

PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION & ENERGY COMMITTEE

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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

A meeting of the Public Works, Transportation and Energy 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 November 9, 2015.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Al Krupski - Chairperson
Legislator Thomas Muratore - Vice Chair
Legislator Thomas F. Barraga
Legislator Kate M. Browning
Legislator Steven H. Stern

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

George M. Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Sarah Simpson - Assistant Counsel to the Legislature
Jason Richberg - Clerk/Suffolk County Legislature
Gil Anderson - Commissioner/Department of Public Works
Robert Doering - Budget Review Office
Joe Schroeder - Budget Review Office
Katie Horst - County Executive's Office
Robert Braun - County Attorney's Office
Michael Pitcher - Aide to Presiding Officer Gregory
Catherine Stark - Aide to Legislator Krupski
Robert Martinez - Aide to Legislator Muratore
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
William Shilling - Aide to Legislator Calarco
John Cooney - American Legion/Northport
Dawn Cookler - SILO
Theresa McManus
Clara McManus
And All Other Interested Parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Diana Flesher - Court Stenographer

MINUTES TRANSCRIBED BY:

Kim Castiglione - Legislative Secretary

(*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 2:07 PM*)

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Welcome to the regular meeting of Public Works, Transportation and Energy. All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Browning.

SALUTATION

PUBLIC PORTION

We'll begin with the Public Portion. I've got a couple of cards. Dawn Cookler and after Dawn, Theresa McManus.

MS. COOKLER:

I am Dawn Cookler. I'm representing SILO today, Suffolk Independent Living Organization, they're in Holtsville, and I'm also representing the Special Needs Task Force for the Town of Brookhaven. I take the bus every day, numerous times. Today I have five bus trips. Most of the time I get places on time, except I would like to have extended bus hours, which I'm sure you've heard before. But I personally would like the bus to run until 10:00 because I work now and my shift goes until 9:00, and I have to leave an hour early so I can get on the bus so I get a ride home. I have to leave and everybody else at my job stays until nine. There's a shift that goes until nine, and there's another shift that goes until ten, so I would really like extended bus hours.

And also, I would like to be able to go to a concert. It sounds funny, but my favorite band is playing in Huntington this Thursday night, and I cannot go because the concert starts at 8:00. So I can't go to any concerts. I can't do any kind of social activities because the bus -- the buses only run until 8:30.

The other thing I wanted to say really quick is they have this new, fancy ADL system which is very nice, except it doesn't really work that good. It says that you've reached your destination as soon as you enter my apartment complex, so the bus waits in the wrong spot for me all the time. And there's a rule that the bus is only allowed to wait for you for ten minutes, and if you don't show up, then the bus leaves. But if the bus is in the wrong spot, then the bus will leave and will not pick me up. Thank God I know the bus goes to the wrong spot so I always ride around my entire complex to get to where the bus is, which is not so -- not a good thing to do in the middle of winter. It's really hard to drive around the whole complex to find the bus, but that's what I have to do almost every day because the ADL system is not correct.

That's pretty much all I have to say. You've all heard me before. And I just wanted to say thank you for approving the budget for the three-quarter mile extension, because a lot more people will be eligible for the bus because of that rule. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Have you registered a formal complaint with DPW about the ADL system?

MS. COOKLER:

Not yet.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. I think that's been -- I think you can consider that registered. (Referring to Gil Anderson). Thank you, though.

MS. COOKLER:

Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Theresa McManus.

MS. THERESA McMANUS:

Hello. I'm Theresa McManus. I have been using this company for 13 years and I've been late to work. I -- almost \$11 dollars a day. Mommy, I get nervous to admitting that.

