move forward with the agenda. First addressing the Tabled Resolutions, IR 1015, Adopting Local Law No. -2012, a Local Law to Sunset Living Wage Subsidies (Cilmi). Motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll second.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

LEG. CILMI:

Opposed.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Opposed.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Tabling fails so it fails Committee.

MR. NOLAN:

We can take another motion.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Tabling failed.

LEG. CILMI:

Motion to approve.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Second.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Okay, all those in favor? Opposed?

LEG. BROWNING:

Opposed.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Opposed. Abstentions?

LEG. BROWNING:

Real quick, can we have Mr. Chu come up? I know that there's another meeting coming up. Tom, you're welcome to join the next meeting. I believe it's June 4th on the Living Wage Law. There has been some significant improvements and changes in the Living Wage Law. Is this going to be our last meeting?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

No, we don't -- we have a meeting coming on Monday. We already previously met prior. It wouldn't be the last meeting unless the Legislature decided, I think, to -- involves the Committee. And to be clear, I guess, I'll take the opportunity to explain the actual purpose of the Committee as

Legislators is to advise on the law. So the purview of this Committee is to make -- to advise how the law -- any changes, alterations to the law that would make it more effective. But we don't have any purview over the fund or whether or not there is a fund.

We do, however, in the Labor Department administer the fund. But I think we may -- I think we had, and Legislator Browning, you were at the meeting, I think we had a productive first meeting. I think we're likely to have a productive second meeting. We've invited -- we've invited to the meeting some of the -- some providers, some additional stakeholders, representatives from DSS. But the context under which we'll address this situation at the meeting is, one, to make sure that the law is being effective and serving a purpose as it is intended, but also to make, you know, to see how we can -- the law can reflect the needs and the concerns of some of the specific providers who have been making -- who have been making use of the fund.

As you all know, the fund was originally eliminated from the Budget. But it has been restored to a level of 200,000 so -- and I met with a provider just yesterday who expressed that they understand that the fund is on borrowed time, at best, and that we are going to be working together on solutions to make sure that these providers can find a sustainable means to provide similar level of service as they have been once the fund is no longer there to subsidize the Living Wage.

LEG. BROWNING:

Right. And that's why I recommended tabling this because I know in our first meeting, you know, obviously the money's not there anyway for the subsidy. And the intent is to -- with our committee and with meeting is to work on not having that subsidy and basically weaning them off it completely, but, again, tweaking the law so it's better and more workable for the non-profits. I know Colonial Youth in my District is very dependent on this funding and they're still getting the money. But we've had many conversations with them to see how we can help them to wean themselves off the Living Wage. So, thank you and we look forward to the next meeting.

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Great. Thank you. I just want to add to that, I think there is -- I think there is a recognition amongst the providers and those using the fund that -- the fund's on borrowed time. And, you know, I had a meeting this morning with some of my staff. I think there is a tool that we're going to be able to use at the Labor Department. I'm not -- we're still flushing things out that are going to be able to help these providers in their -- not only their economic situation, but also help some of those that are being served, find a way into, perhaps, more permanent employment. And, again, one of the main focuses that I've taken on since I came in January is making sure that we're giving the best opportunities for those who are in our SWEP Program, Suffolk Works Employment Program, to truly help them find a way to self-sufficiency and wean them off Public Assistance. So, I think the two do relate to one another. So, thank you.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

Legislator Cilmi.

LEG. CILMI:

Yes, thanks, Mr. Chair. Could you just again detail where we're at with some of those conversations and where we're at with the actual funding at the moment? Did we approve a reduction, a budgetary reduction in the fund for this year that we're in now?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yes, that was included in, I think, the May -- I think it was --

LEG. CILMI:

Right.

COMMISSIONER CHU:

-- May 8th it was approved. And so I do -- you know, where the discussions are, is we're going to get more requests. And this is -- and this a policy decision we're going to have make as an administrator of the fund on how to respond to those requests. We're going to get more requests this year than we have funding available. So, in the next couple of weeks, certainly, because we're through half the year. And the funding went roughly 40% of what it was originally allocated for. So to give the providers the ability to prepare, and those making use of it, I expect we'll be sending out an advisement from our Department in the next couple of weeks.

