

**WAYS AND MEANS  
COMMITTEE  
of the  
SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE**

**Minutes**

A regular meeting of the Ways and Means Committee of the Suffolk County Legislature was held in the Rose Y. Caracappa Legislative Auditorium of the William H. Rogers Legislature Building, Veterans Memorial Highway, Smithtown, New York, on Wednesday, November 30, 2011.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Legislator Ricardo Montano - Chairman  
Legislator Steve Stern - Vice-Chairman  
Legislator Sarah Anker  
Legislator John Kennedy  
Legislator Lynne Nowick  
Presiding Officer William Lindsay - Ex-Officio Member

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature  
Gail Vizzini - Director - Budget Review Office  
Robert Lipp - Deputy Director - Budget Review Office  
Renee Ortiz - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature  
Eric Kopp - Deputy County Executive  
Dennis Brown - County Attorney's Office  
Paul Perillie - Aide to Majority Caucus  
Robert Martinez - Aide to Chairman Montano  
Justin Littell - Aide to Legislator D'Amaro  
Jim Peterman - Deputy Commissioner - DPW  
Dot Kerrigan - AME  
All other interested parties

**MINUTES TAKEN BY:**

Donna Catalano- Court Stenographer

(\*THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 10:12 A.M.\*)

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

We're going to start the Ways and Means Committee meeting now with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Legislator Anker.

**SALUTATION**

Thank you. You may be seated. It's toward the end of the year, we have no correspondence. Are there any cards?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

No cards.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

No cards. Okay. Is there anyone that would like to address the committee on any issue? No presentation. We're going to go right into the agenda.

**TABLED RESOLUTIONS**

**1605, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to extend prompt payment policy to attorneys providing services pursuant to Article 18-B of New York County Law. (Montano)**

I make a motion to table for public hearing, I need a second.

**LEG. ANKER:**

I'll second.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Seconded by Legislator Anker. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1617, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to strengthen motor vehicle reporting requirements for County departments. (Kennedy)**

Legislator Kennedy is not here. I will make a motion to table.

**LEG. ANKER:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Seconded by Legislator Anker. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1704, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to prohibit elected officials from publishing or allowing the publication of their names in advertisements for any County funded or sponsored program or event. (Co. Exec.)**

I will -- actually, it has to be tabled for public hearing again. I will make the motion, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1719, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to save taxpayer dollars on County signs and printed publications. (Romaine)**

I will make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1731, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Charter Law to increase legislative oversight of RFP process. (Romaine)**

Again, I will make a motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 4-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

By the way, these were all previously tabled resolutions.

**1750, Authorizing the conveyance of County-owned real property having a Suffolk County Tax Map Identification Number of District 0903 Section 002.00 Block 0300 Lot 023.001 for municipal purposes pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law. (Schneiderman)**

Motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1835, Amending Resolution No. 68-2011, designating local newspapers in which County Notices may be published. (Eddington)**

Again, motion to table, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion to table carries.

**TABLED (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1897, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to expand the hardship criteria for real property redemptions. (Browning)**

Counsel, would you give us -- I know you just got here. We will skip over that. Let's move on to the Introductory Resolutions. These resolutions are mostly Local Law 16s, so what I'm going to do is I'm going to make a motion to place them on the Consent Calendar, and with your permission, we will do same motion, same second to move through all of these. Is that all right?

**First one 1928, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Cathleen Roster (SCTM No. 0500-085.00-04.00-037.001). (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1929, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Estate of Georgia Hansen, by Cindy Hansen Gullo, Executrix (SCTM No. 0400-183.00-02.00-013.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1930, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Deborah Brown (SCTM No. 0900-380.00-02.00-035.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1931, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Estate of Arcenio J. Moncaleano (SCTM No. 0500-120.00-01.00-011.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1932, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Chukuma Okadigwe (SCTM No. 0900-035.00-02.00-054.006). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1933, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of Real Property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Gilbert J. McGarity and Michelle McGarity (SCTM No. 0902-003.00-01.00-019.002). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1934, Authorizing the renewal of the lease of premises located at 53345 Main Road, Bldg. 7, Unit 1, Southold NY for use by Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. (Co. Exec.)**

I have a note here that says that the increase in the rent is actually going to from 2.5 to 3%. And I understand that tomorrow the Space Committee is going to meet on this and approve it. Do you know anything about this, Pam?