MS. CLARA McMANUS:

Excuse me. I'm her mom. What she's trying to say is she's been taking the SCAT bus for 14 years and she's been on subscription, which is you're picked up at a certain time and you're delivered to the same place, you are picked up every day at the same time and brought home, so it's always the same. But they're late, and now her -- where her job is, they're cracking down on tardiness and she's been docked. Last week she got docked 25 minutes because the bus took someone to Hauppauge or I think it was to SILO. She works in Middle Island, we live in Mastic. They passed Middle Island to go to the SILO building and it made her late 25 minutes for work.

Now, it's very difficult for someone in her situation to get a job that's accommodating to her needs. Being in a wheelchair, you just can't work anywhere. And she's been with Just Kids for 15 years and she loves her job, but if she's going to be tardy all the time she's in jeopardy of being let go because she's not there. And it all stems to the SCAT system.

The other problem she has is when she calls up SCAT, she's been in a wheelchair her whole life and they're telling her *Well, can't you walk on the bus?* I mean, come on, are you blind? She's in a wheelchair. She's been in a wheelchair; it's not something new. There's a lot of things that need to be straightened out. And to be honest with you, since the company has changed hands and the price has gone up, the service has gotten worse. And as a mother of a child who's always worried while I'm at work to make sure she's on her way to work, because otherwise she misses the day. She don't work, she doesn't show up for work, she doesn't get paid. She wants to be an active member of society, contribute to the County, to the State, to the Federal Government, but at this rate she's going to have to sit home and watch the four walls because she can't keep being late for work.

MS. THERESA McMANUS:

And so they tell us they're going to call us if they're running late and they don't call the clients. They say they're calling the clients and they do not.

MS. CLARA McMANUS:

Another thing is she has a specific pick up from work between -- at 12:30. They show up at 11:30. She's still on the clock. So now they leave, and when the other bus comes to pick her up it's almost 1:00. Several times -- one time she was taken all the way to Riverhead to pick someone up. She didn't get home until 2:30 that afternoon. For a 12:30 pick up, two hours on the bus? It's supposed to be an hour and fifteen minutes maximum. She was two hours on the bus. And when she said she had to use the facilities, *Oh, well, you'll have to pay another fee to get on the bus if we have to stop.* Come on. Give me a break.

These are some of the problems that have been going on and we feel that you need to be made aware of it because it is getting out of hand. And the price keeps going up. We're paying -- she's paying \$40 a week to go to and from work. When you're on a fixed income and you're only getting paid \$10 an hour, where's your money going? That's all we have to say.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you, ma'am. Can I have your name for the record?

MS. CLARA McMANUS:

Clara McManus.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. All right. Is there anyone else who would like to address the committee that didn't submit a yellow card? All right. We'll get into the Tabled Resolutions.

TABLED RESOLUTIONS

IR 1434 - Authorizing the Energy Utility Legislative Oversight Committee to intervene in the Public Service Commission proceedings relating to PSEG-Long Island's proposed rate increase (Cilmi). I'll make a motion to table.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1516 - Approving Ferry License for Beachcomber Freight Service, LLC d/b/a Coastline Freight (Pres. Off.). Is this -- are we -- I'll make a motion to table again for public hearing.

Second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1517 - Approving Ferry Freight rates for Beachcomber Freight Service, LLC. (Pres. Off.).

Same motion, same second, for a tabling. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1657 - Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Local Law to clarify affordable housing requirements at developments connecting to a County sewer district (Calarco). It has to be tabled for a public hearing. Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1666 - Appropriating funds in connection with the Renovations to Public Works Building, Yaphank (CP 5194)(Co. Exec.). This was tabled before. Commissioner, before we make a motion on this, could you give us some input?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes, thank you. I had actually requested the tabling resolution last time because I needed more information on what the resolution was for. What we are requesting right now is \$150,000 for construction of stair rehabilitation within the Department of Public Works Building. We're looking to replace the treads on the actual stairs themselves and also install photoluminescent markings on the treads. The halls are enclosed, there's no windows, and if the lights go out and the emergency lights aren't working they're very difficult to see, so we're going to try these photoluminescent markings as a test. If they work and they are effective we'll use them throughout the County on other buildings. And then we also are looking to replace a skylight on the upstairs conference room. Either we're going to -- we're not sure if we're going to take it down or replace it in either case. And then there are some other minor, you know, things we're looking to have done at the building.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All in that one building.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Anyone on the committee have any questions? I'll make a motion to approve then.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

The last tabled resolution, ***IR 1745 - Adopting Local Law No. -2015, A Local Law to establish a Sustainable Energy Loan Program (Schneiderman)***. The public hearing was closed. What is everyone's pleasure on this?

