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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

RICHARD NICOLELLO  
PRESIDING OFFICER

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

County Executive and Legislative Building  
1550 Franklin Avenue  
Mineola, New York

Monday, May 18, 2020  
1:10 P.M.

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2     A P P E A R A N C E S:

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4     LEGISLATOR RICHARD J. NICOLELLO

5             Presiding Officer

6             9th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL

9             Deputy Presiding Officer

10            7th Legislative District

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12    LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD

13            Alternate Presiding Officer

14            4th Legislative District

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16    LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS

17            Minority Leader

18            1st Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

21            2nd Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

24            3rd Legislative District

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2     LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE

3             5th Legislative District

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5     LEGISLATOR C. WILLIAM GAYLOR III

6             6th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR VINCENT T. MUSCARELLA

9             8th Legislative District

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11    LEGISLATOR ELLEN BIRNBAUM

12            10th Legislative District

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14    LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

15            11th Legislative District

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17    LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

18            12th Legislative District

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20    LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

21            13th Legislative District

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23    LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

24            14th Legislative District

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2     LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI, JR.

3             15th Legislative District

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5     LEGISLATOR ANDREW DRUCKER

6             16th Legislative District

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8     LEGISLATOR ROSE WALKER

9             17th Legislative District

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11     LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN

12             18th Legislative District

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14     LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS

15             19th Legislative District

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17     MICHAEL PULITZER

18             Clerk of the Legislature

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Ladies and  
3 gentlemen we are going to start the meeting  
4 with the pledge of allegiance and ask Laura  
5 Schaefer to lead us in the pledge.

6 Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel.

7 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Alternate  
9 Deputy Presiding Officer Ford.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: I'm here.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
12 Bynoe.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

14 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
15 Solages.

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
18 Mule.

19 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

20 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
21 Gaylor.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
24 Muscarella.

25 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

3 Birnbaum.

4 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.

5 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

6 DeRiggi-Whitton.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

8 Here.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

10 Kennedy.

11 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

13 McKevitt.

14 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

16 Schaefer.

17 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

19 Ferretti.

20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

22 Drucker.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator

25 Walker.

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

3 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
4 Lafazan.

5 LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Legislator  
7 Rhoads.

8 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

9 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Minority  
10 Leader Abrahams.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We are all  
13 here and accounted for. We only had one item  
14 of public comment that was submitted by  
15 email. It's from Pete Gaffney. Came in this  
16 morning. Raises questions and issues with  
17 respect to the Meadowbrook Parkway at or near  
18 Westbury Avenue in terms of debris and  
19 apparently homeless people at that location.  
20 It's an issue he has been raising since  
21 January. So we will follow up with the  
22 Department of Public Works, which I think was  
23 involved, and try to get him an answer as soon  
24 as possible. There was no other public  
25 comment. So we are going to jump right into

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2 the emergency.

3 Which is an emergency that will  
4 detail how to handle tennis balls. Just  
5 kidding.

6 We have an emergency as to clerk  
7 item 121 of 2020, which is an ordinance to  
8 amend ordinance 180 of 2016 entitled an  
9 ordinance establishing a fee schedule for  
10 county services for various county departments  
11 pursuant to the county government law of  
12 Nassau County and the Nassau County  
13 administrative code.

14 We need a motion to establish the  
15 emergency. Moved by Legislator Rhoads.  
16 Seconded by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton. We  
17 can have a discussion about the merits of this  
18 in a moment but any questions about the  
19 emergency nature of this? It's kind of  
20 obvious. All in favor of the emergency  
21 signify by saying aye. Passes unanimously.  
22 Now I'm going to call the item.

23 121 of 2020 is an ordinance to  
24 amend Ordinance 180 of 2016 entitled an  
25 ordinance establishing a fee schedule for



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2    county services for various county departments  
3    pursuant to the county government law of  
4    Nassau County and the Nassau County  
5    administrative code.

6                   Moved by Legislator Bynoe.  
7    Seconded by Legislator Schaefer.  Anyone want  
8    to speak on it?

9                   LEGISLATOR BYNOE:     Good  
10   afternoon.  This bill is in an effort to  
11   provide assistance to Nassau County residents  
12   grappling with the widespread economic  
13   hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.  
14   Specifically, this bill looks to remove the  
15   fees, one specific fee, as it relates to tax  
16   payments and the bill is referred to as the  
17   listing fee tax penalty and that fee is \$210.  
18   This is an attempt to remove this fee from  
19   being imposed for the remainder of 2020.

20                  This bill again would bring some  
21   assistance to those who are most at need.  I  
22   believe it is necessary and proper for us to  
23   afford some measure of economic relief to  
24   taxpayers at this time.  I believe that this  
25   not only would be morally the right thing to

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2 do and from a humanistic standpoint, but I  
3 also believe it would provide some economic  
4 benefits as well to our economy. So I'm  
5 asking for the full body to consider this bill  
6 and to move it unanimously.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Thank you  
8 Legislator Bynoe. Just note for the record  
9 that all of the legislators are cosponsors  
10 with this legislation and we are fully  
11 supportive of relieving the burden on  
12 taxpayers with respect to this bill. As we  
13 all know, the effects of COVID-19 has had  
14 dramatic effects in the communities. People  
15 have lost their income. Businesses have  
16 closed. To the extent that we can give the  
17 people additional relief it's important that  
18 we do so. Even if this isn't the most major  
19 fee in the world, but any relief that we can  
20 give to our public at this time is important.

21 Anyone else have anything to say?  
22 Anyone on remote? All in favor signify by  
23 saying aye. Passes unanimously.

24 The legislative calendar has five  
25 items. I'm going to call them altogether.

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2 Item 1, Resolution 42. Item 2, Resolution  
3 43. Item 3, Resolution 44. Item 4 Resolution  
4 45. Item 5, Resolution 46.

5 These are, just real quickly, the  
6 first one is a resolution pursuant to SEQRA in  
7 authorizing the county executive on behalf of  
8 the county to execute a first modification of  
9 a lease agreement between the county and BC  
10 Holdings of New York, Inc. Second, third and  
11 fourth are resolutions to authorize the county  
12 executive to execute grant agreements between  
13 the county and the Museum of American Armor,  
14 Friends of Cedarmere, Inc., Long Island  
15 Children's Museum.

16 And item five is a resolution  
17 providing for the issuance of a warrant  
18 directing the treasurer of the county to pay  
19 to the supervisors and to the treasurers of  
20 the several villages and cities within the  
21 county the sums as apportioned by Nassau  
22 County Legislature based on a report filed by  
23 the county treasurer and the county clerk  
24 showing deposits from mortgage and taxes for  
25 the quarter beginning January 1, 2020 through

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2 March 31, 2020.

3 Moved by Deputy Presiding Officer  
4 Kopel. Seconded by Legislator Mule.

5 These items went through committees  
6 two weeks ago. They had an opportunity at  
7 that time to ask any questions. We have  
8 received a full backup from the  
9 administration. Does anyone have any debate  
10 or discussion on these items at this time? If  
11 not, we will go to a vote. All in favor  
12 signify by saying eye. Those opposed? They  
13 carry unanimously.

14 That's all the business we have  
15 today. I'm going to put the legislature in  
16 recess in the event that we have to come back  
17 before our next scheduled committee meetings,  
18 which is several weeks away. The legislature  
19 stands in recess. Thank you everybody.

20 (Meeting was recessed at 1:18 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATION

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

THAT the foregoing is a true and  
accurate transcript of my stenographic  
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand this 25th day of  
May 2020

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FRANK GRAY