



Committee on Budget & Appropriations

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Monday, February 10, 2020

1:01 PM

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Legislation and Planning, Economic Development & Energy.

With a quorum present, Chair Catherine Borgia called the meeting to order at 1:57 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Catherine Borgia	Chair	Present	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Present	
Margaret A Cunzio	D3 Legislator (Minority Leader)	Present	
Vedat Gashi	Vice Chair	Present	
Christopher Johnson	D16 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Absent	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Present	
Catherine Parker	D7 Legislator	Present	
David J. Tubiolo	D14 Legislator (Minority Whip)	Present	
Ruth Walter	D15 Legislator	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Present	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Kitley Covill, Colin Smith, MaryJane Shimsky, Jill Axelrod, Brandon Lloyd, James Silverberg, Alessandra Restiano, Amy Vele, Tatyana Martinez CE: Gary Friedman LAW: Tami Altschiller, James Carpinello Guests: Mark Stefanov, Henry Neale

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **(ID # 12396) Resolution – ENV RES-Convey Residual Parcel-Ferris Avenue, White Plains:**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the proposed conveyance of 0.36 acres of County owned property in the City of White Plains for a purchase price of \$260,000 to 280 Ferris Avenue, LLC.

Joint with LEG & PEDE

Guest: Gary Friedman, Director of Real Estate and Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Gary Friedman, Tami Altschiller, and James Carpinello, Senior Assistant Count Attorney, came before the committee to discuss item #12396- Convey Residual Parcel- Ferris Avenue, White Plains. They advised that the County is selling this vacant property to the owner of the property next door. The property was appraised at \$200,000, and will be sold for \$260,000. The city of White Plains has a right of first refusal, but the 90-day period passed without a response. There is only commercial property in this area, and there is a gas line under the property, so it could only be used for a parking lot, and is not appropriate for affordable housing. Legislator Covill asked the Law Department to find out who is behind the LLC that wants to purchase the property, so we know who we are selling to. Legislator Walter asked where the money from the sale of the property would go, and Ms. Altschiller advised that all proceeds from the sale of County property goes into the General Fund. Henry Neale, Chairman of the Westchester County Parks Board, advised the committee that the Parks Board approves of the sale, but the proceeds should be set aside in a segregated fund and dedicated specifically for park purposes. With a motion by Legislator Johnson and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 9-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

2. (ID # 12397) Act – Convey Residual Parcel-Ferris Avenue, White Plains:

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to convey 0.36 acres of County owned property in the City of White Plains for a purchase price of TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$260,000) DOLLARS to 280 Ferris Avenue, LLC.

Joint with LEG & PEDE

Guest: Gary Friedman, Director of Real Estate and Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Please refer to item #1. With a motion by Legislator Johnson and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 9-0.

RESULT: SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Cunzio seconded by Legislator Gashi the Committee adjourned at 2:15 PM.