LEG. BROWNING:

Can we get George to weigh in? This is the one about solar energy on homes, right?

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Yes, a loan program, right.

MR. NOLAN:

It's more geared towards commercial business than the residential. And, you know, basically we're using -- EIC is going to administer the loan program on behalf of the County. If you wanted more detail, I know that Joe Schroeder is here and he's quite conversant with this bill.

MR. SCHROEDER:

Good afternoon. So as proposed, the loan program would be available only for commercial properties in Suffolk County, not residential properties. It would include solar installations and energy efficiency upgrades. The program would be funded through the private sector with monies made available through the energy -- the EIC and that would be assessed on property taxes of buildings where the projects were implemented.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Everyone good? Okay. I'll make a motion to approve that. Second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**. Thank you, Joe.

INTRODUCTORY RESOLUTIONS

All right. Resolution ***1771 - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements to CR 41, Springs/Fireplace Road (CP 5582)(Co. Exec.)***. I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BROWNING:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Browning. On the motion, Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Thank you. This resolution requests appropriating \$750,000 for engineering and design for CR 41, which is Springs/Fireplace Road in East Hampton. The project would extend from County Road 40, which is Three Mile Harbor Road, to Hog Creek Road. Work will include pavement rehabilitation, drainage improvements, curb and sidewalk to meet ADA requirements.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Currently is there a sidewalk there now?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I don't believe there is, but under ADA in certain areas if it's required, then we have to put it in.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Is it -- does it connect to anything?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Well, you'll see there's another project a couple of resolutions beyond which actually connects to this. It's another road. It does, I believe, go from -- one of these goes from the actual village up to the north. I think the other one does in a different direction.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

That's a long way, isn't it, from the Village to Springs?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, but it's Springs/Fireplace Road. I'm pretty sure if CR 41 and CR, whatever the other one is, do go out of the Village at the north end and then extend to the north. So Springs is a far ways up there, but.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. That will connect them both to the sidewalk.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I believe so. It's mostly the road and the drainage that we're looking to improve. The sidewalk is ancillary.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. All right. Anyone have a question? I'll make a motion to approve.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by -- what's that?

MR. RICHBERG:

We already have a motion and a second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Oh, thank you. All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1772 - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements to CR 1, County Line Road (CP 5581)(Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Thank you. This resolution requests appropriating \$300,000 for engineering services to design improvements to County Road 1, which is County Line Road. The work would extend from New York 27, Montauk Highway -- I'm sorry, Sunrise Highway to New York 27A, which is Montauk Highway. The improvements will include a pavement reconstruction, drainage improvements, curb and sidewalk to conformed ADA, and traffic signal upgrades, new pavement markings and traffic signage.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

What's the length of that and what's the cost, rough cost of that?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I don't know the length offhand, but I can get that for you, but right now using 10% for design fees we would estimate the actual construction would be \$3 million.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1773 - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements to CR 40, Three Mile Harbor Road (CP 5542)(Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second. I think you gave us the explanation on this before?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes, this is just a different amount.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1774 - Appropriating funds in connection with Improvements to CR 35, Park Avenue, Town of Huntington (CP 5519)(Co. Exec.).