**MS. GREENE:**

It's on the agenda.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Right. I think the resolution, if I'm correct, had a 2.5 increase. It's actually going to be a 3% increase. Is that the issue here?

**MS. GREENE:**

I don't recall.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I think what we can do is, I think that we will -- well, I don't know what we're going to do, but what I would suggest is maybe to discharge it without recommendation so that we can have the Space Committee review it and then vote on it on Tuesday. Is everybody in agreement with that? Okay. I will make a motion to discharge without recommendation, seconded by Legislator Stern. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **DISCHARGED WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION. (VOTE: 5-0-0-1; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy)**

**1937, Authorizing the payment of rent for the 18th Legislative District Office (Cooper).**

I think Eric wanted to speak on that.

**MR. KOPP:**

Good morning. It just struck me looking at this all the things that we've done for the Vanderbilt all the time through capital spending, and I know back in 2009, there was an infusion of cash over there because of an emergency situation. Here, we had an emergency situation where a County Legislator's Office unfortunately was destroyed by a fire. It just seemed kind of odd that now we are going to be paying them.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Don't we own the place?

**MR. KOPP:**

Well, that's a fair question. I think we do.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Does anybody have any comments on this? Who wants to go on the record?

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

That's where the office is, in the Vanderbilt?

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Just for clarification, why don't we have Counsel explain the bill for the record.

**MR. NOLAN:**

As everybody knows, Legislator Cooper's Office in Huntington had a fire. They moved into the grounds of the Vanderbilt Museum. This went through the Space Management Committee, they approved the payment of \$2500 a month. The County Executive, my understanding is, doesn't want to approve it. So Legislator Cooper brought forth this resolutions to pay the amount that was agreed to by the Space Management Committee to the Vanderbilt Museum for leasing space there.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Are we paying rent, or are we paying utilities or what? Do you want to explain this?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Right now, we're not paying anything. We're in that space, the old caretaker's cottage on the Vanderbilt estate. Previously, the charge for the Cooper space in the office that had the smoke damage, we were paying \$4000 a month. We had really nowhere to put him. There was some vacant space in Vanderbilt and they let us go in there.

**(Legislator Kennedy entered the auditorium)**

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

But it's our space, is it not?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Yes, it's County-owned space.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I'm just going to recall when I got elected and I took office, there was no district office in my district. So for the first six months until we were able to find a location for my office, basically I had

a room that was provided -- conference room -- at the Brentwood Family Health Center for myself and my staff. And the County wasn't charged anything because we owned the building. It was very uncomfortable, but why should we pay for something that we already own? I'm not sure I'm getting this.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

We agree.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

You agree?

**LEG. NOWICK:**

When Legislator Cooper went into the Vanderbilt, was there some type of a deal struck, and with who, building and grounds?

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I have no idea. And I actually thought someone from the Vanderbilt would be here.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Space Management, was there a negotiation with Vanderbilt to defer some of the costs; electric or heating? Was there anything in writing, or is this just something that came out of the blue?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

It did come out of the blue. There was nothing in writing. Vanderbilt always requested that we do pay them. However, we -- Vanderbilt had always requested that we pay them, and they wanted the \$2500 a month. We said that would have to go before the Leg.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Before who?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Before this committee.

**LEG. NOWICK:**

Did it? Is this the first time?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

This is the first time.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

We own the place, don't we?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Yes, it's County-owned space. The whole Vanderbilt Estate is County owned. It's County space.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Right. So who is telling us that we have to pay the space? You say "they" want rent, but who is "they," the board?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

But they're an advisory board, aren't they?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Well, I deal with Lance over there. I think he is caretaker.

**P.O. LINDSAY:**

Motion to table.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I'll second the motion to table. Legislator Kennedy.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

On the motion. If I can just add, I apologize for coming in late. But Legislator Cooper is not the only one that's in County-owned space. As everybody here at the horseshoe knows, right across the street, I'm in the eastern part of the Labor Department.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Do you pay rent?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

No. Not only do I not pay rent, but actually, in my latest campaign, I talked about the fact that I effectuated probably about an \$80,000 savings coming out of the prior privately-owned space that I had occupied over on the corner of Brookside Drive.

Also, as you know, Legislator Romaine is in the Cornell Cooperative Extension Building out in Riverhead where he occupies probably similar square footage as to what I have across the street, and there's no rent paid there either.

