

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 8, 2016

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, November 8, 2016 in the Legislative Conference Room, Sixth Floor, Edwin L. Crawford County Office Building, Binghamton, New York.

Members Present: M. Sopchak (Chair), K. Bernhardsen, J. Shaw, K. Wildoner, K. Myers

Members Absent: None

Others Present: C. O'Brien, A. Martin, C. Dziedzic, R. O'Donnell, Legislature; J. Bernardo, County Exec's Office; M. Kalka, J. Knebel, OMB; D. Schofield, DPW; S. Britton, Health; A. Garrison, Parks; F. Evangelisti, Planning; J. Hess, Chamber

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 4:15 PM. Mr. Wildoner made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mrs. Myers.

The Committee took the following action with regard to the matters before it:

#40 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GREATER BINGHAMTON CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU FOR FUNDING FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX FOR 2017](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#41 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH TETRA TECH, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2016](#)

Mr. Evangelisti stated that Tetra Tech completed a feasibility study of the Hillcrest Depot, but due to the potential of high costs to turn that into a disaster shelter, the County would now like to complete a feasibility study of the former Broome Developmental Center.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#43 [RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 2015-41 CONFIRMING APPOINTMENTS TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS](#)

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#44 [RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF FUNDING FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ZOOS, BOTANICAL GARDENS & AQUARIUM PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES FINCH HOLLOW NATURE CENTER PROGRAM, AUTHORIZING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION TO ADMINISTER SAID PROGRAM FOR 2016-2021](#)

Mr. Bernardo stated that the Parks Department has applied and will receive this new grant and that the County would like to use the grant to offset the County's costs at Finch Hollow Nature Center, which is managed by Cornell Cooperative Extension.  
Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#59 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2014 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FARMERS MARKET CONSTRUCTION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FROM THE MARKETING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ALLOCATION OF THE OCCUPANCY TAX

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#61 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH OTSININGO COMMUNITY GARDENERS ASSOCIATION, INC., FOR USE OF GARDEN PLOTS AT OTSININGO PARK FOR 2016-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#63 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BC SENATORS, INC., FOR LEASE OF THE FLOYD L. MAINES VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA

At the request of the Administration, Mr. Wildoner made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bernhardsen to amend the second WHEREAS and first RESOLVED paragraphs of the Resolution to add the bold and underlined text as follows:

- The Senators shall pay the County a per game rental for preseason, regular season and playoff games of **\$1.00 per paid admission ticket;**
- Subject to availability the County shall provide at least **25** parking spaces during game and practice sessions **for use by volunteers only;** the Senators may sell additional parking, subject to availability and the revenue will be divided equally between the parties;

Answering a question from Mrs. Myers, Mr. Bernardo stated that previously the hockey team had paid the County \$2,000 per game and that this new deal will be more beneficial to the County. He further stated that there is an assignment clause in the contract, should another team relocate to Broome County, the current contract will be assigned to that team.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

There being no further business to come before the Committee at this time, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Shaw, seconded by Mrs. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 4:31 PM.