LEG. STERN:

Motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Motion by Legislator Stern.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Barraga. On the motion.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This resolution requests appropriating \$150,000 for engineering in connection with improvements to CR 35, Park Avenue. CR 35, the corridor is very narrow and steep. Additional surveying and more planning is required to properly grade the sidewalk in conformance with Americans With Disability Act and not to disturb adjacent properties. We are asking for the funding, the 150,000, which will supplement funding we already had through another capital project. These funds -- this \$150,000 will be enough to get us to complete the design.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. All right. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1775 - Authorizing execution of an agreement by the Administrative Head of SCSD No. 3 - Southwest with the Town of Babylon (Wyandanch Plaza Park 1477.1-011)(Co. Exec.).
Same motion, same second?

LEG. STERN:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

On the motion, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is a straightforward agreement for, sorry, Wyandanch Plaza Park within Wyandanch Rising Project. It will allow 1,750 gallons per day of wastewater to be sent down to Bergen and treated. There is no connection fee for this project. It was waived under Local Law 11-2010.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Oh, and that's with the town itself.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1776 - Amending the 2015 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating planning funds in connection with Construction of the Riverside Traffic Circle (CP 5557)(Co. Exec.).
I'll make that motion. Is there a second? Second, Legislator Browning?

LEG. BROWNING:

Sure.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Commissioner, is this going to be -- what's the timeline on this?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This will -- this \$150,000 that we're requesting will allow us to complete the engineering of the Riverside roundabout as it's known. We're looking to bring a five intersection circle down to four to make it more effective. To date, we've spent about over \$600,000 in engineering because there have been 26 possible alternates that we've looked at and this funding will allow us to complete this project.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Does it include increasing the elevation? It's quite the low circle there. I know it's been flooded during, you know, backed up during Nor'easters.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, I'm sure the drainage will be part of this improvement as well.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1779 - A Resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 11 Selden (CP 8117)(Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Muratore. Second by Legislator Barraga. Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This accepts certain findings and determinations that were -- that occurred during a public hearing. This project involves and is requesting \$1.25 million to replace and rehabilitate sewers within Sewer District Number 11 in Selden. There's 20 miles of sewers and 23 pump stations. The system is about 30 years old, and some of the pipe in there is asbestos cement pipe. We've experienced problems over the past few years leading to emergency response and overtime costs, so these improvements will obviously eliminate those or reduce them greatly.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So you are looking at total replacement of the lines?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Not all, specific areas. The ACP pipe we'll definitely have to get rid of but, yeah, a good portion of it is going to wind up being replaced.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Are you banding that in place or do you remove it?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Remove it, yeah.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. Thank you. All right. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1828 - Authorizing execution of agreement by the Administrative Head of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 14 Parkland and Wenner Plaza (IS-1642)(Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second. What is this agreement?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is an agreement between Wenner Plaza, which is outside of the boundary of Suffolk County Sewer District No. 14, known as Parkland. It's giving them permission to discharge 27,000 gallons per day to the district, to the plant. There is a connection fee based on 30 gallons per day, which will be 810 -- \$100,000.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Thank you. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1832 - Authorizing the purchase of additional software licenses and maintenance services for the Suffolk County Transit Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) System, amending the 2015 Capital Budget and Program and 2015 Operating Budget and accepting and appropriating Federal Aid and State Aid and County funds (CP 5648)(Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Barraga.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This accepts or allows us to -- okay, let me try it again. This is requesting authorization to purchase automated vehicle locator licenses for software and then maintenance services for 37 paratransit buses that were not part of our original system when the original agreement with INIT, the current vendor that we're working with to install the AVL's, was signed. It's Federally funded. Eighty percent of the costs are being paid by the Federal Government. That's \$95,938. New York State pays for 10%, which is \$11,992, as does Suffolk County, which our 10% share is \$11,992.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So will then all of our buses be covered under this service?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Correct, once we have it fully operational.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Timeline on that?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Middle of next year.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Okay. Thank you. And how is that -- well, I'll ask you when we get to 1851. All right. Thank you. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1836 - Amending the 2015 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with Construction of Sidewalks on Various County Roads (CP 5497) (Co. Exec.).
Same motion, same second. Does anyone have any questions about which sidewalks?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Do you want to know which ones they were doing?

