Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: October 6, 2022 – 6:00 PM (or immediately following the Law

Enforcement and Public Safety Committee meeting)

LOCATION: Karen L. Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, Kingston

PRESIDING OFFICER: Chair Manna Jo Greene

LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Chelsea Villalba, Legislative Employee PRESENT: Legislators Gina Hansut and Eric Stewart

ABSENT: Legislators Phil Erner (on phone) and Joseph Maloney

QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Senior Legislative Employee Fawn Tantillo; Deputy Executive Mark Rider; Director Nick Hvozda – Department of Environment; Director Dennis Doyle, Deputy Director Amanda LaValle – Department of Planning; David Gordon, Esq. – Legislative Counsel; Ashlee Long – UC Recovery and Resilience; Dave Haldeman – Environmental Management Council, Executive Director Greg Ollivier and Director of Finance and Administration Timothy DeGraff – Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency (UCRRA)

Chair Greene called the meeting to order at 6:07 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion No. 1: Moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the September 8, 2022 meeting of the

Energy, Environment and Sustainability Committee

Motion By: Legislator Stewart
Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut, and Stewart

Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 3
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Minutes APPROVED

Chair Greene introduced Greg Ollivier, the new Executive Director of the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency to the Committee.

Mr. Ollivier shared his background, including 30 years of experience in the California waste industry and a pre-law education.

Tim DeGraff, Director of Finance and Administration submitted and explained the UCRRA budget to the Committee. He clarified that the budget will be formally approved on October 27th, after a public hearing.

Director of the Department of the Environment, Nick Hvozda provided updates from the department. Director Hvozda introduced Michelle Gluck to the Committee as the new Senior Environmental Resource Technician. Ms. Gluck's prior experience was at the Dutchess County Cornell Cooperative Extension, and her focus with Ulster County will be on climate action work, greenhouse gas inventories, climate action planning, and implementation of climate action plans. Director Hvozda also stated that in the prior week, mailings were sent to regulated generators regarding the Food Waste Prevention Recovery Act, required by January 1, 2023. He also mentioned that there are 81 entities in Ulster County estimated to have three quarters of a ton per week of food waste or greater. The Department is also in the process of doing community outreach and education around the law to those entities. Director Hvozda stated about half of the 81 generators were previously regulated entities carried forward to the current year. He stated that Ellenville Elementary was the only school that qualified under the generator law this year, and that five or more schools will qualify next year. He also shared that the Department has a pending community climate action planning process, for which grant funding was received last year from the Department of Environmental Conservation. A contract should be signed with the DEC within the next month, and consultant procurement to lead the process should begin late this year or early next year.

Chair Greene inquired about the Reuse Innovation Center. Director Hvozda stated that the contract with Sustainable Hudson Valley is signed or close to it, and that the Department of the Environment is starting discussions with Sustainable Hudson Valley to do initial stakeholder meetings and starting the project.

Chair Green stepped out of the room, and Deputy Chair Hansut led the meeting in her absence.

Chair of the Environmental Management Council, Dave Haldeman stated that there is some turnover in EMC members of various communities. He asked the Committee to send the former members a letter of thanks when he provides their contact information. Mr. Haldeman also warned of the destructive spotted lanternfly and its spreading range. He also requested legislation that would suggest for buildings with flat rooves to be built to support solar panels. Mr. Haldeman mentioned the importance of hybrid meetings as an option for sustainability. Deputy Chair Hansut stated that teleconferencing laws are out of the county's jurisdiction.

Upon her return, Chair Manna Jo Greene highlighted the importance of telecommuting, and how it can increase public participation and sustainability solutions.

Resolutions for the September 20, 2022 Session of the Legislature

Resolution No. 494 – Supporting The Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act Of 2022

Resolution Summary: This memorializing resolution establishes the Ulster County Legislature's support for the passage of the Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022.

Motion No. 2: Motion Resolution No. 494 for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Legislator Erner clarified that although the Legislature declares support for the

Bond Act, it is ultimately up to voters in November whether it passes. Chair

Greene agreed, and called the question.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED

Resolution No. 497 — Amending The 2022-2027 Capital Improvement Program – Increasing Funding For Capital Project No. 642 – ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements And Job Training Project – Amending The 2022 Capital Fund Budget – Department Of Finance

Resolution Summary: This resolution amends Capital Project No. 642, ARPA Homeowner Energy Improvements and Job Training Project in the amount of \$400,000 for environmental services.

Motion No. 3: Motion Resolution No. 497 for DISCUSSION

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: Chair Greene shared the Ulster County Housing Smart Energy Retrofit Program

presentation with the Committee and explained that the County may be in line for future funding because of the energy efficiency, greenhouse gas reductions, and study/pilot nature of this resolution. Legislator Stewart voiced his support for this

resolution and the concerns it addresses.

Motion No. 4: MOTION TO AMEND Resolution No. 497 to correct the name of

'Communities for Local Power'

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Amendment ADOPTED

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Legislators Greene, Hansut and Stewart

Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 3
No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Resolution ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Chair Greene briefly discussed information for a proposed climate emergency resolution with the Committee.

Deputy Executive Mark Rider suggested that the New Green Deal Action Plan be integrated into this resolution.

The Committee discussed the financial savings and health and environmental benefits of waste diversion

Director Hvozda mentioned that this process aligns well with the Community Climate Action Planning Process that was proposed by the Department of the Environment.

Legislator Erner discussed the importance of comprehensive outreach to low-income community members regarding climate action planning.

Director Hvozda stated that the Department has grant funding from the Department of the Environment for the climate action planning process and a public outreach stakeholder process. The process will take approximately 12 to 15 months.

Legislative Counsel Dave Gordon gave a SEQRA training presentation with the Committee.

