

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Of the

Suffolk County Legislature

Minutes

A regular meeting of the Public Safety 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 June 7, 2007.

Members Present:

Legislator Jack Eddington - Chairman
Legislator Kate Browning - Vice-Chair
Legislator Wayne Horsley
Legislator Elie Mystal
Legislator Joseph Caracappa
Legislator Daniel Losquadro
Legislator Lynne Nowick

Also In Attendance:

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
Robert Calarco - Aide to Legislator Eddington
Bobby Knight - Aide to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Dan Truchan - Intern to Presiding Officer Lindsay
Susan Eckert - Aide to Legislator Nowick
Lori Murphy - Aide to Legislator Losquadro
Linda Bay - Aide to Minority Leader
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Leader
Jim Maggio - Budget Review Office
Ben Zwirn - Assistant County Executive
Brendan Chamberlain - County Executive Assistant
Robert Kearon - Division Bureau Chief/District Attorney's Office
Robert Moore - Chief of Department/Suffolk County Police Department
Aristedes Mojica - Inspector/Chief of Dept's Office/SCPD
Robert Scharf - Lieutenant/Police Headquarters/SCPD
Joe Williams - Commissioner/Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services
Bob Sheron - Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services
Hope Collazo - Director/Community Service Program-American Red Cross
Debbie Eppel - Public Information Office
Mike Sharkey - President/Deputy Sheriff's Police Benevolent Association
Bill Mulligan - President/Superior Officer's Association
Jerry Gilmore - Vice-President/Superior Officer's Association
Catherine Hoake - Suffolk County League of Women Voters
Deborah Alloncius - Legislative Director/AME
Patrick Aube - Southampton Town PBA
Robert Marmo - Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
All Other Interested Parties

Minutes Taken By:

Alison Mahoney - Court Stenographer

(*The meeting was called to order at 9:40 AM*)

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

All right, we're going to be starting the Public Safety Committee and we'll have Legislator Nowick do the Pledge of Allegiance.

Salutation

And if we could remain standing for a second and keep in our minds the two young men from Oakdale and Bellport that gave their lives in the service of our country.

Moment of silence observed

Thank you. Did we get any cards? Okay.

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Let's get right to it.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yeah, we'll try to make up for last week. Okay then, we'll go right to the agenda.

Tabled Resolutions

We have ***IR 1143-07 - A Local Law to protect children by prohibiting smoking in passenger vehicles within Suffolk County where children are passengers (Viloria-Fisher)***. Do I have a motion? Well, I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Legislator Browning will second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Mystal)***.

IR 1163-07 - To enhance the requirement for consideration as a Suffolk County Depository Bank.

LEG. NOWICK:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to table by Legislator Nowick, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Tabled (VOTE: 6-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Mystal)***.

IR 1353-07 - A Local Law increasing towing and storage reimbursement to Towns and Villages under County Seizure Laws (Schneiderman). Motion?

LEG. BROWNING:

Can we get a definition?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah, just like a quick explanation. I'm pretty sure I know what it does, but --

MR. NOLAN:

Right now, if a town or a village seizes a vehicle and tows it and stores it, it's ultimately forfeited under the County's Forfeiture Laws. The town and villages can only be reimbursed for \$200 of their cost, this would up it to \$300 that they could make an application for.

*(*Legislator Mystal entered the meeting at 9:43 AM*)*

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion to approve by Legislator Losquadro, second by Legislator Nowick. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

IR 1409-07 - A Local Law establishing crime prevention requirements for scrap metal processors (County Executive). I'm going to make a motion to table for a public hearing.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

Introductory Resolutions

IR 1446-07 - Requesting Legislative approval of a contract award for Marketing Outreach Services for the Department of Fire, Rescue & Emergency Services (County Executive).

I'm going to ask the Commissioner and Bob Sheron to come forward and just give us a quick explanation.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:

Good morning. I am going to turn it over to Bob who has been working on this project the last seven, eight months.

MR. SHERON:

Good morning. This contract is for Marketing Outreach Services for a Disaster Mitigation Plan that Suffolk County is preparing under a grant from FEMA. The contract was originally bid in November, there were no bidders. The scope of the contract was reduced, the contract was rebid and we got one bidder for the contract; the scope of the contract basically is copying efforts and advertising.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay. Are there any questions? Okay, thank you very much.

COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Then IR 1448 --

MS. ORTIZ:

We didn't vote.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Oh, 46; do I have a motion?

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll make a motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Browning to approve, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

IR 1461-07 - Accepting and appropriating 100% Federal grant funds awarded through the New York State Division of criminal Justice Services Bureau funding the Suffolk County Department of Probation (County Executive).

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Okay, motion to approve and put on the consent calendar by Legislator Losquadro.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

IR 1482-07 - A Local Law prohibiting sex offenders from residing in close proximity to libraries (Romaine).

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Public hearing.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

I'll make a motion to table this for a public hearing. Do I have a second?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

I'll second.

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Second by Legislator Losquadro. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

IR 1503-07 - A Local Law to prohibit text messaging while driving (Schneiderman). This needs to be -- I'll make a motion to table for a public hearing.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).**

Home Rule Messages

Home Rule Message No. 11-2007 - Home Rule Message requiring the New York State Legislature to amend the Vehicle and Traffic Law and Public Officer's Law in relation to adjudications and owner-liability for a violation of traffic control signal indications and providing for the repeal of such provisions upon expiration thereof (Presiding Officer Lindsay).

LEG. NOWICK:

What does that mean?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Red Light bill?

LEG. LOSQUADRO:

Yeah, this is why we have Legal Counsel.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Yes.

LEG. NOWICK:

Could you sum that up like in two lines so we can understand it?

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

George?

MR. NOLAN:

Yes, this is the Red Light Bill, but I've got to tell, that title is --

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

You should have said it.

MR. NOLAN:

But it is basically to give us the authority to do the cameras on the red lights on a --

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

High traffic area, accident areas?

MR. NOLAN:

Kind of like a test basis to do it that way, yeah.

LEG. NOWICK:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Motion by Legislator Nowick to approve, I'll second that. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?
Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).

Memorializing Resolutions

Memorializing Resolution No. 32-2007 - Memorializing Resolution in support of doubling maximum allowable income limitations for volunteer firefighters eligible to obtain a SONYMA Mortgage (Romaine). I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

I'll second.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Second by Legislator Browning. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? ***Approved (VOTE: 7-0-0-0).***

Seeing no other business, I will adjourn the meeting.

LEG. NOWICK:

This is like the best meeting I ever went to.

CHAIRMAN EDDINGTON:

Huh, is that a record or what?

LEG. CARACAPPA:

Good job.

*(*The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 AM*)*

*Jack Eddington, Chairman
Public Safety Committee*