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

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7 LEGISLATOR JOHN GIUFFRE

8 Vice Chair

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10 LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER

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12 LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY

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14 LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE

15 Ranking member

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17 LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER

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19 LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I would like
3 to call the Public Works Committee to order
4 and ask the clerk of the legislature to take
5 the roll.

6 MR. PULITZER: Thank you
7 Mr. Chairman. Legislator Carrie Solages.

8 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

9 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Arnold
10 Drucker.

11 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

12 MR. PULITZER: Ranking member
13 Siela Bynoe.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

15 MR. PULITZER: Legislator James
16 Kennedy.

17 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

18 MR. PULITZER: Legislator Laura
19 Schaefer.

20 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

21 MR. PULITZER: Substituting for
22 Vice Chairman John Giuffre is Legislator Rose
23 Walker.

24 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

25 MR. PULITZER: And Chairman C.

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2 William Gaylor III.

3 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Present.

4 MR. PULITZER: We have a quorum
5 sir.

6 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Good
7 afternoon. There are three items on the
8 agenda today which are clerk items number 204
9 of 2022, 205 of 2022 and 213 of 2022.

10 Clerk item 204-22 is an ordinance
11 supplemental to the annual appropriation
12 ordinance in connection with Public Works.

13 May I have a motion. Moved by
14 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
15 Bynoe. The item is before us. Do we have
16 someone from the administration? I see
17 Commissioner Arnold.

18 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
19 Works. Item 204 is a supplemental ordinance
20 to add \$9.4 million into the NICE bus
21 contractual line in the department's budget.
22 This is a result of the county receiving
23 additional STOWA money from New York State for
24 the operation of the bus system.

25 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any debate or

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2 discussion? Any public comment? Legislator
3 Walker.

4 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Is there any
5 possibility that routes that might have
6 stopped will be put back into place or no?
7 This is not money for that?

8 MR. ARNOLD: No. We're keeping
9 all the operations the same. This is
10 offsetting county contribution.

11 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Thank you.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you to
13 the chair. However, that was a great question
14 from my colleague, Ms. Walker but will this be
15 used to at least increase services along
16 particular lines? Because my district borders
17 New York City and one unfortunately is a line
18 that doesn't have many buses. As a result,
19 people who are brave enough to take the New
20 York City subway system are being left at the
21 Jamaica bus terminal. Will this be used to
22 address more services along particular lines?
23 Which is different from the question asked by
24 Legislator Walker.

25 MR. ARNOLD: Are you asking are

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2 there more buses per line?

3 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: That's
4 correct.

5 MR. ARNOLD: I'd like to double
6 check that and get back to you before the full
7 leg meeting on that. I believe there might
8 be. I also believe this has to do with the
9 paratransit getting expanded by New York
10 State. They're adding more space. I think it
11 was from whatever the half mile limit it was
12 prior to a larger limit. I'll have those
13 answers for you at full.

14 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any other
15 comments from fellow legislators? Take a
16 vote. All in favor please signify by saying
17 aye. Any opposed? The item passes
18 unanimously.

19 Clerk item 205-22 is a bond
20 ordinance providing for a capital expenditure
21 to finance the capital projects identified
22 herein within the county of Nassau and
23 authorizing \$3,900,000 million of bonds of the
24 county of Nassau to finance said expenditure
25 pursuant to the local finance law of New York

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2 and the county government law of Nassau
3 County.

4 May I have a motion. Moved by
5 Legislator Schaefer. Seconded by Legislator
6 Solages. The item is before us.

7 MR. ARNOLD: 205-22 is for two
8 bond ordinances to support grant matches that
9 the county receives related to capital
10 purchases and capital maintenance for the NICE
11 bus system.

12 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: I'd imagine
13 those same couple of questions my fellow
14 legislators had before would apply here. Is
15 any of this going to improve or increase the
16 number of bus lines or increase the number of
17 buses that are currently on a line?

18 MR. ARNOLD: Unlike the previous
19 item, this is a capital item so it doesn't go
20 towards the actually operation. But it
21 actually is for the purchase of buses.
22 Capital maintenance for the facilities and the
23 buses. This is something that we have done
24 every year. This is our typical New York
25 State grant match.

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2 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: So this is
3 the bond to supplement or replace buses that
4 are coming out of service?

5 MR. ARNOLD: Support vehicles.
6 Everything that goes within that program.

7 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any debate or
8 discussion? Any public comment?
9 Ms. Mereday.

