

**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 February 25, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Robert Calarco, Chairman
Leg. William J. Lindsay, III, Vice Chair
Leg. Jay Schneiderman, Deputy Presiding Officer
Leg. Thomas Cilmi
Leg. Kevin J. McCaffrey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Jason Richberg, Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Benny Pernice, Budget Review Office
Katie Horst, County Executive's Office
Frank Nardelli, Commissioner/Department of Labor
Charles Gardner, LI Chapter NECA
Anthony Cincotta, Appointee SC Plumbing Licensing Board
Jennifer Hann, Aide to Leg. Lindsay
Christina DeLisi, Aide to Leg. Schneiderman
Chris DeLuca, Aide to Leg. Cilmi
Rick Brand, Newsday

NMINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:05 AM

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Okay. Good morning and welcome to the Government Operations, Personnel, Housing and Consumer Protection Committee. Thank you all for coming this morning. We're going to get started. If you could all please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Schneiderman.

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CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Okay, thank you. We're going to get right started with our agenda. I have no correspondence. The public portion, I have no cards before me. Is there anybody who'd like to speak? Anybody like to speak? Seeing none, we're going to get right into the agenda. Our Tabled Resolutions, I have none. Introductory Resolutions.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

1053 (Adopting Local Law No -2015) A Local Law to clarify licensing requirements for the sellers of home furnishings. (Trotta) This one needs to be tabled for a public hearing. I'll make the motion; second by Legislator Schneiderman. All those in favor? Opposition? Opposed? 1053 is approved -- or tabled, excuse me. **TABLED for PUBLIC HEARING (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1076 - Appropriating funds in connection with the replacement of weights and measures inspection vehicles for the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs (CP 1813). (Co. Exec.) I'll make motion to approve.

LEG. LINDSAY:

Second.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Second by Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. CILMI:

On the motion.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

On the motion, Legislator Cilmi.

LEG. CILMI:

Is there anybody here from --

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Yeah, our new Commissioner's in the room.

LEG. CILMI:

Awesome. Commissioner, how are you?

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Good morning, Mr. Chairman, good morning, Committee Members.

LEG. CILMI:

Commissioner, through the Chair, could you just describe exactly what vehicles we're -- we're replacing here and why we need to.

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Sure. We're replacing a 2000 Ford Ranger with over 130,000 miles on it; another 2000 Ford Ranger

with about 126,000 miles on it; and a 2001 Ford Ranger with 147,000 miles on it. And they've been in the DPW shop for the last year more than they've been on the road and they've been hindering our inspections. And these vehicles carry a lot of the equipment that we need to do all of the calibrations at the gas stations and check the oil trucks and item pricing and those sorts of things.

LEG. CILMI:

Have you in your time in the Department, and now as Commissioner, have you thought about, heard about, any opportunities for remote inspections, if you will, you know, through technological capabilities?

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Well, we'll be able to streamline the process through the ACELA software program that we just began implementing.

LEG. CILMI:

Well, no, but that's not -- that's a different -- that's a whole different thing. I'm talking about, like, installing devices or something like that on pump -- gas station pumps, for example, that would allow us to inspect from, you know, remotely, rather than going out and visiting.

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

I have not, but that's something that we can definitely take a look at. I don't know if the technology is there for that. But it's something I can definitely look into.

LEG. CILMI:

Okay. Thanks.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Okay. Great. Thank you. Thank you, Frank.

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

I have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1076 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1077 - Accepting and appropriating additional Disability Employment Initiative (DEI) funds from the New York State Department of Labor for the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Program. (Co. Exec.)

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Motion by Legislator Schneiderman. I'll second the motion. On the issue? None. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1077 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1078.

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

Can I make a motion to place on the consent calendar?

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

At this point we'd have to change the -- we'd have to reconsider. We'll just move forward. Make the right motion next time, Jay.

(Laughter)

IR 1078 - Approving the reappointment of Linda Perlow as a member of the Suffolk County Home Improvement Contracting Board. (Co. Exec.) I'll make a motion to approve; second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Oppositions? **IR 1078 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1079 - Approving the appointment of Anthony Cincotta as a member of the Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board. (Co. Exec.) Mr. Cincotta is here with us today. If you could come forward please, and take your time, I know you're on crutches. If you like, you can have a seat right at the table here.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Good morning, everyone.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Good morning. How are you today? Great. Why don't you just take a moment, tell us about yourself and your background. I know we've all -- should have received your resume, but just tell us a little bit about yourself and your background and why you would like to serve on this board.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Okay. I'm a plumbing contractor. I opened my company approximately about 31 years ago. It's family-run. My wife works there, my sons work there. We do all different facets of work: Commercial work, residential work and been doing it successfully for the length of time that I just discussed. We employ about anywhere from 30 to 50, 60 people at any given time. And I'm looking to pass the company onto my kids. And that's it. I'm not used to speaking in public too often.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