LEG. BROWNING:

Sure, if you have that list.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yup, absolutely. These funds, this \$200,000 will allow us to complete, we already had some funds but needed some additional funds, to complete three locations; County Road 80, Montauk Highway from Louis Avenue to Old Neck Road in Brookhaven; County Road 71, Mill Road, from Montauk Highway to Oneck Lane in Southampton; and then County Road 11, Pulaski Road, from Stony Hollow Road to Woods Lane in Smithtown.

LEG. BROWNING:

Good. So that's the ones in my district that we've been trying to get done for quite some time. On the Center Moriches on the south side of Montauk Highway, correct?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I'm sorry, could you repeat that?

LEG. BROWNING:

That's Montauk Highway at Center Moriches? You said Louis to?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It was Louis Avenue to Old Neck Road in Brookhaven was the information I have.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah, okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

We've got a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1837 - Amending the 2015 Capital Budget and Program and appropriating funds in connection with the Reconstruction of CR 97, Nicolls Road (CP 5512) (Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Barraga. We have a question for you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Sure.

LEG. MURATORE:

Commissioner, with this program that's going forward, any sound study being done over there, because I'm getting a lot of complaints about noise in that area.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This area -- this -- we're on 1837, right, just to make sure.

LEG. MURATORE:

Correct.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yeah, okay. Thank you. This is for -- the location is where 25A hits 97 all the way at the north end, so what's happening here, and as far as I know there's been no request for any type of sound attenuation in this area. New York State, we had come up -- we developed a plan with New York State to make an improvement to the slip ramp from eastbound to southbound, to improve that intersection. New York State DOT is requiring additional design on that slip ramp or of the intersection itself, so that's why we're requesting that 50,000. But the direct response to your question is no, we haven't received anything for this area.

LEG. MURATORE:

Okay. Thanks.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. We have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved.
(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)

IR 1838 - Authorizing the conveyance of County-owned surplus unused right-of-way having a Suffolk County Tax Map Identification Number of District 0100 Section 128.00 Block 02.00 Lot 036.000 pursuant to Section 125 of the New York State Highway Law (Co. Exec.). I'll make a motion; second by Legislator Muratore. Gil, where is this and why are we conveying it?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This is in the -- at the intersection of Straight Path and I can't read it, I apologize, Tenify Avenue. It's a small trapezoidal portion where the two intersections meet. It's surplus land that we don't use. The neighbor who lives next door has requested it and we've approved it. We had it appraised. It was appraised for \$18,500 and an agreed price was settled and we're looking to transfer it.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Would this be automatically merged with their lot?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

That I don't know. I don't know. I would assume so because you can't usually -- normally you don't have two lots with the same owner anymore. It becomes problematic in planning.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Well, I don't know. What town is that in?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It would be in Babylon.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I have a copy of the plan if you'd like to see it. It's pretty small. I mean, the parcel is 44 feet by roughly 70 feet.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1851 - Amending the 2015 Capital Budget and Program, authorizing the purchase of additional equipment for the Suffolk County Transit Automated Vehicle Locator (AVL) System and accepting and appropriating Federal Aid and State Aid and County funds (CP 5648)(Co. Exec.). Motion by Legislator Browning; second by Legislator Muratore.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

This legislation requests authorization to fund the purchase of the additional 37 automated vehicle locator systems for the 37 paratransit buses that were not part of our original system when the contract was entered into with INIT. The funds will also allow us to purchase and install equipment on all Suffolk County transit buses with automated passenger counters. All this is Federally funded as in the last, you know, previous legislation; \$798,986 is Federally funded; \$99,871 is the 10% New York State share; as is Suffolk County's share \$99,871.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

So how is that system working so far and how is it being managed?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

The AVL is only been put into a few of our buses right now. We are doing some trial runs, so we are working out the bugs. Once we have those to a point where we're comfortable, like I said, we're going to install them in all our fleet.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Thank you. Legislator Stern.