LEG. CILMI:

So, this is something that -- that I have been advocating for, I guess, for a couple of years. And correct me if I'm my wrong, but I believe the elimination of the fund was in the County Executive's Deficit Reduction Mitigation Plan; is that correct?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

I believe that's correct.

LEG. CILMI:

So, the entire amount was in that plan. So now he's backed off on that a little bit, I guess.

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Well, I can shed some light on some of the situation because there's some simultaneous situations happening here. And the particular -- with the exception of the one respite care provider, they're all day-care providers. And in the landscape of the day-care providers, which I have been doing quite a bit of research and having many conversations with these providers, they were kind of calling it a perfect storm, was not only changing, you know, changing regulations with how they're reimbursed, but they were also faced with the elimination of the Living Wage Contingency Fund in its entirety.

And, you know, having some experience with, you know, managing a budget and also understanding the important nature of the service they provide, which I've become acutely aware of over the last several months, and also the situations that they help, which is giving individuals that are in impoverished situations, having access to day-care when they -- so they can work many situations, I think, again, I think it's recognized that this Living Wage Fund is not long for this world. But I also -- we're determined as a Department -- and that's not my say. Our Department has no say whether or not that fund exists or not. But given the circumstances, we're going to do everything we can to make sure that the day-care providers are in the best situation they are to continue to provide an important service.

LEG. CILMI:

Are you looking at exempting certain specific providers or certain groups of providers from the Living Wage requirements?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

That's something that has come up. And we're going to meet again on Monday with the Advisory Board. That might be a recommendation that -- it certainly will be a recommendation that's considered.

LEG. CILMI:

Would you consider --

COMMISSIONER CHU:

But I --

LEG. CILMI:

Would you consider exempting specific agencies or would you -- if you do consider such an exemption, would it be across the board for the entire group of agencies that provide a certain type of service?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yeah, I'm not sure if we're in any position to exempt specific providers. I would --

LEG. CILMI:

Well, because we're subsidizing specific providers now. So I just wanted to make sure that we're -- and that's part of my problem, is that, you know, out of a large, you know, pool of providers, we're only subsidizing a very select few.

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Again, after coming to -- to have greater knowledge on the landscape, the providers that -- the providers that are generally making use of the subsidy are also -- have a greater proportion of DSS clientele. A lot of other providers depending on their location and, you know, the demographics of the region in which they provide service, are able to subsidize their -- some of their work -- the contract they have with DSS with -- at market -- public customers.

I met with a provider -- the provider I met with yesterday is actually -- and they were kind enough to share with me some of the books, they're actually providing -- were actually -- they're in the red on their operation -- day-care operations. But they're subsidizing with other portions of their operations that are doing well.

So, I understand the sentiments and, Legislator Cilmi, you and I have had this conversation, so I certainly do. But I also recognize it's a very delicate situation in terms of the service they provide. So, I have to, because of the nature of my position, remain largely agnostic on whether or not the fund exists because I have no -- I have no purview over it. But as far as the Department function, we're just going to continue to do whatever we can to make sure the providers have the tools and the means to provide service that is of great benefit to the people who are receiving it.

LEG. CILMI:

Okay. Thank you very much.

VICE CHAIR SPENCER:

We need to take a short recess. We have an emergency situation I need to discuss with the members of the Committee. We can just step outside for a moment.

(RECESS TAKEN)

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay, we're all back with the exception of Dr. Spencer. I apologize. Dr. Spencer has a medical emergency at the hospital. And he has no choice but to go attend to his patient. With that, we will -- I believe we were done with our speaker. No more questions?

LEG. CILMI:

Did we not call the vote?

LEG. BROWNING:

There was a tabling motion and then a motion to approve; whichever way you want to go.

LEG. CILMI:

Just fine. Just leave it the way it is.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay, so -- we have to recall the vote on the tabling?

MR. NOLAN:

Just call the vote.

LEG. CILMI:

No, we already voted.