That's all right, very good. Does anybody have any questions for Mr. Cincotta? Okay, great. So you have 30 -- 30-plus years experience in plumbing.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Yeah. Well, I worked for a plumber prior to that but that -- I've been on my own for 31 years. The company's been in business for 31 years.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Great. And I would assume that with the number of employees that you -- you have working for you now and in the past that you've -- you've had quite an experience of training and educating others in the trade.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

So you would know what to look for when people are coming in to get licensed.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Absolutely.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

All right.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Things I learned.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Very good. We all learn by our mistakes, at least those of us that take advantage of that. Some don't. *(Laughter)* Okay. We have a motion and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? IR 1079 is approved. Mr. Cincotta --

MR. RICHBERG:

We don't have a motion and a second.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Oh, we don't have a motion and a second. Oh, I thought I made the motion. Motion by Legislator Schneiderman. I'll second the motion. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1079 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)** Congratulations, Mr. Cincotta. You do not need to come on Tuesday. We should be able to move this forward on the issue.

MR. CINCOTTA:

Thank you very much everyone.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Thank you and thank you for your willingness to serve.

Okay, moving on. **1080 - Approving the reappointment of Richard M. Leo as a member of the Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board. (Co. Exec.)** Motion by Legislator Schneiderman; a second -- a second by Legislator Lindsay. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1080 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1081 - Approving the reappointment of Robert Ruggiero as a member of the Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1081 is approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1082 - Approving the reappointment of Salvatore Escaldi as a member of the Suffolk County Plumbing Licensing Board. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. Okay with everyone? All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **1082 approved. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1106 (Adopting Local Law No. -2015) A Local Law to amend Chapter 563-49, Article V of the Suffolk County Code Commonly known as "Dealers in Secondhand Articles". (Co. Exec.) Motion to table for a public hearing by Legislator Schneiderman; second by Legislator Lindsay.

LEG. CILMI:

Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Sure, go ahead.

LEG. CILMI:

Since we have Commissioner Nardelli here, might we just take an opportunity -- we have four County Executive resolutions that all deal, I believe, with Chapter 563 and we have one resolution that's sponsored by Legislator Trotta that, I believe, deals with the same chapter, which is tabled for public hearing. Maybe just we could get a quick summary of what all these do.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Sure.

LEG. CILMI:

I'd rather do it now. This way when we have the public hearing on Tuesday, we -- you know, we maybe have some background and be able to ask some, you know --

D.P.O. SCHNEIDERMAN:

They all have been tabled for public hearing anyway.

LEG. CILMI:

What's that?

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

They'll all be tabled.

LEG. CILMI:

Yes, they all -- they all do.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Frank, why don't you run through 1106 to 1108? I think those all deal specifically with pawnshop operations. Or if you got somebody else who's here who's knowledgeable to what these bills do. I know these are actually coming out of the Exec's Office from his Public Safety folks more than the Consumer Affairs. But if you happen to have anybody who can maybe speak to those three. Because I know those are all unique and different from 1118, which deals with home furnishings and another category. And that's what Legislator Trotta's bill does as well.

LEG. CILMI:

If -- I'm sorry, if you're not prepared that's fine, we can do it another time. It's not that big of --

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Yeah, honestly, we figured that it would be tabled today so we really weren't prepared to --

LEG. CILMI:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

-- elaborate on them. But we will be next committee cycle.

LEG. CILMI:

No sweat.

COMMISSIONER NARDELLI:

Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON CALARCO:

Very good. All righty. So we have a motion to table for 1106 and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1106 is Tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1107 (Adopting Local Law No. -2015) A Local Law to amend Chapter 563 of Article IV of the Suffolk County Code Commonly known as "Precious Metal and Gem Exchanges". (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1107 is Tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1108 (Adopting Local Law No. -2015) A Local Law to amend Chapter 563-52, Article V of the Suffolk County Code commonly known as "Dealers in Secondhand Articles". (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR 1108 is Tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

1118 (Adopting Local Law No. -2015) A Local Law amending Chapter 563 of the Suffolk County Code to modify the laws relating to home furnishings and dealers in secondhand articles. (Co. Exec.) Same motion, same second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **IR**

1118 is Tabled. (VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

I have no other items on the agenda this morning.

(SIDEBAR CONVERSATION)

Okay. I have no other items. If the Committee has nothing else they'd like to address this morning, we are adjourned. Thank you.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 10:16 AM
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