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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO, Presiding Officer

ECONOMIC & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,
LABOR & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

THOMAS MCKEVITT, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, January 5, 2018
2:38 P.M

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A P P E A R A N C E S :

THOMAS MCKEVITT,
Chairman

JOHN FERRETTI,
Vice Chairman

STEVE RHOADS

DENISE FORD

SIELA BYNOE
Ranking

ELLEN BIRNBAUM

DEBRA MULE

MICHAEL C. PULITZER,
Clerk of the Legislature

1 Economic Development/1-5-18

2 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: At this time
3 I'm going to call the Economic and Community
4 Development and Labor and Transportation
5 Committee to order. I will act as clerk and
6 call the roll. Ranking Minority member
7 Legislator Bynoe?

8 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
10 Birnbaum,

11 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
13 Mule?

14 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
16 Ford?

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
19 Rhoads?

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

21 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Legislator
22 Ferretti?

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

24 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: And I am
25 present as well. We have a quorum. We have

1 Economic Development/1-5-18
2 two items on the agenda. They are
3 Procedural Resolutions Number 1 and Number
4 2.

5 Procedural Resolution 2-2018 is a
6 resolution to adopt the proposed rules of
7 the procedure of the Economic, Community
8 Development, Labor and Transportation
9 Committee pursuant to the Rules and
10 Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

11 Procedural Resolution 1-2018 is a
12 resolution to adopt the proposed statement
13 of purpose for the Economic, Community
14 Development, Labor and Transportation
15 Committee pursuant to the Rules and
16 Procedure of the Nassau County Legislature.

17 May I have a motion, please?

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Moved by Mr.
21 Ferretti, and seconded by Mr. Rhoads. These
22 two items are before us. Is there any
23 debate or discussion from the Legislature?

24 (No verbal response.)

25 Any public comment?

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2 MS. MEREDAY: Yes.

3 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Please come
4 forth and say your name for the record.

5 MS. MEREDAY: Meta Mereday,
6 Baldwin resident.

7 Yes, these all tie in together as
8 it pertains to me as far as economic
9 development transportation; all of this
10 starts with me with regard to our
11 underserved veterans and the need to improve
12 our veteran development component.

13 Two years ago, the former
14 legislator now, County Executive Laura
15 Curran and I put forth legislation that this
16 body passed unanimously, but has been
17 gathering dust.

18 I'm hoping that that gets
19 revived, and I'm hoping that we can go
20 boldly into 2018 with some economic
21 empowerment and transportation
22 infrastructure projects that are geared
23 towards providing support and resources, not
24 only for our struggling veteran business,
25 and many of you may not know, even the

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2 County Executive was surprised to find out
3 that on paper, according to the Census
4 Bureau, that there is over 11,000 veteran
5 owned businesses just in Nassau County.
6 \$11,000.

7 We have no idea what they do, how
8 big they are, how many people they employ,
9 that's sad that we have that. We have over
10 80,000 veterans in Nassau County. We need
11 to do better.

12 Again, there is a two year old
13 bill that again has been gathering dust that
14 was unanimously approved and signed by the
15 previous county executive to begin the
16 process to develop a clearinghouse, a
17 directory and training services to empower
18 our veteran owned businesses who can then
19 hire veterans who are leaving here in bulk
20 and reinforce the veteran community on a
21 regular basis, as opposed to just on those
22 special holidays.

23 Again, I'm hoping that those
24 individuals who are serving on these
25 committees will kind of think outside the

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2 box because we have people that are living
3 in dire straits. Thank you.

4 And for those who say I keep
5 leaving time on the clock, I'm just getting
6 warmed up for the year

7 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other
8 public comment?

9 MS. JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs,
10 Uniondale. Viable transportation is key to
11 a sustainable and viable community.

12 For example, the development
13 that's going on at the hub which is located
14 in Uniondale, perhaps with the extension of
15 the rail that already is in existence there
16 that crosses over Quentin Roosevelt
17 Boulevard, that would be a good and viable
18 solution to transportation issues at the hub
19 and it would bring economic and sustainable
20 development to the hub and would have a
21 positive impact on the economic development
22 of Uniondale as well. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Any other
24 public comment?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 There being none, all those in
3 favor of adopting these rules please signify
4 by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 The ayes have it. The items pass
7 unanimously.

8 There being no other business in
9 front of this committee, may I have a motion
10 to adjourn.

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN MCKEVITT: Moved by
14 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator
15 Ford. All those in favor?

16 (Aye.)

17 Therefore, the committee is now
18 adjourned.

19 CHAIRMAN NICOLELLO: Next
20 committee is Minority Affairs, the Chair is
21 Steve Rhoads.

22 (Whereupon, the Economic and
23 Community Development, Labor and
24 Transportation Committee adjourned at 2:43
25 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and
Notary Public in and for the State of New
York, do hereby stated:

THAT I attended at the time and place
above mentioned and took stenographic record
of the proceedings in the above-entitled
matter;

THAT the foregoing transcript is a true
and accurate transcript of the same and the
whole thereof, according to the best of my
ability and belief.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 19th day of January, 2018.

FRANK GRAY