

The Legislature of Rockland County



MICHAEL M. GRANT
LEGISLATOR, DISTRICT 2
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS, CHAIR

MINUTES
PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 2012
7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT
HON. M. GRANT CHAIR
HON. A. WOLFE , VC
HON. I. SCHOENBERGER
HON. E. DAY
HON. A. PAUL
HON. J. MEYERS

MEMBERS ABSENT
HON. D. JOBSON

OTHERS PRESENT
HON. H. CORNELL, CHAIRWOMAN
HON. J. HOOD JR.
HON. C. CAREY
HON. F. SPARACO
HON. T. EARL
HON. G. BIERKER
H. GOTTLIEB
R. GRUFFI
N. DOLINER
B. SHULLE

HON. P. SOSKIN
HON. A. WIEDER
HON. N. LOW-HOGAN
HON. J. MURPHY
HON. C. ST. LAWRENCE
R. BANGS
P. BRENNAN
A. KOHN
R. McKAY, ESQ.

Chair Grant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ACTION:

CHAIR GRANT STATED THAT ANY REFERRAL REQUESTS SUBMITTED FOR THE PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BY THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE AGENDA BEING SENT OUT TO ALLOW THE STAFF ENOUGH TIME TO PROPERLY REVIEW.

- **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF 1/10/12**

MOTION TO ADOPT
DAY/SCHOENBERGER

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- 1. REFERRAL NO. 5337** APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH JMZ ARCHITECTS AND PLANNERS, P.C. TO PROVIDE ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING DESIGN SERVICES FOR THE ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE MASTER PLAN UNDER CAPITAL PROJECT 8297 AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (\$122,000) (**GERALD WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF GENERAL SERVICES, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT**) DL# 2011-05526

MOTION TO APPROVE
DAY/SCHOENBERGER

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ADDED SPONSORS GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

2. **REFERRAL NO. 8293** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HUDSON TRANSIT CORP, TO OPERATE THE TAPPAN ZEEXPRESS BUS SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 WITH ONE(1) THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OPTION FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,685,809.68 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$1,685,809.68) **(THOMAS VANDERBEEK, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2012-00012**

Leg. Schoenberger stated that the Legislature is not a rubber stamp. He stated that the body wants the buses to run but we are in a deficit because money is being spent without Legislative approval and it is going to end. Leg Day asked when were they informed of the need for the extension. Mr. Shulle stated that they were informed on 11/11/11. Mr. Brennan stated that the competitive bid would be ready on 2/1/12.

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DAY/SCHOENBERGER**

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ADDED SPONSORS WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

3. **REFERRAL NO. 8293** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HUDSON TRANSIT LINES, INC. TO OPERATE THE TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND (TOR) ROUTE 93 PARTIAL BUS SERVICE FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 WITH ONE (1) THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OPTION FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$148,043.46 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$148,043.46) **(THOMAS VANDERBEEK, COMMISSIONER, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2012-00015**

**MOTION TO APPROVE
WOLFE/DAY**

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TRANSFER TO B&F**

ADDED SPONSORS WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

4. **REFERRAL NO. 2825** APPROVING CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH ROCKLAND TRANSIT CORP. TO OPERATE THE TRANSPORT OF ROCKLAND (TOR) BUS SERVICE ROUTES 59,91,92,93,94,95,97, LOOP 1,2, AND 3 FOR THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012 WITH ONE (1) THREE (3) MONTH EXTENSION OPTION FOR A TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,608,573.50 (NO COUNTY TAX DOLLARS) AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION] (\$5,608,573.50) **(THOMAS VANDERBEEK, PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION) DL# 2012-00013**

**MOTION TO APPROVE
DAY/SCHOENBERGER**

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ADDED SPONSORS WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

5. **REFERRAL NO. 5906** APPROVING ADDITIONAL PURCHASES AND AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$98,000 FOR A TOTAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$376,911 FROM UNIVERSAL ELECTRIC MOTOR SERVICE, INC. FOR PUMPS -INSPECTION, OVERHAUL, REWIND AND REPAIR SERVICES UNDER RFP-RC-2010-040 FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 28, 2010 THROUGH APRIL 27, 2012 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$376,911) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS-PURCHASING) DL# 2011-05567**

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DAY/SCHOENBERGER

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ADDED SPONSORS WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

6. **REFERRAL NO. 7171** ACCEPTING THE BID OF THE LOWEST BIDDER AND APPROVING A CONTRACT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH HELMER-CRONIN CONSTRUCTION, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,569,100 FOR THE BASE BID CULTURAL ARTS CENTER GLASS ROOF REHABILITATION AND ALTERNATE NO. 4, SAFETY RAILINGS CAPITAL PROJECT NO. 8291 AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF THE CONTRACT BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-FACILITIES MANAGEMENT] (\$1,569,100) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER DGS-PURCHASING) DL#2011-05370**

MOTION TO APPROVE
SCHOENBERGER/WOLFE

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ADDED SPONSORS GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

