

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 October 2, 2014.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Legislator Stern - Chairman
Legislator Spencer - Vice-Chairman
Legislator Browning
Legislator Calarco
Legislator Kennedy

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Presiding Officer Gregory
George Nolan - Counsel to the Legislature
Lora Gellerstein - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Jason Richberg - Legislative Aide
Debbie Harris - Aide to Legislator Stern
Laura Halloran - Budget Review Office
Benny Pernice - Budget Review Office
Tom Vaughn - County Executive's Office
Lynne Bizzarro - County Attorney's Office
Rick Brand, Newsday
All other interested parties

MINUTES TAKEN BY:

Gabrielle Severs - Court Stenographer

*(*The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. *)*

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Welcome, everyone, to the committee on Ways and Means. I'm going to ask everybody to please rise and join us in the pledge led by Legislator Kennedy.

(*Salutation*)

Please remain standing and join us in a moment of silence as we keep all of our brave men and women in our thoughts and prayers.

(Moment of silence observed.)

Thank you.

Okay. Welcome, everyone. Thank you for joining us today. I do not have any correspondence, and I have no cards, correct? No cards.

I see the county attorney is here, and I see real estate is here. Do you guys have anything representative from the administration? Mr. Vaughn, it's always good to see you, sir. How are you today?

MR. VAUGHN:

Hanging in there, sir. It's been -- I see -- we're hanging in there.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Very good. It's always good to see you. Thank you for joining us today. Presiding Officer.

P.O. GREGORY:

Does the county attorney's office have an opinion yet on IR 1658? Is that still in public hearing?

CHAIRMAN STERN:

1658 is still in public hearing.

MS. BIZZARRO:

Right.

MR. VAUGHN:

So in that case we would be more than happy to look at it while it's still in public hearing.

P.O. GREGORY:

Right. Have you guys looked at any -- do you have any changes so far that you may have seen that you want to make?

MR. VAUGHN:

We will take a second look, and we'll try and get a second look at it to see if there's any concerns that need to be addressed, you know, because you have the issue of the public hearing may wanting to close. We'll take a look at that very quickly and see. I was unaware of anything at this moment in time, but we'll go back and double check. I don't want that to be our official position; just that at this moment in time, I'm unaware of any changes, but we'll take a second look.

P.O. GREGORY:

Okay. Great.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

We'll go, then, to the agenda.

Tabled Resolutions

IR 1558, Amending the rules of the Legislature to maximize public participation in the Legislative Process (Cilmi).

LEG. CALARCO:

Motion to table.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Motion to table by Legislator Calarco. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions?

IR 1558 is tabled. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting)

IR 1636, Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Local Law to increase transparency and fairness of the County's property leasing process. (Schneiderman). This is still to be tabled for a public hearing. I'll make a motion to table for public hearing. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstention? **IR 1636 is tabled for public hearing. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting)**

IR 1658, Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Charter Law to strengthen and streamline lobbyist registration and reporting requirement (Lindsay). This is also tabled for a public hearing. I'll make the motion. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1658 is tabled for a public hearing. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting)**

IR 1726, Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Charter Law to update the County's ethics statute (Gregory). This is also tabled for public hearing. Motion to table for public hearing by Legislator Spencer. I'll second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1726 is tabled for public hearing. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1748, Adopting Local Law No. -2014, A Local Law to clarify Collective Bargaining requirements for County Contractors (McCaffrey). This has been withdrawn, so this is no longer on the agenda.

I'm going to go to Introductory Resolutions.

IR 1756, Authorizing the reconveyance of County-owned real estate pursuant to Section 215, New York State County Law to Marie K. Smith a/k/a Marie Ruller (Barraga). Motion by Legislator Calarco. Second by Legislator Spencer. Anybody on the motion? This is a hardship redemption upon payment of \$6,283.96. Real estate is all good with this, and real estate is good with the numbers?

MR. THOMPSON:

Yes.

CHAIRMAN STERN:

Okay. Thank you. So we have a motion to approve and a second. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1756 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1761, Approving payment to General Code Publishers for Administrative Code Pages (P.O. Gregory). I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1761 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1769, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Brian E. Callaghan (SCTM No. 0400-025.00-03.00-007.000) (County Exec.). I will make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. Everybody good? All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1769 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1770, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 The Nature Conservancy (SCTM No. 0600-030.00-03.00-030.000) (County Exec.) I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1770 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1783, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Tristate Capital Holdings LLC (SCTM No. 1000-057.00-02.00-007.000) (County Exec.). I'll make a motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1783 is approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1786, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Angela Bowman (SCTM No. 0700-025.00-01.00-057.000) (County Exec.). I'll make a motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **IR 1786 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1787, 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 Elizabeth McMillan (SCTM No. 0300-169.00-03.00-008.000) (County Exec.). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

IR 1788, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Frederick C. Dannenberg (SCTM No. 0500-336.00-02.00-021.000) (County Executive). Motion by Spencer to approve and place on the consent calendar. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **1788 is approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1789, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act George Roger Grefe (SCTM No. 0200-034.00-06.00-003.000) (County Exec.). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1791, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Marie T. Sclafani, as to a 4/5 (80%) interest and Albert Luca, as to a 1/5 (20%) interest (SCTM No. 0200-642.00-03.00-055.000). (County Exec) Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1792, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act William A. Jackson and Claire Penney (SCTM No. 0200-758.00-04.00-009.002)(County Exec.) Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1793, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act William Kraemer (SCTM No. 0200-309.00-01.00-008.000)(County Exec.). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1794, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Bohdan Zuk, as to a 50% interest and Joseph McCarthy, as to a 50% interest (SCTM No. 1000-122.00-04.00-047.001)(County Exec.). Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

LEG. KENNEDY:

Mr. Chair, I recuse.

CHAIRMAN D'AMARO:

Please note Legislator Kennedy's recusal. Same motion, same second, same vote with the exception of Legislator Kennedy. **(VOTE: 5-0-1-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting, Recused: Leg. Kennedy).**

1795, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Jason Aviano and Nancy Aviano, as to a Life Estate (SCTM No. 0200-975.80-03.00-045.000). (County Exec.) Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1796, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Ashad Ali and Debra Ali, his wife (SCTM No. 0500-262.00-02.00-013.000)(County Exec.) Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar. (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1798, Sale of County-owned real estate pursuant to Local Law No. 13-1976 Raymond Crump (SCTM No. 0900-140.00-02.00-072.000)(County Exec.). Motion to approve. Second by Legislator Calarco. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **Approved (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1799, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Rodney C. Polite and Myra L. Polite, his wife (SCTM No. 0600-048.00-01.00-006.007) (County Exec.) Motion to approve and place on the consent calendar. Second by Legislator Spencer. All in favor? Any opposed? Any abstentions? **Approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1808, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act John H. Wellbrock and Kathleen M. Wellbrock, his wife (SCTM No. 0200-286.00-01.00-003.000)(County Exec.) Same motion,

same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

1811, Authorizing the sale, pursuant to Local Law No. 16-1976, of real property acquired under Section 46 of the Suffolk County Tax Act Jonathan Cohen and Alicia Garries-Cohen, his wife (SCTM No. 0200-316.00-05.00-006.000) (County Exec.) Same motion, same second, same vote. **Approved and placed on the consent calendar (VOTE: 6-0-0-0, Presiding Officer Gregory voting).**

There is no executive session today. Does anybody else have anything? There being no further business before the committee, we are adjourned. Thank you.

*(*The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m. *)*