LEG. STERN:

Yeah, just a question on the system. I mean, I can get an idea from what it does by the name of it, but what does it do?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

It essentially allows -- it's realtime tracking of all vehicles, whether they're a SCAT or transit vehicles. It allow us, at the end of the day, really to monitor whether a bus is running slow, is it running fast, start to get an idea of what the timing will be on each bus. It also will allow us to -- eventually we will be able to know the number of passengers that are being picked up at each stop as we get into our, you know, full installation not only of the AVL, but also of the equipment that, you know, when people come on the buses they get the tickets themselves.

LEG. STERN:

How long do you expect the trial portion is going to continue?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

We had hoped to have the AVL in all our buses this year. We just -- we're a little bit behind, so the AVL, our hope is right now to shoot for the middle of next year to have it in all our buses and then the fare boxes will follow shortly thereafter.

LEG. STERN:

Thanks.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Legislator Browning.

LEG. BROWNING:

I think you heard Theresa and her comments and you know we've called quite a few times for Theresa about the situation she has trying to get to work, and the recent incident she talked about where she's getting picked up at home and they're passing by Middle Island where she works, Just Kids, which is what, maybe a 10, 15 minute drive away, to go to Hauppauge. So they're passing where she works to go to Hauppauge before they bring her back to work. Is this AVL system going to start showing that we need to better the runs and -- because she is a subscribed passenger. She goes to work every day. And again, she's in jeopardy of losing her job if she is continually late. And again, I know that, you know, she's called me at times where, you know, the building is closing, all the kids have gone home, and now she's sitting there and somebody has to sit and wait with her because the bus isn't there yet to get her home. So is this AVL going to improve how everyone is getting picked up?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Yes. It is really one of the main purposes of this system is not only to track, but also to improve our system. Our hope is that if we, you know, as we develop and implement this new software and the

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new equipment, we'll be able to tell where everybody is and we'll have realtime information. We'll be able to see where their buses are and what the impact is and we won't have to just necessarily rely on the transportation company.

LEG. BROWNING:

So we know that she's subscribed, that she's a regular passenger on a regular basis, and somebody calls the bus, calls for the bus to take them to a doctor's appointment, whatever. Who are they calling to? Are they calling to the County office or they are calling to the Suffolk Transportation?

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

Suffolk County Transportation. They're calling the vendor, if you will, the guys who run the bus company.

LEG. BROWNING:

Okay.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

They have a number of very dedicated and committed staff that try to schedule all this but --

LEG. BROWNING:

Right, right.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

-- there are snafus.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah. And again, that's a hard part. I did get to go in to see how they work, so I know that they get their list of who needs to be picked up that day, so they're the ones who decide what way that bus should go that particular day. They're the ones who decide, okay, we're picking up Theresa and we have another passenger today who's going to Hauppauge or another passenger who's going to Riverhead, and they determine who gets picked up first, who gets dropped off first. So, you know, I think, to be honest with you, I think if you give it to the driver, the driver could probably tell you. I know that they have that form, but the driver probably will say well, it makes sense that I stop in Middle Island first and then hop on the L.I.E. from there. I mean, if I was to be given that schedule, I know how I'd do it, so.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

I think anybody who knows the geography of the County would do that.

LEG. BROWNING:

Correct, do a better job.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

And I heard Miss McManus and I will look into that.

LEG. BROWNING:

Yeah. I mean, that's the last thing I want to say. It's hard enough -- I've known Theresa since, what, you were about seven?

MS. THERESA McMANUS:

Eight.

