

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 13, 2010

The Economic Development and Planning Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, April 13, 2010 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: J. Garnar (Chair), S. Herz, J. Hutchings, R. Keibel, J. Merrill

Members Absent: None

Others Present: F. Evangelisti, L. Zier, S. Merola, R. Petkash, Planning; P. Brennan, D. Fauci, County Exec's Office; M. Gerchman Budget; K. Keough, RPTS; W. Heaviside, EMC Member; A. Stutman, R. Sands, L. Hua, L. Jordan, H. Rein, BU Students; M. Diffendorf; D. Reynolds, B. Klipsch, J. Marinich; S. Messina, S. Buchta, E. Denk, C. Marion, C. Hall, Legislature

The committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Herz moved the agenda, seconded by Mr. Keibel. The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#17 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#42 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH L & P MEDIA FOR WEBSITE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT AND LOGO DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#45 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GREEN JOBS CORPS PROGRAM GRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING, ADOPTING A PROGRAM BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH BROOME TIOGA BOCES TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2010

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#52 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRODUCTORY. NO. 5 OF 2010, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 185 TAXATION, TO ADD ARTICLE XVII- EXEMPTION FOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS"

The committee was informed that exemptions are created at the State and then counties, municipalities and school districts have the option to adopt them. Mr. Keibel stated that exemptions create inequities and he is against them. He felt the County should wait and see if the municipalities were in favor of this exemption, that it would have a bigger impact if all taxing authorities were to adopt the exemption. He would rather see the current exemption for seniors updated. Mr. Garnar stated that this exemption would allow for phasing in assessment increases that result from permitted capital improvements, such as additions, on one and two family residential properties. Mr. Garnar further stated that this exemption could lead to more people improving their properties, additional employment in construction jobs, increased sales of construction materials, and even increased compliance with applying for building permits for

residential capital improvement projects. This exemption, if approved, would take effect with the 2011 assessment roll and affect assessment increases that might result from work completed under permits issued after January 1, 2011.

It was stated that the Town of Union, the Villages of Johnson City and Endicott, and several of the school districts in Union have adopted this exemption for this year. Mr. Keough suggested that September would be a good time to see if there is an increase in building permits in Union and there would be time to adopt this exemption before the finalization of the 2011 assessment roll.

Carried. Ayes-4, Nays-1 (Keibel)

#55 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH SHORTLINE TERMINAL AGENCY INC., FOR SPACE AT THE GREATER BINGHAMTON TRANSPORTATION CENTER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2010-2020

At the request of the Budget Office, Mr. Herz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hutchings to amend the first Whereas paragraph and the first Further Resolved paragraph to read "...in the amount of \$5,729.17 per month for a five year period beginning at the commencement of the lease and \$5,901.05 per month for a second five year period, for a total of ten years..."

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Held over from a previous session

2010-86 RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN FOR THE MODIFICATION OF BROOME COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICTS NO. 4 AND NO. 5 PURSUANT TO SECTION 303-b OF THE AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS LAW

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion was made by Mr. Herz, seconded by Mr. Merrill, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.
