

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2023

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room.

Members Present: M. Hilderbrant (Chair), E. Micha, J. Shaw, S. Ryan, B. Weslar (Voting Representative for K. Myers).

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Scott, C. Hall, A. Martin, Legislature; J. Garnar, M. Ponticiello, C. Whalen, Executive; G. Bucciarelli, OMB; N. Williams, J. Sullivan, K. White, DSS; M. McFadden, Health; M. Olmstead, Mental Health; B. Lucas, G. Sloan, S. Brewer, Planning; K. Hawk, WPRNC; C. Marion, Arena; J. Hess, Visit Bing; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:15 PM. Mr. Shaw made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Ms. Ryan.

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

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A PERSONNEL CHANGE REQUEST FOR THE BROOME COUNTY FORUM

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION CONFIRMING APPOINTMENT TO MEMBERSHIP ON THE BROOME COUNTY VETERAN'S MEMORIAL ARENA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING VISIT BINGHAMTON (GREATER BINGHAMTON CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU) TO ACT AS THE AGENCY IN BROOME COUNTY FOR TOURISM AND CONVENTION PROMOTION FOR 2024

Ms. Hess updated the committee on Visit Binghamton and their work over the past year. She also updated the committee on their plans for the coming year.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Ms. Myers joined the committee at 4:21 PM and voted on the remainder of the resolutions.

#15 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW YORK STATE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION (CFA) CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Responding to a question from Mr. Weslar, Ms. Lucas stated that the plan was halted due to COVID in 2020. They have begun updating several sections that need updates and the Comprehensive Plan should be ready in the next year or two. Responding to a question from Mr. Ryan, Ms. Lucas stated that the \$30,000 funding will be used to help bring together all environmental plans and try to focus on land conservation issues. Responding to a question from Mr. Shaw, Ms. Lucas stated that they are still trying to determine if they are going to focus on land conservation on private or public land.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#16 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENTS AND AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND AGENCIES FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2022 AND 2023

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#17 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN INTERMUNCIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF ENDICOTT FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S ENDICOTT IDISTRICT ART PARK PROJECT

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#18 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE NEW YORK STATE CONSOLIDATED FUNDING APPLICATION BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA PROGRAM

Responding to a question from Ms. Micha, Ms. Lucas stated that this is federal funding to bring contaminated or abandoned sites back to useful status and work towards rehabilitation.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL LAW INTRO. NO. 3 OF 2023, ENTITLED: "A LOCAL LAW AMENDING THE BROOME COUNTY CHARTER AND CODE TO CREATE THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

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 Ms. Micha, seconded by Ms. Myers. The meeting adjourned at 4:24 PM.