Frankly, look, I empathize with the plight of the Vanderbilt, and I think we've all shown great flexibility to be willing to go ahead and support them in variety of ways. But as a matter of fact, from my own perspective, more of us should be moving into municipally-owned property to effectuate savings. And this just goes in a complete opposite direction. I wouldn't support it.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Counsel wants to put one thing on the record.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Yeah. The County does own the property up there, but, you know, the Board of Trustees has the responsibility for the day-to-day management and operation. I'm not sure we could have said to the Vanderbilt Museum, "Hey, you are taking Legislator Cooper in because we have an emergency." I think the board had to agree to do that. So I think we should at least put that on the record.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I don't have a problem with. That my feeling is though that with all of the resources that the County has provided the Vanderbilt, it might have been a nice gesture to say, "We have some available space. We know it's only temporary. Why don't you come here, work out of here, see what we do?" And, you know, that would have been easy transaction. But to pay ourselves seems to me a bit odd. Right now there's a motion by Legislator Lindsay to table, I've seconded. Are there any other motions. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion to table carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1938, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Edwin Lebron and Mildred Lebron, his wife (SCTM No. 0100-039.00-01.00-093.000). (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries[.|.|.].  
**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1939, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Geiger Properties, LLC (SCTM No. 0103-019.00-05.00-059.000). (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion -- same motion, same second, same vote, if that's all right with you.  
**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1956, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Robert Serrano (SCTM No. 0200-403.00-07.00-048.000). (Co. Exec.)**

I make a motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1957, Authorizing the placement of certain properties owned by the County of Suffolk in public use pursuant to Section 406, New York State Real Property Law. (Co. Exec.)**

I will ask for an explanation, Counsel.

**MR. NOLAN:**

The resolution -- these are County-owned properties that were taken by tax deed. The point of the resolution is to make the properties exempt from taxation.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1959, Authorizing transfer of surplus County servers to Ward Melville High School Computer Repair Lab. (Viloria-Fisher)**

I believe those are computers, right? Okay. This is Legislator Fisher's district. I will make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.  
**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1986, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Guillermo Almanzar (SCTM No. 0100-200.00-02.00-014.000). (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1987, Authorizing the License Agreement for use of County premises located at Building 16, North County Complex, Hauppauge, NY by the Suffolk County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. (Co. Exec.)**

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

I'll make a motion to approve, Mr. Chair, but I've got a question for Public Works.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

I will second the motion. Go ahead with your question.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

My question goes to what had been a proposed development plan or overall use plan for the North Complex. Do you recall? That goes back to probably the early part of 2003, 2004. Then-Legislator Foley I believe had actually sought funding to go ahead and have a plan developed. I don't know that it was every formally adopted. With my time up here, I've often thought that it would be good to have some kind of coordinated ongoing development for best use of properties up here. You know, we have some solar panels that are going in, but, you know, the space I think -- I'm pleased to see -- this is the old children's shelter, right?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

That's correct.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

How much of that space are they occupying, Jim?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

The space was formally used by our Maintenance Division. It's not a very large area.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

But the building itself is actually a fairly good-sized building. Older building in somewhat disrepair, but actually if it was rehabbed, might be suitable for locations that we have, you know, County units out in rental spaces.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

2003 that you're talking about is a little before my time. I know our real estate consultant that we have, Newmark and Frank, they did an exhaustive search on the -- a study of the North Complex. Right now, we have them updating that. The personnel, you know, that has been lost in the last few years, I expect to have that in a couple of months.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

If you could when you go back just ask around. I know it was -- I'm struggling with the term -- master plan, that's it, master plan. There was a proposed master plan developed based on a resolution that Legislator Foley, I believe, had done. It could have been earlier than 2003. My time here started in 2004, it predated me. But if you -- if there is a copy of that there, I'd be interested, I'd like to get a look at it and see, you know, where we might take another look at development up here.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

I will do that.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Thank you.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

All right. We have a motion to approve and a second; am I correct, Renee?

**MS. ORTIZ:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Okay. Any other motions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1988, Authorizing the lease of premises located at 20 Pinehurst Drive, Bellport, NY for use by Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services. (Co. Exec.)**

Brief explanation. This was approved by the Space Committee?

