

LABOR, WORKFORCE & AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Verbatim Transcript

A regular meeting of the Labor, Workforce and Affordable Housing 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 September 10, 2009.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Lynne C. Nowick, Chairperson
Leg. Kate M. Browning, Vice Chair
Leg. Thomas F. Barraga
Leg. Jack Eddington
Leg. DuWayne Gregory

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Barbara LoMoriello, Chief Deputy Clerk
George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Joe Muncey, Budget Review Office
Ed Hennessey, Aide to County Executive
Greg Moran, Aide to Leg. Nowick
Maxvel Rose, Aide to Leg. Gregory
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Leader
Debra Alloncius, Legislative Rep for AME
All other interested parties

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[The meeting was called to order at 9:06 A.M.]

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Good morning, and welcome the Labor, Workforce and Affordable Housing Committee. I will start with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Eddington.

[Salutation]

We have no cards. All right. We have no cards, so we'll go right to the agenda.

MS. LOMORIELLO:

Lynne, your mike is not on. You have to hold it.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Oh, you have to hold it? That's okay. It will cut the meeting a little shorter maybe. Okay. We'll start with tabled resolutions.

[Tabled Resolutions]

IR 1364-2009, Amending Chapter 631, Article I of the Suffolk County Code. (Co. Exec)

Do I have a motion?

LEG. BARRAGA:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Barraga. I will second that. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. EDDINGTON:

Opposed.

LEG. GREGORY:

Opposed.

LEG. BROWNING:

Can we get an explanation?

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

This is -- well, George, do you want to explain that just so I don't do it?

MR. NOLAN:

Right. This would make exempt employees pay 10% toward their benefits package going forward.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed?

LEG. EDDINGTON:

Opposed.

LEG. GREGORY:

Opposed.

LEG. BROWNING:

Opposed.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. The motion fails.

MS. LOMORIELLO:

Who is the third person that opposed?

LEG. BROWNING:

[Raised hand]

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Can I make a motion -- I'll make a motion to table. Seconded by Legislator Barraga. All in favor?

Opposed? **1364 is tabled.**

[VOTE: 5-0-0-0]

IR 1568-2009, Adopting Local Law No. -2009, A Local Law to strengthen the County's land transfer program for affordable housing. (Cooper) Do I have a motion?

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll make a motion to table.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion to table by Legislator Browning. Second by Legislator Eddington. All in favor? Opposed?

1568 is tabled. [VOTE: 5-0-0-0]

[Introductory Resolutions]

IR 1758-2009, Amending the hourly rate for temporary positions in the Suffolk County Classification and Salary Plan. (Co. Exec.)

LEG. GREGORY:

Motion.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion by Legislator Gregory. Counsel, can you just give me a little bit more of the information on that?

MR. NOLAN:

The resolution states that this is to bring our salary and classification plan in conformance with the increase in the minimum wage from \$7.15 to \$7.25 an hour. That was effective July 24, 2009.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Okay. We have a motion by Legislator Gregory. Second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? **1758 is approved. [VOTE: 5-0-0-0].**

Is there anybody else that would like to address the Committee?

[No response]

If there is not, I'll take a motion to adjourn. Legislator Eddington, you look a little --

LEG. EDDINGTON:

Don't we have two more? 1650 and --

MS. LOMORIELLO:

No. It's not on my agenda.

LEG. EDDINGTON:

Oh.

CHAIRPERSON NOWICK:

Motion to adjourn by Legislator Gregory. Second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? This meeting is adjourned.

[The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 A.M.]