LEG. BROWNING:

I was Theresa's bus driver when she was little. Like I say, I know she's trying to be independent and she's got this job, but I know it's frustrating for the job where she works to be able to keep that job. I think they're being very good to her but, you know, it gets to a point in time where they're going to say enough is enough and we can't continue to do this. So I don't want to see her lose her job. I know Mom and Dad doesn't want to see her lose her job. She's trying to work on being independent. Mom and Dad's not always going to be here and she's going to need -- she's going to need that job. So whatever we can do to improve the system is -- it's critical.

COMMISSIONER ANDERSON:

As I said, I'll look into this. I don't want, and I'm sure the company doesn't want, in any way to impact Miss McManus's, you know, livelihood.

LEG. BROWNING:

And she's not alone.

MS. THERESA McMANUS:

No.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All right. Thank you. All right. So we have a motion and a second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

The next six resolutions are going to be tabled for public hearing.

IR 1857 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 13 Windwatch (CP 8123)(Co. Exec.). I'll make a motion to table. Second by Legislator Muratore. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1858 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 15 Nob Hill (CP 8138)(Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1859 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 20 William Floyd (CP 8147)(Co. Exec.). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1860 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 7 Medford (CP 8150)(Co. Exec.). Same motion to table. Same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1861 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 16 Yaphank (CP 8158)(Co. Exec.). Same motion to table. Same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1862 - A resolution making certain Findings and Determinations and issuing an order in relation to the increase and improvement of facilities for Sewer District No. 1 Port Jefferson (CP 8169). (Co. Exec.). Same motion to table, same second. All in favor? Opposed?

Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1864 - Authorizing transfer of surplus mobile radios to the Centereach Fire Department(Muratore). Motion by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. BROWNING:

On the motion.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

I'll second that. On the motion.

LEG. BROWNING:

Tom, these radios, I did reach out because we have the infrastructure improvements that are happening with our communication system, and I believe these radios will not be compatible with the 800 megahertz system, if I'm not mistaken. I don't know if there's anyone else in the room. I called and checked on it, so I just want to be sure.

LEG. MURATORE:

They are not compatible?

LEG. BROWNING:

I believe they're not going to be compatible with their new system.

LEG. MURATORE:

(Talking off the record)

LEG. BROWNING:

Are they a PSAP on their own?

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Would you like to table those and find out?

LEG. BROWNING:

No, we can pass them. No, I'm just saying I'd recommend checking because when I saw these radios I, you know, I looked into it to make sure that they would be compatible when we have our infrastructure improvements. Obviously it's going to be a couple of more years. Gil, do you know any -- no? Are you on Public Safety?

LEG. MURATORE:

No.

LEG. BROWNING:

No. Oh. Check with PD and FRES, because I just -- it'll be a couple of years.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

There's a motion and a second. All in favor?

MR. RICHBERG:

Mr. Chair, who was the second? I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

I did. I seconded.

MR. RICHBERG:

Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1865 - Authorizing transfer of surplus mobile radios to the Coram Fire

Department(Muratore). Same motion, same second. Kate, did you check with the Coram Fire Department also? I'm kidding.

LEG. BROWNING:

I just checked with FRES, I just checked with FRES.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1866 - Authorizing transfer of surplus mobile radios to the Farmingville Fire

Department(Muratore). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1867 - Authorizing transfer of surplus mobile radios to the Ronkonkoma Fire

Department(Muratore). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1868 - Authorizing transfer of surplus mobile radios to the Selden Fire

Department(Muratore). Same motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1869 - Authorizing transfer of surplus cellphones to SEPA Mujer, Inc. (Muratore).

Motion by Legislator Muratore.

LEG. BARRAGA:

Second.

CHAIRMAN KRUPSKI:

Second by Legislator Barraga. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

IR 1870 - Authorizing transfer of surplus cellphones to The Retreat (Muratore). Same

motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? So moved. **(VOTE: 5-0-0-0)**

Anyone have any questions or comments? If not, then we stand adjourned. Thank you.

(*THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 2:47 PM*)