7. **REFERRAL NO. 9323** APPROVING VARIOUS PURCHASES IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 UNDER VARIOUS NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF GENERAL SERVICES CONTRACTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2012 WITH ALL PURCHASES TO BE MADE BY FORMAL PURCHASE ORDER [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES-DIVISION OF PURCHASING] (\$1,520,000) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS) DL# 2012-00233**

MOTION TO APPROVE
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ADDED SPONSORS GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

8. **REFERRAL NO. 7446** APPROVING AN AGREEMENT IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 WITH VERIZON BUSINESS NETWORK SERVICE, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$3,487,869.60 TO PROVIDE TELEPHONE LINE AND VOICE MAIL SERVICES FOR THE COUNTY OF ROCKLAND AND ROCKLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOR A 48 MONTH TERM AND AUTHORIZING ITS EXECUTION BY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE [DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES COMMUNICATIONS] (\$3,487,869.60) **(GERRY WALSH, COMMISSIONER OF DGS-COMMUNICATIONS) DL# 2011-05534**

Frank Calise stated that this agreement included service to all five campuses. He stated that Verizon was charging \$18.62 per line. At the pre-bid meeting Paytek and Verizon attended. Paytek did not provide the necessary equipment nor were they able to provide a per line charge.

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ADDED SPONSORS GRANT, WOLFE, SCHOENBERGER, DAY, PAUL, JOBSON

9. **REFERRAL NO. 6955 DISCUSSION ITEM:** ANIMAL CONTROL AND CARE FUNCTION IN ROCKLAND COUNTY **(HONS. EDWIN J. DAY, ALDEN H. WOLFE, LEGISLATURE)**

Mr. Gruffi stated that there were currently no capital projects in the budget for the shelter building. He stated he listed the building as fair from a physical standpoint. The roof needs to be replaced and there are not sufficient funds in the budget to do the necessary repairs so it is being maintained and patched. He also stated that doors and windows need to be replaced also. He also stated that it would be a couple hundred thousand just to bring it up to good condition.

Leg. Wolfe stated that he believed that there were three options, renovate the building, build a new facility, or look for a new location.

Hon. G. Bierker stated that when he was a Legislator he referred to the County as "slumlords" and he still feels the same. He stated that he had put together a list with the staff of Hi-Tor and Mr. Gruffi's office as to what needed to be done.

Ms. Bangs and Ms. Kiggins stated that the locks on kennels are breaking, the kennels are old and at some point they don't even have enough room for animals. At one point they had to use the staff kitchen space to house 6 animals. There is a hot water heater in the closet, which the fire marshall stated was a violation. There are no showers for the staff to clean off in after dealing with some of the more severe cases.

Ms. Bangs stated that she felt Mr. Gruffi was very helpful to them and was doing what he could. She also stated that they have many contractors that have volunteered their services to help with repairs but were told that they couldn't have it done. One job was actually shut down mid job.

Leg. Hood stated that the County had a moral obligation to maintain this facility. He suggested reaching out to the Towns and asking them to do their part and start kicking in to help with the finances.

Leg. Schoenberger stated that this was not a state mandated service and that is was mandated by the towns for licensing dogs.

Leg. Day suggested that there be a paper trail, when something needs to be done a work order needs to be filled out. Also, if Hi-Tor knows of a licensed contractor willing to do the work gratis that they inform the County.

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ADDED SPONSORS HOOD, JR. , EARL

ACTIONS:

- 1. CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION REQUESTED TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO CONDITIONS AT ANIMAL CARE FACILITY. RECOMMENDATION SHOULD INCLUDE OPTIONS TO REPAIR, BUILD NEW STRUCTURE OR ALTERNATIVE LOCATION FOR FACILITY.**
- 2. CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION REQUESTED TO PROVIDE A SUMMARY OF REPAIRS AND ASSOCIATED COSTS OF SUCH REPAIRS MADE AT THE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY TO DATE.**
- 3. HI-TOR, AS TENANT, IS REQUESTED TO SUBMIT TO CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION ALL REQUESTS FOR FUTURE REPAIRS AND SHOULD NOT MAKE ANY SUCH REPAIRS ON ITS OWN.**
- 4. CAPITAL PROJECTS DIVISION REQUEST TO ADDRESS WATER HEATER CODE VIOLATION IMMEDIATELY.**
- 5. LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL TO RESEARCH THE POSSIBILITY OF APPLYING FOR CAPITAL GRANTS FOR ANIMAL SHELTER BUILDING SINCE HI-TOR IS NOT QUALIFIED AS A TENANT.**
- 6. LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL AND FISCAL ANALYST TO RESEARCH HOW MUCH FUNDING IS PROVIDED BY EACH MUNICIPALITY TO THE ANIMAL CARE FACILITY AND THE AMOUNT OF REVENUE EACH MUNICIPALITY RECEIVES FOR THE LICENSING OF ANIMALS.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN 8:10 P.M.
DAY/WOLFE**

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