

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION & CULTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 9, 2023

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee of the Broome County Legislature met on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 in the Legislative Conference Room.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: J. Scott, C. Hall, M. Tanzini, Legislature; M. Ponticiello, Executive; J. Choynowski, K. White, K. Fedor, DSS; K. Saunders, K. Empett, Mental Health; E. Gartenman, Assigned Counsel; E. Woidt, Parks; C. Marion, Arena; B. O'Brien, IDA; K. Hawk, WPRNC; B. Lucas, Planning; J. Yonkoski, BMTS; A. Johansson, Binghamton Black Bears Hockey; V. Gialanella, Resident.

The Economic Development, Education & Culture Committee meeting was called to order by the Chair at 4:16 PM. Ms. Micha made a motion to move the agenda, seconded by Mr. Whalen.

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

#5 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE 2023 SPIEDIE FEST & BALLOON RALLY

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#6 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SPIEDIE FEST AND BALLOON RALLY EXPO, INC. FOR USE OF OTSININGO PARK FOR THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS FOR 2023-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#7 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH QUALITY COUNTS, LLC FOR PROFESSIONAL TRAFFIC DATA COLLECTION SERVICES FOR THE BINGHAMTON METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION STUDY FOR 2023-2026

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#8 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT WITH THE BROOME COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK-CV GRANT FOR 2021-2023

Responding to a question from Ms. Micha, Mr. O'Brien stated this is an agreement with local small businesses where they can receive \$50,000 for expenses endured during COVID. They have given out about \$600,000 out of the \$950,000 available. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. O'Brien stated that this is only for small businesses and the funds can only be used for the program.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#9 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN THE BINGHAMTON, JOHNSON CITY AND ENDICOTT IDISTRICTS

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#10 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH ARTISTS TO DISPLAY PUBLIC ART THROUGH THE IDISTRICTS MURALS AND MOSAICS PUBLIC ART PROGRAM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR 2022-2024

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#11 RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE BROOME COUNTY LEGISLATURE AS LEAD AGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE OTSININGO NORTH DOG PARK PROJECT AND RENDERING A "NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE" WITH RESPECT THERETO

Responding to a question from Ms. Ryan, Ms. Woitd stated that this is looking to be completed by mid-summer. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Ms. Woitd stated that the County may be responsible for incidents at the park, but there will be Broome Security around to monitor.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#12 RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BYLAWS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BROOME COUNTY VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA AND THE BROOME COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS THEATRE

Ms. Ryan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Micha to amend the resolution to delete "It is the policy of the Board not to recommend re-appointment of any such Director who will have served, as the expiration date of the Director's term, at least sixty-six consecutive months as a Director."

Amendment carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

Resolution as amended carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#13 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING RENEWAL OF THE AGREEMENT WITH CAROUSEL SPORTS, LLC FOR A PROFESSIONAL HOCKEY FRANCHISE AT THE VISIONS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION VETERANS MEMORIAL ARENA FOR 2024-2027

Responding to a question from Mr. Hilderbrant, Mr. Marion stated that the contract changes include language for the termination of the contract and an increased payment of rent. Responding to a question from Mr. Whalen, Mr. Marion stated that the same team will still play in the arena.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#14 RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Responding to a question from Ms. Micha, Mr. Ponticiello stated that this project is for new front doors and doors to the children's area.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#37 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A PETS SAFE GRANT AWARD FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH SERVICES

Responding to a question from Mr. Shaw, Ms. Woitd stated that there are dog parks in the Town of Union, City of Binghamton and Town of Conklin.

Carried. Ayes-5, Nays-0

#40 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENTS WITH VARIOUS VENDORS AND AGENCIES FOR FUNDS TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY PROJECTS IN BROOME COUNTY FOR 2023-2024

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 Mr. Whalen. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.