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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO,  
Presiding Officer

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT AND THE  
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

LAURA SCHAEFER, Chairwoman

1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 3, 2019  
6:56 P.M

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

LAURA SCHAEFER,  
Chairwoman

THOMAS MCKEVITT,  
Vice Chairman (John Ferretti)

STEVEN RHOADS

DENISE FORD

ARNOLD DRUCKER, (Ellen Birnbaum)  
Ranking

SIELA BYNOE

CARRIE SOLAGES (Delia DeRiggi-Whitton)

MICHAEL PULITZER,  
Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: At this  
3 time I will call the Planning, Development  
4 and Environment Committee to order. Clerk,  
5 please call the roll.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, thank you.  
7 Legislator Carrie Solages? Ms. Whitton will  
8 take his place; is that correct?

9 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Yes.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela  
11 Bynoe?

12 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member  
14 Arnold Drucker? Ms. Birnbaum will do.  
15 Legislator Denise Ford?

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator  
18 Steven Rhoads?

19 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman  
21 Thomas McKevitt? John Ferretti subbing?

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Laura  
24 Schaefer?

25 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: We have a  
3 quorum.

4 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: I think I  
5 need a motion to suspend the rules.

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:  
8 Second.

9 CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Moved by  
10 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator  
11 DeRiggi-Whitton. All in favor signify by  
12 saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Those opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Carries unanimously.

17 Now I will tell you what you  
18 voted for. We have one item on the  
19 addendum.

20 The item is Clerk Item 212-19, a  
21 local law to provide for environmental  
22 infrastructure planning and development.  
23 Can I have a motion for this item?

24 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

25 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Second.

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2                   CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER:   Moved by  
3   Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator  
4   Birnbaum.   This item is before us.   Is  
5   anybody talking about it?   Legislator  
6   Ferretti.

7                   LEGISLATOR FERRETTI:   Thank you,  
8   Madam Chairwoman.

9                   Obviously renewal energy is a  
10   technology that many municipalities are  
11   embracing and Nassau County should be one of  
12   those municipalities.

13                   This legislation would require  
14   DPW to evaluate property, determine  
15   suitability for those projects.   Plan for  
16   projects, collaborate with public utilities  
17   and pursuit grant funds, analyze financial  
18   costs and benefits for the projects, provide  
19   updates to the planning committee, and by  
20   September 15 report potential projects to  
21   this body.

22                   Again, renewal energy such as  
23   solar energy, electric vehicles is something  
24   we need to embrace.   That's the goal of this  
25   legislation, and hopefully there will come a

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2       day when we will have an increased amount of  
3       solar energy on county property and in the  
4       long term transition the county fleet to  
5       electric vehicles. Thank you.

6                   CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Is there  
7       any debate or discussion on this item?

8                   LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: I would  
9       just say I would love to see more charging  
10      stations all over Nassau County, so I'm  
11      definitely in favor of this.

12                  CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Legislator  
13      McKevitt and I already had actually had a  
14      meeting with Kim Cayman about it and I think  
15      probably at this point we put the cart  
16      before the horse because we have to figure  
17      out what kind of infrastructure we have for  
18      those charging stations. But we are talking  
19      about that.

20                  LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And that is  
21      all part of this plan.

22                  CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER: Legislator  
23      DeRiggi-Whitton.

24                  LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Our  
25      buildings have the flat roofs and I know

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2       that's ideal for solar power, and we can  
3       look at our own governmental buildings.

4                   LEGISLATOR FERRETTI:   Exactly.

5       County property including buildings.  I know  
6       just from personal experience there is a lot  
7       of factors that go into it such as tree  
8       coverage, probably not so much on government  
9       buildings but which way the roof faces.  So  
10      if it faces north it's generally not  
11      suitable for solar, but that's the point of  
12      the bill, to have the studies and plans in  
13      place.

14                  CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER:   Okay.  Any  
15      other legislators?

16                  (No verbal response.)

17                  Is there any public comment?

18                  (No verbal response.)

19                  There being none, all those in  
20      favor signify by saying aye.

21                  (Aye.)

22                  Those opposed?

23                  (No verbal response.)

24                  Item passes unanimously.

25                  There is no other business before

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2    this committee.

3                   LEGISLATOR RHOADS:    So moved.

4                   LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM:   Second.

5                   CHAIRWOMAN SCHAEFER:    Moved by  
6    Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator  
7    Birnbaum.   The committee is adjourned.

8                   (Whereupon, the Planning  
9    Development and Environment Committee  
10   adjourned at 6:59 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 \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2019.

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FRANK GRAY