

LABOR, WORKFORCE AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE

OF THE

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

Minutes

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 February 25, 2010.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. John M. Kennedy, Jr., Chairman
Leg. Kate M. Browning, Vice Chair
Leg. Thomas Cilmi
Leg. DuWayne Gregory
Leg. Vivian Vilorio-Fisher

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Barbara LoMoriello, Deputy Clerk
Ben Zwirn, Deputy County Executive
Ed Hennessy, Aide to County Executive
Yves R. Michel, Commissioner of Economic Development and Workforce Housing
Jill Rosen-Nikoloff, Director of Affordable Housing
Ginny Suhr, Aide to Leg. Vilorio-Fisher
Maxvel Rose, Aide to Leg. DuWayne Gregory
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Linda Bay, Aide to Minority Leader
Dot Kerrigan, Legislative Rep for AME
Dennis Brown, Deputy County Attorney
All other interested parties

VERBATIM MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:14 PM

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Can I have all members of the Labor, Workforce, Housing Committee to the horseshoe, please, so that we can convene the Committee. Thank you.

Could we have all members at the horseshoe, please, for Labor, Workforce, Housing. Let's begin the Committee meeting now if we can. And we will start with the Pledge of Allegiance.

SALUTATION

Okay. Good afternoon everybody and welcome to the Labor and Workforce, Housing.

We were scheduled for a presentation today from our new Commissioner. Due to some scheduling issues at my request he's very graciously agreed to come back to us for the next cycle.

We do not have any cards before us today.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

So I am going to turn directly to the agenda. We have nothing under tabled resolutions. And I'll go directly to introductory resolutions.

First one, **IR 1062, establishing a policy barring the release of home address information of law enforcement personnel.** (Lindsay) I should state that the Sheriff's Office due to some scheduling conflicts was not able to go ahead and appear and speak on this resolution. Nevertheless, Chief Sharkey said that Sheriff DeMarco fully supports this and is seeking the resolution.

D.P.O. VILORIA-FISHER:

Motion to approve.

LEG. CILMI:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay, Legislator Viloría-Fisher, certainly. You're going to make a motion to approve?

LEG. CILMI:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay, motion by Legislator Viloría-Fisher, seconded by Legislator Cilmi. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay, the resolution stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

LEG. CILMI:

Would the Clerk put me down as a cosponsor, please.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Yes. As a matter of fact, why don't you put me on as well, Barb?

IR 1074, authorizing the sale of County-owned real property pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law to the Town of Brookhaven for Affordable Housing Purposes. (Co. Exec.) Do we have any questions on the resolution? No? Okay, I'll make a motion to approve.

D.P.O. VILORIA-FISHER:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Seconded by Legislator Viloría-Fisher. Legislator Browning is here with us. And I believe that she was an affirmative vote on the prior resolution 1062. What do you mean I can't do that? She was almost in the room.

LAUGHTER

Okay, we're on 1074 now. That's the sale of county-owned real property pursuant to 72-H for affordable housing purposes.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay. Jill's not here?

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

She was here but they're going to put off their presentation until next cycle so that we can continue with --

LEG. BROWNING:

Yes, make a motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. CILMI:

Vivian already did.

D.P.O. VILORIA-FISHER:

I did.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. That's right, yes, we do have a motion to approve and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay the resolution's approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

All right. Any other business before this --

LEG. BROWNING:

Home rule.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. We have a **home rule message HR 03, requesting the State of New York to grant retroactive Tier I Membership in the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System to Maria Williams (Assembly Bill A.7292, Senate Bill S.3661). (Losquadro)** What do we know about this?

MR. NOLAN:

All I can tell you is that according to the state legislation, it's going to be a one time charge to the County of \$54,000. And thereafter an annual additional payment of \$520 to allow this person to move into tier one.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Do we know what the basis for the movement back was?

LEG. CILMI:

Apparently there was some sort of administrative mistake. I don't think it was any fault of hers.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay.

LEG. CILMI:

But that's something that legislative counsel can speak more about.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. It does happen. As a matter of fact it's not uncommon particularly when it was older members. All right. I'll make a motion to approve.

D.P.O. VILORIA-FISHER:

It was 1973, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay. Yeah, and as a matter of fact it was not uncommon at that time for the retirement system to miss enrollment for folks.

D.P.O. VILORIA-FISHER:

Make a motion, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Okay, motion by Legislator Viloría-Fisher. I'll second it. All those in favor? Opposed? Okay, resolution stands approved. **(VOTE: 5-0)**

There being no other business before the Committee, I'll make a motion to adjourn.

LEG. CILMI:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KENNEDY:

Seconded. All in favor? Opposed? Okay, we stand adjourned.

**THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:23 PM
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