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Yes, it was. I know the cost associated with this lease is covered under a grant. It's store vehicles, an emergency response vehicle.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

We're not paying for it basically.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Sounds good. I'll make a motion to approve, I need a second --

**LEG. STERN:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

-- by Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1989, Authorizing the License Agreement for use of County premises located at 30 East Avenue, Yaphank, NY by the American Red Cross. (Co. Exec.)**

Again, brief explanation.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

Red Cross is experiencing some financial difficulties. They were going to remove all presence in Suffolk County to their headquarters in Nassau County. We felt that it was imperative and so did FRES that Red Cross keep a presence in Suffolk County. There was some space used for storage in the FRES Center in the basement. They condensed the storage area, and we're giving the Red Cross a small area, probably 10 by 30, to house some personnel.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Okay. But we're not collecting rent from them.

**MR. PETERMAN:**

No.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

No. My understanding was that were -- they lost their contract with the County; is that accurate?

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

They terminated it voluntarily.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

They terminated it. All right. Any questions? Hearing none, I will make a motion to approve,

seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED.**  
**(VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1992, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-592.00-07.00-026.001). (Co. Exec.)**

I will make a motion to approve. Sarah, is that you're district. It's in Brookhaven. You want to make the motion? It's 1992. It's a 72-H transfer.

**LEG. ANKER:**

I don't think it's my district, but I'll make a motion.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

All right. Motion by Legislator Anker, I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions?

**APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-2; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy and Legis. Nowick)**

**1994, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-183.00-01.00-009.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Again, Town of Brookhaven. Motion by Legislator Anker, I'll second it. Quick question. It says "sale," but it's not really a sale. Isn't it a transfer, Counsel?

**MR. NOLAN:**

It's a transfer. We're getting back taxes, about \$2293.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Okay. So they're reimbursing us for --

**MR. NOLAN:**

It's not for affordable housing, it's for open space.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Open space?

**MR. NOLAN:**

That's what they're going to use it for, to protect the aquifer and the water supply.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

All right. We have a motion to approve and a second. Any comments? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 4-0-0-2; Not Present - Legis. Kennedy and Legis. Nowick)**

**1995, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-960.00-02.00-001.000). (Co. Exec.)**

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Again, same motion, same second. Counsel, brief explanation. Is this for housing, or is this for open space?

**MR. NOLAN:**

None of these resolutions in this committee would be for affordable housing. Again, this is to protect -- they're going to sterilize for open space purposes.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Do you know how much property is involved?

**MR. NOLAN:**

I don't. We're receiving \$862.42. I don't know that it mentions --

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Pam, you want to give me an explanation? Is this sensitive property, or is this -- and the reason I ask is that we are collecting \$800, but we're forever taking the property off the tax roll.

**MS. GREENE:**

This is a 10 by 100 strip. It's adjacent to other holdings within the municipality of the Town of Brookhaven. So it's a permissible use for them to request the 72-H transfer.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Okay. Sounds good to me. We have a motion, I believe, and a second. All those in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).**

**1996, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 72-h of the General Municipal Law - Town of Brookhaven (SCTM No. 0200-975.80-05.00-025.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Pam, you want to give a brief explanation?

**MS. GREENE:**

This is requested for highway purposes. The County will be receiving back taxes as well.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Same motion, same second. Any comments? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**1998, Naming the Department of Health Services building in Great River, New York in Honor of Herbert W. Davids. (Romaine)**

Has to be table for Sitings Committee. Motion by Legislator Stern, I'll second it. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2005, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Glen Tompkins (SCTM No. 0100-228.02-01.00-108.000). (Co. Exec.)**

I make a motion to approve and place on the Consent Calendar, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2006, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Thomas P. Karlo (SCTM No. 0902-004.00-03.00-009.009). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2007, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired**

**under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Bill Theoharis, Anthony Theoharis and Anna Arabos (SCTM No. 1000-022.00-04.00-010.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2008, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Peter James Pitsiokos n/k/a Peter J. Lee, Theodore Steuart Pitsiokos and George Christopher Pitsiokos (SCTM No. 0600-114.00-01.00-042.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2009, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act John Mannino and Caterina Mannino, his wife (SCTM No. 0500-255.00-01.00-026.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2010, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Christopher Hansen and Roseanne Hansen, his wife (SCTM Nos. 0200-976.80-03.00-003.000 n/k/a 0209-015.00-03.00-003.000). (Co. Exec.)**

Same motion, same second, same vote. **APPROVED** and placed on the **CONSENT CALENDAR (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2023, Authorizing the sales of surplus property sold at the November 15, 2011 Auction pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 as per Exhibit "A" (Omnibus Resolution). (Co. Exec.)**

Pam, that was your very successful auction?