LEG. BROWNING:

There were two --

MR. NOLAN:

Just call the results of the vote.

LEG. CILMI:

This is on IR 1015.

MR. NOLAN:

It failed.

LEG. CILMI:

Right.

MR. NOLAN:

So it failed.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. Okay. We shall continue to move on. Okay.

(IR 1015 FAILED)

IR 1019, Directing the Planning Department to conduct a feasibility study on incorporating LEAN Government Principles in Suffolk County. (Cilmi)

LEG. CILMI:

Motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table, Legislator Cilmi. That was you, right? I thought it was Ed's voice. I'll make the second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's tabled. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1290, Establishing County Policy to Utilize Employees Separated from County Service. (Spencer) The sponsor, I believe, wanted to table it so I'll make a motion to table. Second?

LEG. CILMI:

Second.

LEG. BROWNING:

Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's tabled.

(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)

IR 1340, Designating Individual Agents of the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as Volunteers of the County of Suffolk for the Purposes of Indemnification. (Romaine) Motion?

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, we've agreed to table all the resolutions because there's only three of us here. And we're going to meet in two weeks and we can have a fuller discussion. So, I'll move to table this.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay.

LEG. CILMI:

I'll second.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table Legislator Romaine, second Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's tabled. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1349, Designating Individual Agents of the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals as Volunteers of the County of Suffolk for the Purposes of Providing Reasonable Indemnification. (Spencer) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)

IR 1453, Authorizing Retirement Incentive for All County Bargaining Units. (Kennedy) Same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)

LEG. ROMAINE:

Yes, with the understanding that we'll speak to the sponsor regarding the potential discharge.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. Okay. Okay.

LEG. ROMAINE:

That's John's.

LEG. BROWNING:

Tabling motion.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right.

LEG. BROWNING:

IR 1470, Imposing a Moratorium on Wage Increases for County Management Personnel (Excluding Employees at the Suffolk County Community College and the Board of Elections) (Presiding Officer) I guess same motion, same second, same vote. (VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

IR 1479, Authorizing a Voluntary Lag Payroll for Elected Officials in 2013. (Barraga) Oh, I did, I missed one. Okay.

1472, Adopting Local Law No. 2012, a Local Law to Ensure Honesty in Gas Price Advertising. (Presiding Officer) Same motion.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Same second, same vote. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1479, Authorizing a Voluntary Lag Payroll for Elected Officials in 2013. (Barraga)

Motion to table. Second?

LEG. ROMAINE:

I'll second that with the condition that I will speak to the sponsor about if he wishes to file a discharge motion.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. Second by Legislator Romaine. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's tabled. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1492, Implementing a Scale for Health Insurance Contributions by Exempt Employees. (Romaine) Legislator Romaine?

LEG. ROMAINE:

I'll table this. We can consider this in two weeks. All it does is invalidate our last one and set that no exempts will be charged for health and benefits until all the unions have negotiated theirs. Essentially that's what this resolution says, to ensure fairness. But with that, this can wait two weeks. So, I'll certainly make the motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay, so there's a motion to table, second Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's tabled. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1494, Accepting and Appropriating Additional WIA Funds from the New York State Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. (Presiding Officer) Just out of curiosity, being that Dr. Spencer's not here, we're just going to table everything, is there a time issue with this?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yes, it would be extremely helpful --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Let's hear an explanation and we'll take a vote.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay, there's that one and actually the next one after that. If you want to explain?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Sure. These are Workforce Investment Act funds that go to the State of New York, but they're required to pass these funds through. And I can give you -- they're in the resolutions. The first one is for approximately \$58 thousand and the second one, I think, is for \$138 thousand. These are funds that are going to go directly towards education and training programs that we offer through our One Stop, so. And that would be of great appreciation from the Department if we could pass

this through today.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. So everybody's good? Motion to approve, Legislator Cilmi. I'll second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? It's approved. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

IR 1495, Accepting and Appropriating Supplemental Dislocated Worker Funds from the New York State Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment (WIA) Program. (Presiding Officer) Same motion, same second, same vote. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

LEG. ROMAINE:

Could I raise some questions about this?

