

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI	
LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON	RANKING MEMBER
LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE	
LEGISLATOR DEBRA MULE	

MICHAEL PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature

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KEN ARNOLD, PW

JEANINE DIEHL, CVA

DENNIS MCDERMOTT, DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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3 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Good evening. At
4 this time, I will call the Public Safety
5 Committee to order and I will ask the
6 Clerk to call the roll.

7 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, Madam.
8 Legislator Debra Mule?

9 LEGISLATOR MULE: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
11 Bynoe?

12 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. Ranking
13 Member Delia DeRiggi-Whitton?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator John
16 Ferretti?

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Mazi
19 Pilip?

20 LEGISLATOR PILIP: Here.

21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
22 McKevitt?

23 LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Chairwoman Denise
25 Ford?

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
Ma'am.

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Thank you very
much, sir.

There are three items on the agenda
today which are Clerk Item numbers
159-23; 162-23; 163-23.

Clerk Item number 159-23 is an
ordinance supplemental to the annual
appropriation ordinance in connection
with the Nassau County Office of Crime
Victim Advocate. May I have a motion?

Moved by Legislator McKevitt,
seconded by Legislator Pilip.

The item is before us. Who is here
from the Administration to discuss this?

MS. DIEHL: Good evening, honorable
members. I'm Jeanine Diehl, Executive
Director of the Nassau County Office of
Crime Victim Advocate.

On August 1st of 2022, the Nassau
County Office of Crime Victim Advocate
procured the Victim of Crime Act Grant,

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2 VOCA, which provides support to state and
3 local programs that assist victims of
4 crime. OCVA received an award amounting
5 to \$1,515,551.04 for three year period
6 covering October 1, 2022 through
7 September 30, 2025.

8 This supplemental request before you
9 appropriates funds in the amount of
10 \$505,183.68 from the New York State
11 Office of Victim Services. This
12 supplemental appropriation request was
13 previously before this Body in September
14 of 2022 and was approved. It is being
15 represented solely due to an
16 administrative change in the Department
17 Code.

18 The total revenue and expenses are
19 equal. There is no impact on the
20 operating budget.

21 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: All right. Any
22 debate or discussion?

23 Legislator Mule.

24 LEGISLATGOR MULE: Hi, Jeanine. I
25 have a question. So you said the original

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2 amount was 1,500, something or other, and
3 so is this one year's worth of money? Is
4 that what this is?

5 MS. DIEHL: That's for the three
6 year period. The one year amount is
7 \$505,000.

8 LEGISLATGOR MULE: What we're voting
9 on today is for a one year period,
10 correct?

11 MS. DIEHL: That's correct. Thank
12 you. I just wanted to understand.

13 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Anyone else?
14 Okay. All those in favor of passing this
15 item, please signify by saying, "Aye".

16 (Whereupon, all members of
17 the Public Safety Committee
18 respond in favor with, "Aye".)

19 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Opposed?

20 (Whereupon, no verbal
21 response.)

22 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: The item passes
23 unanimously. Thank you very much.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Clerk Item number
3 162-23 is an ordinance supplemental to
4 the annual appropriation ordinance in
5 connection with the District Attorney.
6 May have a motion?

7 Moved by Legislator Mule, seconded
8 by Legislator Bynoe. The item is before
9 us. Good evening.

10 ADA MCDERMOTT: Dennis McDermott,
11 Assistant District Attorney.

12 This is a supplemental appropriation
13 request. There are actually five within
14 the ordinance. The first is a \$2,500
15 appropriation for the animal cruelty
16 prosecutions. It's from the Association
17 of Prosecuting Attorneys, and it's being
18 used specifically to help defray the
19 costs incurred by Bobbi and the Strays
20 for a severe maltreatment, and the case
21 is now pending. It's for \$2,500.

22 The next two appropriations are from
23 the Federal Forfeiture program. One for
24 \$7,523 and the other for \$177,008. They
25 come from the Department of Justice

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2 Federal Forfeiture Program, and they're
3 used to support enforcement efforts to
4 investigate and prosecute cases.

5 The last three are from the New York
6 State Civil Forfeiture Programs, one for
7 \$35,101, one for \$276,019 and one for
8 \$361,210. Again, these grants are a
9 result of funds received from successful
10 forfeiture cases, and they're used for
11 investigating and prosecuting other
12 criminal cases. None of these grants
13 require matching funds.

14 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: It seems like you
15 really were busy and brought in a lot of
16 money. I mean, this is --

17 ADA MCDERMOTT: Well. In all
18 honesty, it's total's a little over
19 \$800,000. And while that sounds like a
20 lot, years ago, we would be bringing in
21 millions. It's up a little this year,
22 but it is trending lower.

23 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Wow. Anyone else?

24 (Whereupon, no verbal
25 response.)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: All those in favor
of passing this item, please signify by
saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Public Safety Committee
respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: The item passes
unanimously.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Clerk Item 163-23
3 is a supplemental to the annual
4 appropriation ordinance in connection
5 with the Traffic Safety Board. May I have
6 a motion?

7 Moved by Legislator Pilip, seconded
8 by Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

9 The item is before us and good
10 evening. Good evening.

11 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Ken Arnold,
12 Public Works. 163 is a supplemental
13 appropriation that allocates the Traffic
14 Safety Board's share of the handicapped
15 parking surcharge to its budget. The \$30
16 surcharge that Traffic Safety receives is
17 half of the total of \$40,000 that we
18 anticipate to receive in 2023.

19 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Any debate or
20 discussion?

21 (Whereupon, no verbal
22 response.)

23 CHAIRWOMAN FORD: No. All right.
24 Well, thank you very much, sir.

25 All those in favor of passing this

item, please signify by saying, "Aye".

(Whereupon, all members of
the Public Safety Committee
respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: Opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: The item passes
unanimously.

There is no other business in front
of this Committee. May I have a motion to
adjourn? Moved by Legislator Ferretti,
seconded by Legislator McKevitt.

All those in favor?

(Whereupon, all members of
the Public Safety Committee
respond in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRWOMAN FORD: This Committee is
now adjourned. Planning is next.

(Whereupon, the Public
Safety Committee is adjourned,
8:09 p.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK)

: SS.:

COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public
for and within the State of New York, do
hereby certify:

That the above is a correct
transcription of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 8th day of May, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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