10 MS. MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday.
11 Since this is tied into capital, the capital
12 budget and New York State, I'm just again
13 requesting with requirements with Article 15A
14 from New York State, the participation and
15 inclusion of minority women business, service
16 disabled veterans in those contracts, is there
17 a way we can step up that outreach or as
18 opposed to saying okay, we're making an
19 effort?

20 We need more than an effort. We
21 need to kind of see some numbers. Because
22 when the state comes back to audit where those
23 funds are going and they start looking at the
24 actual distribution of the resources and they
25 see the same companies and all they get is

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2 just a notification well, we did our best to
3 make an effort to be inclusive and we're not.
4 That's going to be problematic when we try to
5 go back to get those funds to offset costs
6 that are reeking havoc for taxpayers in Nassau
7 County.

8 So, just want to know, what are the
9 increased efforts and outreach to be more
10 inclusive with these particular contracts that
11 have generally state and federal mandates
12 attached to them?

13 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Great
14 question. Thank you very much. Maybe
15 Commissioner Arnold can address those. I
16 would imagine that these are capital items
17 like buses and pieces of equipment rather than
18 service contracts. But if there is a way to
19 increase.

20 MR. ARNOLD: So, for the county
21 bus program it's all administered by the
22 federal transit administration. They have
23 hard requirements for inclusion and the
24 department, working with Transdev, meets those
25 and we have triennial review with the federal

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2 government that goes over these numbers every
3 three year and we report every year on what we
4 do.

5 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Do we
6 generally meet those guidelines?

7 MR. ARNOLD: My understanding is
8 we do.

9 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any debate or
10 discussion? Legislator Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you
12 chair. Commissioner Arnold, in the past you
13 used to when you approached the podium and you
14 were talking on an item, whatever the
15 contract, whether it was in Rules or in Public
16 Works, you typically indicated whether it was
17 a service disabled veteran-owned business or
18 MWBE. If you could return to doing that that
19 would be helpful.

20 MR. ARNOLD: I didn't earlier
21 because those were contract amendments so
22 there was no additional utilization.

23 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: But some of
24 them were MWBEs. Two of them were. 82 and 86
25 were.

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2 MR. ARNOLD: M and J is an MBE
3 firm and I didn't mention it because it was an
4 amendment. I typically don't say that on
5 amendments because the contract's already
6 there. But you are correct, M and J is a
7 minority firm that does a lot of work for the
8 department.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: So if you
10 could return.

11 MR. ARNOLD: My oversight.
12 Usually on new contracts I'll bring it up and
13 I forgot on the amendments.

14 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I would think
15 even on amendments because the general public
16 doesn't understand. Sometime we don't even
17 understand the difference.

18 MR. ARNOLD: When I sat back down
19 I realized I didn't say it.

20 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I appreciate
21 it.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Any further
23 debate or discussion? There being none, we
24 will take a vote. All in favor please signify
25 by saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes

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2 unanimously.

3 The last item we have is clerk item
4 213 of '22 which is an ordinance supplemental
5 to the annual appropriation ordinance in
6 connection with the Department of Parks,
7 Recreation and Museums.

8 A motion please. Moved by
9 Legislator Walker. Seconded by Legislator
10 Drucker. The item is before us. Who do we
11 have from the administration?

12 MR. PERSICH: Andy Persich from
13 the Office of Management and Budget.

14 This is the annual appropriation
15 for the Mitchell Field complex in the amount
16 of \$1.535 million. It's just an annual
17 supplemental appropriation that we do. That
18 monies that are collected in Mitchel have to
19 stay in Mitchel. Which is subsequent to the
20 deed covenant that the US Department of
21 Defense gave us the property under.

22 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Got it. So
23 this is the rifle range and the Mitchel Park
24 athletic track and field programs; is that
25 correct?

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2 MR. PERSICH: That is correct.

3 The track, the rifle range.

4 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: And the US
5 Department of Interior directs that we have to
6 segregate these fees and keeps track?

7 MR. PERSICH: Correct.

8 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Do we have
9 any debate or discussion? Any public
10 comment? All those in favor please signify by
11 saying aye. Any opposed? The item passes
12 unanimously.

13 There being no other business
14 before this committee, may I have a motion to
15 adjourn. Moved by Legislator Walker.
16 Seconded by Legislator Drucker. All those in
17 favor. The committee is now adjourned.

18 (Committee adjourned at 3:35 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 27th day of
July 2022

FRANK GRAY