

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS MEETING
JOINT WITH HOUSING AND PLANNING
MINUTES APRIL 5, 2010**

MEMBERS B&A: **Chair:** Jose Alvarado, **Legislators:**
Abinanti, Burton, Harckham, Myers, Pinto,
Rogowsky, Ryan, Spreckman, Jenkins

ADDITIONAL LEGISLATORS: Kaplowitz

MEMBERS OF HOUSING & PLANNING: **Chair:** William Burton,
Legislators: Harckham, Myers, Nonna,
Rogowsky, Spreckman, A. Williams, Jenkins;

IN ATTENDANCE: **Journal News:** Barbara Nackman; **Housing
Action Council:** Rose Noonan, Tony
Hoeltzel, Jean Pollak; **League of Women
Voters, Somers & New Castle:** Carol Sturtz,
Myra Linker, Harriet Leib, Doris Lipman;
SHORE, Inc.: Jane Perkinson; **TOWN OF
Somers:** Mary Beth Murphy; **ANTI
DISCRIMINATION CENTER OF
METROPOLITAN NEW YORK, INC.:** Althea
Wemer; **County Attorney:** Karen Ramos,
John Paul Iannace, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz;
C.E.O.: George Oros, Katy Delgado; **CBAC,
LWVW:** Barbara Strauss; **LWVW:** Janet
Zagoria, Karen Schatzel; **Planning:** Norma
Drummond, Susanne Marino

The Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Housing & Planning were called to order by their respective Chairmen at 10:25 a.m.

A36 The Mews at Baldwin Place – Env. Res., A37. The Mews at Baldwin Place NHLA Act Property Purchase; A38. The Mews at Baldwin Place – Act IMA; C2. The Mews at Baldwin Place NHLA Bond Act BPL10; C3. The Mews at Baldwin Place HIF Bond Act BPL01:

Chair Burton explained there were several questions asked at the joint committee meeting last week that required answers before these items could be signed out. Norma Drummond said the information that the Committees requested was sent this past week. Legislator Jenkins explained that the Board was waiting to hear from the Federal Monitor who is overseeing the settlement of the fair and affordable housing lawsuit. Mr. Johnson has now sent a letter stating that this project is excluded from the initial Implementation Plan. He also indicated that there is no hold on the Housing Implementation Funds or the New Homes and Land Acquisition Fund. The Committee received from the County Executive a Capital Budget Amendment. The Committee has asked Bond Counsel to opine on whether or not this is a capital budget amendment. The Committee has not heard from them as yet but the Committee will not hold this legislation up. There was much discussion on a paragraph included in the County Executive's cover letter to this legislation. "This office expressly reserves the right, should there be projects in the future that do not comply with the County's obligation to develop fair and affordable housing units pursuant to the Stipulation, to not propose a capital budget amendment utilizing NHLAF and HIF." Legislator Rogowsky suggested that this issue should be discussed in the future. On the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was passed by a vote of 10-0 (Alvarado, Burton, Rogowsky, Harckham, Myers, Ryan, Jenkins, Abinanti, Pinto, Spreckman) and on the motion of Legislator Harckham, seconded by Legislator Alfreda Williams for Housing and Planning, the motion was passed by a vote of 8-0 (Burton, Rogowsky, Harckham, Myers, Nonna, Jenkins, Williams, Spreckman).

Reappointment of CBAC Members for two year term: Frances MacEachron, John McGarr, Barbra Strauss, Joseph Whelan, Bill Kay, Justin Brasch, Robert Wall, Julie Stern and Appointment of Wiley C. Harrison to CBAC: On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Pinto for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote 10-0 (Alvarado, Burton, Rogowsky, Harckham, Myers, Ryan, Jenkins, Abinanti, Pinto, Spreckman).

B2 Surplus Land-Parcel Q Town of Greenburgh & Village of Ardsley: Legislator Abinanti explained that this entire parcel is surplus. It was

to be used as a road project. On the motion of Legislator Abinanti, seconded by Legislator Rogowsky for Budget & Appropriations, the motion was carried by a vote of 10-0 (Alvarado, Rogowsky, Harckham, Myers, Ryan, Jenkins, Abinanti, Pinto, Spreckman, Burton). This was previously, March 23, signed out of Housing and Planning by a vote of 8-0 (Burton, Rogowsky, Harckham, Spreckman, Myers, Jenkins, Nonna, A. Williams).

The minutes of Housing & Planning for March 6 were moved by Legislator Nonna and seconded by Legislator A. Williams and on the motion of Legislator Nonna, seconded by Legislator Harckham, Housing & Planning was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Pinto, the Budget & Appropriations minutes of March 29 were accepted.

A letter from the New York State Department of Health concerning I.G.T. funds was distributed by Mr. Boland. The Medical Center will receive \$31,500,000 of disproportionate share medical assistance payments which is scheduled for April 7. Of this amount, the County's local share will be \$15,750,000. This will be due in addition to our normal, capped weekly share transfer amount. Legislator Ryan said the Finance Department was supposed to notify the Board of Legislators and the County Executive immediately when they received notification from the Department of Health. It appears that, with the change of administration, this communication was not continued. Chair of the Board Jenkins will send a letter to the Department of Health asking that the Board of Legislators be notified whenever a transfer is being considered. At a meeting attended by Mr. Boland, the Medical Center administration said that it expected to receive \$50,000,000 and they only received \$31,000,000.

Legislator Pinto clarified that the funds were available for the IMA with Peekskill for prisoner transport for 2008-2009. The figures had been transposed.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Pinto, A1 (Health Insurance Contribution Public Hearing Res.), A2 (Health Insurance Contribution Act), A3 (Health Insurance Contribution –

Local Law) and A15 (Act Reduction in Sick Leave Buy Out) were received and filed.

On the motion of Legislator Pinto, seconded by Legislator Myers, Budget & Appropriations was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.