

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
OF THE
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE
VERBATIM MINUTES

A regular meeting of the Public Works & Transportation 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 April 15, 2011.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Leg. Jay Schneiderman, Chairman
Leg. Steven H. Stern, Vice Chair
Leg. Thomas F. Barraga,
Leg. Wayne R. Horsley (excused absence)
Leg. Thomas Muratore

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George Nolan, Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson, Assistant Counsel
James Peterman, Chief Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Works
Robert Doering, Budget Review Office
Craig Freas, Budget Review Office
Rosalind Gazes, Budget Review Office
Eric Kopp, County Executive's Office
Tom Vaughn, Intergovernmental Relations - County Executive's Office
Gail Lolis, Deputy County Attorney
Renee Ortiz, Chief Deputy Clerk
Christina DeLisi, Aide to Leg. Schneiderman
Paul Perillie, Aide to Majority Leader
Deborah Harris, Aide to Leg. Stern
Kevin LaValle, Aide to Leg. Muratore
Ali Nazir, Aide to Leg. Kennedy
Dot Kerrigan, AME
And all other interested parties

VERBATIM MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher, Court Stenographer

VERBATIM MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Denise Weaver, Legislative Aide

[THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 1:14 PM]

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Good afternoon. I'd like to call this meeting of the Public Works and Transportation Committee to order this 15th day of April 2011. If you all will rise and join us for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Muratore.

SALUTATION

Please be seated. Please note for the record that Legislator Horsley has an excused absence from today's meeting. Commissioner Anderson also is not here today but, Jim Peterman, Chief Deputy Commissioner is here. I have no presentations scheduled. Before we begin with the agenda, Jim, is there anything you want to make us aware of?

MR. PETERMAN:

No, Jay.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay. Anybody have any questions of things that aren't on the agenda public works related for Mr. Peterman? Okay. Maybe I'll ask you one question, do you know, was a consultant picked yet for the Flanders study, the sewer study?

MR. PETERMAN:

I think they were meeting today to actually pick a consultant.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Okay.

MR. PETERMAN:

When we do have one, I can let you know.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

I would appreciate that. All right. Starting with tabled resolutions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

All right, starting with tabled resolutions, **2205 - Authorizing the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Heritage-Riverhead Retail Developers, LLC and accepting a payment of money in lieu of performance of certain mitigation measurers, constructed under Capital Project 5529, Old Country Road, Riverhead, and placing this payment into a debt reserve account to pay down the debt service on Capital Project 5529. (Co. Exec. Levy)** This was the Lowes? Is that what this one was or was -- or WalMart, Costco? Which one is this?

MR. PETERMAN:

I'm not really -- I'm not sure which one it was, Jay, because there was a bunch up there, but we do have the --

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

This is the one that Ed had a -- Legislator Romaine had a similar bill that he wanted to use the money directly --

MR. PETERMAN:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

-- to the capital project. And this uses the money to pay down debt service. I think Legislator

Romaine has withdrawn his bill, so, all right, so in that case do we have a motion to --

LEG. STERN:

Motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to approve by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator Barraga. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley)**

2241 - Directing the Department of Public Works to hold a public hearing on establishing a transfer fare from Long Island Railroad trains to County buses. (Romaine) I'll make a motion to continue to table this. You know, it's obviously something we're going to be looking at down the road. But I think in light of all the other changes I think it should be tabled. Is there a second to tabling 2241?

LEG. STERN:

Sure, second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley)**

2270 - Directing the Department of Public Works to study improvements to deter wrong way driving. (Cilmi) Any motion?

LEG. MURATORE:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to table by Legislator Muratore, second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley)**

IR 1165 - Increasing the bus fare and implementing limited Sunday Bus Service. (Schneiderman) This is the, what I've termed the *critical artery plan*. I'm still waiting for numbers to be crunched. It basically provides Sunday service on nine, what you might think of as arteries or critical thoroughfares within the County that are all interconnected. Until DPW has analyzed to see if that 50 cent fare will cover those, we can't actively -- we can't really vote on it till we have all the information. So I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. STERN:

Second.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Second by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **(VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley)**

And the last of the tabled resolutions **1224 - Approving rates for Roncalli Freight Company Inc. (Pres. Off.)** This has to be tabled for public hearing.

MR. NOLAN:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Motion to table by Legislator Stern, second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley).**

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTION

All right. We have but one introductory resolution. **IR 1300 - Amending the 2011 Capital Budget and program and appropriating funds in connection with renovation to the Old 4th Precinct for general office space or other County use (CP 1641). (Co. Exec. Levy) Jim?**

MR. PETERMAN:

I would ask for this to be tabled at this time. When I submitted the reso previously I was under the impression that the job would be ready to go out at the end of the year. I'll be submitting an additional resolution this afternoon, just asking for the design money and not the construction money.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Do we know the end use of that building? Is there a particular department that's moving into it?

MR. PETERMAN:

Yeah, District Attorney.

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

Oh, the DA will take that building as well as the other building, the one that -- right next to it.

MR. PETERMAN:

That's correct, as far as I know.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Is he expanding?

CHAIRMAN SCHNEIDERMAN:

We're keeping him busy apparently. All right. Motion to table and a second. Well, actually I'm not sure. There's a motion to table by Legislator Stern, second by myself. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **Tabled. (VOTE: 4-0-0-1 Not Present: Legislator Horsley)**

That concludes our agenda. If there's no further business we are adjourned. Fast one.

MR. PETERMAN:

Thank you.

[THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 1:20 PM]