**MS. GREENE:**

Correct.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

You just want to give us -- share details with us for the record?

**MS. GREENE:**

I'd be happy to. The number of parcels that were included originally in the brochure offered for sale were 102. Prior to the auction, there were four parcels removed; three were removed at the request of the Town of Brookhaven for open space purposes that was recommended by the local Legislator, and the Division along with the County Executive's Office concurred that that was an appropriate request.

One was taken off the auction due to a court stipulation that allowed the back taxes to be paid prior to the date of the auction. You will be familiar with that actually. That was the property on Carleton Avenue in Central Islip. Therefore, the number of properties offered for sale were 98. The success rate was a 98% success rate with 94 properties that were offered, put up for sale, and bid upon. The four that were not -- of the four that were not -- did not receive any bids, there were improved properties subject to the ten-year residency requirement. Those three habitable homes were

located in Wyandanch, Huntington and Shirley. Many of them had now gone up for the third time. And the County investment on those now tops out at \$131,307.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Now, when they go back up for auction, do we factor in that cost and raise the price, the upset price?

**MS. GREENE:**

No. We actually lower the price, because they haven't received any bids.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

So we're actually losing money.

**MS. GREENE:**

Very much so. The houses that have up for \$40,000 were reduced to \$35,000 and still received no bid. The good news, however, is that the total revenue received was \$2,958,000 less the County investment that already had been invested in these properties of 2,088,000 resulted in a net County gain from the sale from the last auction of \$869,415.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

These were primarily residential properties that had been foreclosed, or was it commercial or a mixture?

**MS. GREENE:**

The majority of them were vacant, vacant lots, vacant property.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Oh, vacant lots, okay. All right? Any questions. I will make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. Any other motions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries.

**APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2031, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to increase tax map verification fees. (Pres. Off.)**

We need to table this for public hearing. I will make a motion, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2033, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to increase certain subscription service fees. (Pres. Off.)**

Again, we need to table for a public hearing. I will make the motion, same second. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2036, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to authorize advertising in the County tax map album and set advertising rates. (Pres. Off.)**

I'll make a motion to table for public hearing, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2038, Amending the schedule of fees in connection with the purchase of the Suffolk County Tax Map and other items pertaining thereto. (Pres. Off.)**

We can actually approve this. I will make a motion to approve.

**LEG. KENNEDY:**

Second.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Seconded by Legislator Kennedy. These items are to conform with the budget that was passed.

**MR. NOLAN:**

Yes.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

So with that, all in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2040, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Charter Law consolidating functions within the Department of Planning. (Pres. Off.)**

Again, needs to be tabled for a public hearing. I will make the motion, seconded by Legislator Kennedy. All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

**2049, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to eliminate stipend for Legislature's Deputy Presiding Officer. (Browning)**

Needs to be tabled for a public hearing. I will make the motion, seconded by Legislator Stern. All in favor? Opposed? Abstention? Motion carries. **TABLED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0)**

There is no Executive Session today, that's the good news. The bad news is we have one more bill, IR 1897. That's under Section V, Page 2, Tabled Resolutions. It's the last one.

**IR 1897, Adopting Local Law No. -2011, A Local Law to expand the hardship criteria for real property redemptions. (Browning).**

Would you provide an explanation, Counsel?

**MR. NOLAN:**

This has to do with the County's law whereby we do what's known as the 215 redemptions, property redemptions where people have lost their properties through tax deed. People can redeem their properties under hardship conditions that are set forth in the County statute. One of them is the illness of the applicant or a member of the immediate family. Right now, the immediate family is defined as a spouse issue, or a parent. This law add, "or a grandchild residing with and receiving monetary support from the applicant." So that if an applicant's grandchild got sick and there were expenses and that was the reason that the person lost the property, they could come to us and seek a property redemption, and we could do it.

**CHAIRMAN MONTANO:**

Sounds good. With that, I'll make a motion to approve, seconded by Legislator Stern. Any discussion? Any other motions? All in favor? Opposed? Abstentions? Motion carries. **APPROVED (VOTE: 6-0-0-0).**

Being no further business before the committee, we are hereby adjourned.

(\*THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:47 A.M.\*)

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