Adjournment

Motion Made By: Legislator Stewart Motion Seconded By: Legislator Hansut

No. of Votes in Favor: 3 No. of Votes Against: 0

TIME: 8:41 PM

Respectfully submitted: Clerk Villalba

Approved: November 3, 2022

ULSTER COUNTY RESOURCE RECOVERY AGENCY

KEY BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - 2023

REVENUE

- Tipping fee increase of \$5/ton to \$110/ton; first increase since 2020; Transportation and Disposal costs have increased almost \$7/ton since 2020; Comparative tipping fees from surrounding Counties:
 - Orange County \$121.25/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Sullivan County \$110.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Greene County \$115.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
 - Columbia County \$140.00/ton (MSW/C&D)
- Tonnage estimates are based on a 4-year average; includes 2022 estimate; approximately a 5% increase over 2021 budgeted tonnages
- Compost revenues are based on tonnage estimates over the previous 3-4 years (brush, food waste, compost sales) with no proposed increase in rates and now includes bagged compost sales
- Increase in Sale of recyclables is expected based on current year actuals (note-markets have since declined)

EXPENDITURES

- Salaries/Wages increase due to raises and staffing increase
- Administration expenses more accurately reflect most recent actuals
- Transportation costs include contractual increases of \$0.90/ton for MBI and \$1.17/ton for GottaDo
- Solid waste disposal costs include a contractual increase of \$1.33/ton
- Glass disposal costs expected
- Sludge costs decrease related to volume decrease netted with contractual increase of \$1.50/ton

OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN

Agency did not need to transfer in from our Contingency accounts or Operating Reserve in 2022 due to increased volume, so those budgeted transfers are being moved to 2023.

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MSW/C&D TONS		133,000	1	137,500		145,000
SEWAGE SLUDGE TONS		3,600		3,200		3,150
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TOTAL TONS		136,600	1	140,700		148,150
REVENUES						
Tipping Fees	\$	14,343,000	\$1	4,773,500	\$:	16,296,500
Compost Tipping Fees	\$	300,000	\$	210,000	\$	196,000
Miscellaneous Leachate/MSW Hauling	\$					
		10,000	\$	6,000		12,000
Town Box Rental	\$	38,808	\$		\$	36,036
Town Pull Charge	\$	248,976	\$	268,661	\$	247,000
Fuel Surcharge	\$	573,720	\$	748,675	\$	1,525,926
Recycling Service/Tipping Fees	\$	184,000	\$		\$	200,000
Sales of Recyclables	\$	326,000	\$		- 1	
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$			663,000		793,708
		229,000	\$	136,000		158,000
Grants	\$	167,000	\$	160,000	\$	320,000
Net Service Fees	\$	•	\$	• •	\$	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	16,420,504	\$1	7,201,872	\$1	19,785,170
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EXPENDITURES						
Agency Personnel Expense				_		
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Salaries and Wages	\$	1,861,291		2,090,491		2,284,917
Overtime Wages	\$	200,000	\$	200,000	\$	300,000
Longevity Bonus Payments	\$	29,200	\$	21,100	Ś	18,700
Benefits - Taxes	\$	157,287	\$		\$	200,632
Benefits - Pension	\$					•
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Benefits - Health Insurance	\$	739,847	\$	730,178	\$	772,614
Total Agency Personnel Expense	\$	3,242,625	\$	3,484,430	\$	3,803,200
Administration Expense						
General Administration	\$	189,000	\$	162,000	\$	203,000
Insurance	\$	272,317	\$	303,557	\$	339,476
Contract Services	\$	141,417	\$	144,917	\$	166,472
Total Administration Expense	\$	602,734	\$	610,474	Ś	708,948
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Operational Costs/R&M	\$	54,300 75,000	\$	50,000 50,000	\$	50,000 40,000
Total Composting Ops	\$	129,300	\$	100,000	\$	90,000
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MRF (Recycling) Operations	4	00 500	Ļ	05 000		112.000
	\$	96,500	\$	95,000	\$	112,000
Transfer Station Operations	\$	137,300	\$	147,300	\$	162,800
Vehicle Maintenance Facility	\$	82,000	\$	83,500	\$	95,000
HHW Cleanup Day	\$	150,000	\$	120,000	\$	120,000
Transportation System	\$ \$	65,000	\$	75,000		95,000
Vehicle & Equipment Maint. & Repair	\$	195,000	\$	195,000		192,500
MSW Private Hauling Contracts	4					
	\$	4,895,569		5,197,600		5,581,420
Fuel Replenishment Program	\$	699,122	\$	818,985		1,600,184
Solid Waste Disposal Costs	\$	3,357,664	\$	3,645,647	\$	4,003,872
Recycling Transport/Disposal Costs		84,000		-		37,500
Sewage Sludge Disposal & Transport	\$	342,000	\$	315,200	¢	315,000
Other Disposal Costs	\$	24,000	\$	40,000		
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CLF Monitoring and Maintenance HCB Payments and Taxes	\$ \$	197,000 246,917	\$	179,285 264,451	\$	
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Total Facilities O&M Expense	\$	10,572,072	\$1	11,176,968	\$	12,894,022
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DEBT SERVICE	\$	1,790,000	\$	1,790,000	\$	1,790,000
FUND BALANCE BEFORE CAPITAL OUTLAY/TRANSFERS	\$	83,773	\$	40,000	\$	499,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	(230,000)	\$	(660,000)	\$	(1,119,000)
CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT TRANSFER IN	\$	-	\$	120,000	\$	120,000
OPERATING RESERVE TRANSFER IN	\$	146,227	\$	500,000	Ś	500,000
FUND BALANCE	\$	0	\$		\$	
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UCRRA 5 YEAR CAPITAL PLAN (2023-2027)

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