

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

RICHARD NICOLELLO

PRESIDING OFFICER

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL

CHAIRMAN

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

Monday, July 17, 2023

2:25 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL CHAIRMAN

LEGISLATOR DENISE FORD (Subbing for Ferretti)

LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT

LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER

LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER RANKING MEMBER

LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES

LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN (Recused 227)

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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COMMISSIONER BELYEA, PARKS DEPARTMENT

THOMAS DELANEY, OMB

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CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right. I'd like
to call the Finance Committee to order.
Mike, would you call the roll, please

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you, sir.
Roll call Finance.

Legislator Joshua Lafazan.

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Carrie A.
Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Subbing for Vice
Chairman John Ferretti, Legislator Denise
Ford?

LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard
3 Kopel?

4 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Here.

5 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
6 sir.

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. As we
8 have a number of Items on Addendum, we
9 will start off with a motion to suspend
10 the Rules. That motion is made by
11 Legislator Walker and it is seconded by
12 Legislator Drucker. All those in favor
13 of suspending the Rules, say "Aye".

14 (Whereupon, all members of
15 the Finance Committee respond
16 in favor with, "Aye".)

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: The Rules are
18 suspended.

19 There are a number of items which
20 have gone through previous committees,
21 Minority/Majority consent to them. No
22 further debate or discussion is required.
23 I'm going to call them together. And
24 those numbers are number 213; 215; 216;
25 217; 218; 219; 220; 221; 225; 230; 231;

232; and on the Addendum, 233.

Motion on those is made by Mr.
McKevitt, seconded by Mr. Solages.

All those in favor of those items
please so indicate by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those Item are
passed unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Number 224, which
3 is which is supplemental with Parks and
4 Recreation. Motion is made by Mrs. Ford
5 and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

6 COMMISSIONER BELYEA: Good
7 afternoon. Darcy Belyea, Parks
8 Commissioner. This item is a supplemental
9 appropriation in the amount of \$413,275,
10 an annual appropriation of funds to cover
11 expenses for fiscal year 2023, as
12 mandated by New York State for
13 hotel/motel tax collection and
14 distribution. There is no net impact on
15 the budget since there will be an equal
16 amount of revenue and expenditures.

17 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Thank you. Are
18 there any questions?

19 (Whereupon, no verbal
20 response.)

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Hearing none. All
22 those in favor of this Item 224, please
23 say, "Aye".

24 (Whereupon, all members of
25 the Finance Committee respond

in favor with, "Aye".)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item passes
unanimously. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Item 238 on Addendum, which authorizes the transfer of appropriations. Motion is made by Ms. Walker and seconded by Mr. Drucker.

MR. DELANEY: Thomas Delaney, Office of Emergency Management. This is a board transfer on a grant just allowing us to spend the grant down 100%, as typically happens with most grants. Any questions?

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Public comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor, please say, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is

unanimous. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: There are a number
3 of items, which I will call together as
4 they will require executive session.

5 Before that, we are going to go to
6 212, which is supplemental to
7 appropriations in connection with the
8 Office of Community Development. Motion
9 by Mrs. Ford, seconded by Mr. McKevitt.

10 MS. DUKES: Good afternoon. Items
11 212 to 223 are supplemental
12 appropriations. Theresa Dukes, Community
13 Development Development Office.

14 So there are supplemental
15 appropriations covering three federal
16 programs, the CDBG, the Home, and the ESG
17 programs. The legislature approved the
18 use of these funds at the June 26th
19 hearing as part of the fiscal year 2023
20 Action plan.

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any questions?

22 (Whereupon, no verbal
23 response.)

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Public comment?

25 (Whereupon, no verbal

response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All those in favor,
please say, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is
unanimous. Thank you.

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2 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay, now we go to
3 the Executive Session required items and
4 those are. I'll call them together. Those
5 would be numbers 214; 222; 223; 226; 227;
6 228; and on the addendum, 235; 236 and
7 237. Motion by Mr. McKevitt. Seconded by
8 Mr. Solages. And we'll add 239 to that.
9 Again, Motion by Mr. McKevitt, seconded
10 by Mr. Solages.

11 Now I'm going to take a motion for
12 to go into Executive Session made by Ms.
13 Walker and seconded by Mr. Drucker. All
14 those in favor of going into Executive
15 Session, please say, "Aye".

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

19 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

20 (Whereupon, no verbal
21 response.)

22 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. We are going
23 to Executive Session. Members of the
24 Rules Committee are invited to join us in
25 the Executive Session.

(Whereupon, Executive Session, 2:40
p.m.-3:45 p.m.)

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3 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: All right, Finance
4 is back. We're going to vote on the
5 remaining items. We're going to do 227
6 separately.

7 So, 214; 222; 223; 226; 228; 235;
8 236; 237; All those in favor, please say,
9 "Aye".

10 (Whereupon, all members of
11 the Finance Committee respond
12 in favor with, "Aye".)

13 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

14 (Whereupon, no verbal
15 response.)

16 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Those items are
17 unanimous.

18 Now, on 227, Mr. Lafazan is leaving
19 the room. He has recused himself. He will
20 not be taking part in the vote or any
21 discussion on that item.

22 (Whereupon, Legislator
23 Lafazan leaves the Chambers.)

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Okay. Now, all
25 those in favor of item 227, please say,

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2 "Aye".

3 (Whereupon, all present
4 members of the Finance
5 Committee respond in favor
6 with, "Aye".)

7 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

8 (Whereupon, no verbal
9 response.)

10 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: That Item is
11 unanimous.

12 (Whereupon, off record
13 discussion.)

14 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: So 227 and 239. All
15 those in favor of those two items, please
16 say, "Aye".

17 (Whereupon, all members
18 present of the Finance
19 Committee respond in favor
20 with, "Aye".)

21 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

22 (Whereupon, no verbal
23 response.)

24 CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We've got those
25 unanimously now.

(Whereupon, Legislator
Lafazan returns to Chambers.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Rose Walker is
moving to adjourn. Mr. Lafazan seconded.

All those in favor of adjourning,
please say, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

CHAIRMAN KOPEL: We're adjourned and
we're back to Rules.

(Whereupon, the Finance
Committee meeting is adjourned,
3:47 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 17th day of July, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

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