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PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

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LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER
LEGISLATOR JAMES KENNEDY
LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE RANKING
LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER
LEGISLATOR CARRIE A. SOLAGES

MICHAEL PULITZER Clerk of the Legislature

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KEN ARNOLD, PUBLIC WORKS

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CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: At this time
I'll call the Public Works and Parks
Committee to order. I'll ask the Clerk
to call the roll.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
Chairman.

Legislator Carrie Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Siela Bynoe?

LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
Kennedy?

LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
Schaefer?

LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
John Giuffre?

LEGISLATOR GIUFFRE: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Chairman C.

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William Gaylor, III?

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Present.

CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: So we have a
quorum.

There's one Item on the Agenda
today, which is Clerk Item 266-23.

Clerk Item 266-23 is an ordinance
supplemental to the annual
appropriation ordinance in connection
with the Department of Public Works.

Can I have a motion, please? Move
by Legislator Giuffre, seconded by
Legislator Schaefer.

The item is before us.
Commissioner Arnold from the
Administration, Department of Public
Works.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Good
afternoon.

266-23 is a supplemental
appropriation associated with grant
funds received from the FTA with
respect to our transitive operation,

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2 the supplemental appropriations for a
3 total of \$46.7 million. This covers
4 operational assistance, procurement of
5 rolling stock, capital improvements of
6 the facilities and to keep the
7 equipment in good standing.

8 CHAIRMAN NICOLLELO: Any debate
9 or discussion from legislators?

10 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)

11 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any public
12 comment?

13 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)

14 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: All in favor,
15 please signify by saying, "Aye".

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

19 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any opposed?

20 (Whereupon, no verbal response.)

21 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The item passes
22 unanimously.

23 (Whereupon, Legislator Drucker
24 poses a question.)

25 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The floor is

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all yours.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
chairman.

Ken, thank you. Can you give us
an update on the status of the RFP.

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: The RFP I
would expect to be at the next Rules
Committee meeting.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Can you give
us an update today?

COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: As we have
gone through our procurement process,
we've made our recommendations and the
package is being finalized through the
system and the recommendation of award
will be packaged with the new contract
and will be sent to the Legislature
shortly, which will be called on the
next meeting.

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Could you
use the answer for me also regarding
this item, \$46.7 million, how does that
compare to grant funding in previous
years?

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2 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I believe
3 it's roughly the same. I can double
4 check, but they're pretty consistent
5 with the money we get from FTA. It
6 might be slightly higher, but I can
7 double check and get back to you for
8 the next meeting.

9 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Legislator
10 Bynoe.

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Thank you.

12 Ken, could you tell us a little
13 bit about the time line that was
14 associated with the RFP that was issued
15 regarding the bus.

16 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: The
17 timeline of the RFP that we are
18 processing?

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Yes. When was
20 it originally issued.

21 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I think it
22 was issued just before the round New
23 Year. I think it was the end
24 of '22/early '23 we issued the RFP. We
25 had interviews, we had site walk-thrus,

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2 we had a committee put together from
3 various agencies of the County. It
4 wasn't just public works. From that,
5 they made their recommendation and
6 that's what we're processing right now.

7 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: And the
8 timeline was that we issued, we were
9 supposed to go through all of the
10 different cycles of these inspections
11 and Q&As from folks that submitted and
12 then we were originally supposed to
13 render a decision in what time-frame?

14 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We're
15 probably a touch later than we
16 anticipated, but the contract starts
17 the beginning of '24. So we're still on
18 track to be done by that point. I
19 think our Calendar might have had us
20 submitting the contract a month earlier
21 than we are.

22 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Only a month
23 earlier?

24 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. We're
25 not that far off from what we thought,

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2 because the contract has to be in place
3 by the beginning of the year. If we
4 get to this Body the next two sessions,
5 because I believe this contract will go
6 to both Committees and Full, because
7 it's a larger contract, and then the
8 NIFA Board will have to have a meeting
9 for it in probably October, early
10 November, which will get us right on
11 track to have the contract in place by
12 the beginning of the year.

13 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I have some
14 other questions but I believe it would
15 probably compromise your process in
16 terms of --

17 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yeah. I
18 would ask that anything on the
19 contract, wait for the contract to be
20 presented and then just do like we
21 normally do during a screening period.
22 We can answer as many things as
23 possible and then answer the remainder
24 on the floor as we go through.

25 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: This is not

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2 necessarily contract specific, but I'll
3 leave it. I do agree with you. I'm
4 better served not asking.

5 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We're
6 anticipating a lot of back and forth on
7 this contract because it is probably
8 one the biggest contracts the County
9 procures.

10 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: I just hope
11 with this tight time-frame that we're
12 going to have enough time to get
13 through all of that. But thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: I would
15 expect it would be fine.

16 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Real quick,
17 Chairman. How many proposals did you
18 review?

19 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: We received
20 two.

21 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Two full
22 proposals?

23 COMMISSIONER ARNOLD: Yes.

24 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any public

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comment?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: All in favor,
please signify by saying, "Aye".

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

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: The item passes
unanimously.

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2 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: There being no
3 further business before the Committee,
4 may I have a motion to adjourn?

5 Moved by Legislator Kennedy,
6 seconded by Legislator Bynoe.

7 All in favor?

8 (Whereupon, all members of the
9 Public Works and Parks Committee
10 respond in favor with, "Aye".)

11 CHAIRMAN GAYLOR: Committee is
12 now adjourned.

13 Health will be next.
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17 (Whereupon, the PW and Parks
18 Committee is adjourned, 2:43 p.m.)
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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 6th day of
September, 2023.

Karen Lorenzo

Karen Lorenzo

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