LEG. BROWNING:

Sure.

LEG. ROMAINE:

The only question I have about this one and the last resolution, is these are pass through funds, Federal pass through funds passing through the State coming to the County. Do any of these Federal funds underwrite salaries or benefits?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

There is a 10 percent administrative cap, these funds. And we were aware of these funds before we --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, it's 10 percent of the overall grant. But do any of that 10 percent get applied to personnel and benefits?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yes. Up to a maximum of ten percent. We've accounted for that.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Right. And how much are we talking about -- how many titles -- are these titles that already exists or are these titles that you'll have to recreate or what?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

No, these are titles that already exists. And when we went through the last rounds -- we actually moved personnel from our 01 funding to our WIA function to account for the -- to account for this funding as well as other funds.

LEG. ROMAINE:

So there have been people moved in the budget who would be paid from these funds?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

No. The titles haven't moved -- well, they would be, yes, moved in our budget, yeah. Yes

LEG. ROMAINE:

In your budget? People that would be paid out of County General Funds have been moved into these funds is what you're telling me?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

These funds are being used, yes, again, the limited -- I mean, we're talking about roughly --

LEG. ROMAINE:

What is the -- what is the timeframe of this grant? When does it end, when does it begin, when does it commence?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

This is for the -- for -- the WIA funds operate from, I believe, June to June.

LEG. ROMAINE:

So June 1st?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yes; June to June, yes. Probably June 13th.

LEG. ROMAINE:

So we would be relieving people from the County Budget as of June 1st through June 1st of next year and they would then be funded under these programs?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

No, this is for -- this is for '12.

LEG. ROMAINE:

As of June 1st this year, we would be relieving people currently being paid out of the County Budget and we would be paying them now out of these funds; is that correct?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Relieving people? No.

LEG. ROMAINE:

We're moving people from the County General Fund to the funds covered by Workforce Investment Act funds?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

That was one individual, yes.

LEG. ROMAINE:

One individual. That's all that's affected by both of these resolutions?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

One individual.

LEG. ROMAINE:

That's at? Okay. And what are -- what are the fees for, for services involved here?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Fees for services in terms of fees we collect from the public or how we spend the funds?

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, this particular resolution's \$123,000 and change. And about 12,000 and change goes to salaries and about 110,000 goes to fees and services. What services are you getting and how do you get those services?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

So, again, the bulk of it -- the bulk of it is going towards training; education and training programs, which our Department offers a wide range of training. I presented the same trainings that we're offering to our own -- the SWEP County employees, that range everything from workshop --

LEG. ROMAINE:

Do we pay private vendors to provide this training?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Yes, we do.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Well, obviously 110 of the 123,000 is going to go to private vendors to train people; is that correct?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

Private vendors that are qualified to train. It's varying degrees of specificity.

LEG. ROMAINE:

And how do we select those vendors?

COMMISSIONER CHU:

We have an RFP process.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Okay. We're not looking for any waivers on this RFP process, are you? I only ask because we've done a historic amount of waivers this year.

COMMISSIONER CHU:

No.

LEG. ROMAINE:

Thank you.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. We're good to go? So, I believe we did -- we did -- the vote was done on this one?

LEG. ROMAINE:

No, I don't think it was.

LEG. BROWNING:

No? Yes or No? I believe we did.

MR. NOLAN:

You called the vote.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. So, next is **IR 1522, Adopting Local Law No. -2012, a Local Law to Enhance Provisions for Enforcement of Certain Consumer Protection Laws (Presiding Officer)**

LEG. ROMAINE:

Motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Motion to table Legislator Romaine, second Legislator Cilmi. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

It is tabled. **(VOTE: 3-0-0-2. LEGISLATORS CALARCO AND SPENCER NOT PRESENT)**

With that we have no more business so we are adjourned.

D.P.O. HORSLEY:

Madam Chair? May I just for the record say that I thank all members of this Committee for acting so responsibly and caring and working with you when we have emergency situations. And I mean it. Thank you, guys. Appreciate it.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:21 PM
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