

Tompkins County Legislature
 Regular Meeting Minutes – Approved 11-19-19
Thursday, November 7, 2019 5:30 PM
 Legislature Chambers

Public Hearing

Proposed Local Law No. e of 2019 - A Local Law Enacting the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 421-f - Capital Improvements to Residential Properties Exemption

Ms. Robertson, Chair, opened the public hearing at 5:32 p.m. concerning proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2019 - A Local Law Enacting the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 421-f, Capital Improvements to Residential Properties Exemption and asked if anyone wished to speak.

No one wished to speak and the public hearing was closed at 5:32 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Members and guests participated in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call of Members

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Shawna Black	Member	Present	
Amanda Champion	Member	Present	
Deborah Dawson	Member	Present	
Henry Granison	Member	Present	
Rich John	Member	Present	
Anna Kelles	Member	Present	
Daniel Klein	Member	Present	
Anne Koreman	Member	Present	
Michael Lane	Member	Present	
Leslyn McBean-Clairborne	Member	Late	5:44 PM
David McKenna	Member	Present	
Glenn Morey	Member	Present	
Martha Robertson	Chair	Present	
Michael Sigler	Member	Present	

Presentation of Proclamations, Petitions, Communications, and Notices

Ms. Robertson presented a proclamation declaring the full second week of November 2019 as Home Care Aide Appreciation Week in Tompkins County to Sue Ellen Stewart from the Visiting Nurses Services.

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

Announcements of Executive Sessions, Reordering of Business, and Special Orders of the Day

Ms. Robertson announced an executive session concerning real property negotiations and a personnel matter about a particular person will be held later in the meeting.

Privilege of the Floor by the Public

Thomas Shelley, Ithaca resident and member of the Waste Reduction Subcommittee of the Environmental Management Council, spoke in support of the proposed law to establish a \$.05 fee for paper bags and said the use of paper bags are no better than plastic bags and encouraged use of reusable bags.

Frank Proto, Chair of the Tompkins County Health Planning Council, thanked the Legislature for the proclamation recognizing Home Health Care Aides and encouraged all Legislators to attend the event to be held on November 14th to recognize them.

Privilege of the Floor by Legislators

Ms. Champion invited Legislators to attend the Cornell Cooperative Extension Annual meeting and breakfast on November 12th at 8 a.m.

Ms. Kelles announced the annual meeting for Organizational Progress, an organization for progressive elected officials, will be held November 15-17 in Saratoga Springs; financial aid is available for anyone interested in attending.

Mr. Lane announced by the County Charter the Legislature elects its Chair and Vice Chair on an annual basis. He is an advocate for keeping the process as open as possible and believes that Legislators interested in serving in one of these positions should indicate so publicly; he said he is interested.

Ms. Koreman said Legislators received information on an Emergency Management Certification training to be held on November 20th in the Town of Enfield, from Geoff Dunn, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator. She encouraged Legislators to consider attending this free training.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at this time.

Report from a Municipal Official(s)

George McGonigal, Common Council Member, reported the City passed its budget last night. A position was added for a Green New Deal and \$100,000 was added by the Mayor to conduct a study and how to proceed on the Green New Deal. Other highlights included maintaining the current number of firefighters, adding staff at GIAC (Greater Ithaca Activities Center) that includes converting part-time into full-time positions. He said one theme that came from the discussions was the willingness by the City to collaborate with the County both financially and with knowledge.

Presentation of Proclamation

Ms. Robertson presented a proclamation to J.R. Clairborne, Veterans Services Director, declaring November 11, 2019, to be Veterans Day in Tompkins County. Mr. Clairborne spoke of the appreciation that has been relayed to him of the Legislature's investment in the community's veterans and the creation of the new local office.

RESULT: ANNOUNCED

Special Topical Presentation and/or Legislative Discussion

Community Housing Development Fund (ID #8933)

Katie Borgella, Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability, and Megan McDonald, Deputy Commissioner of Planning and Sustainability, provided the Legislature with a presentation on the Community Housing Development Fund. Ms. Robertson expressed appreciation to Ms. McDonald, Mr. West, and the entire department on their work in making this a successful program.

Ms. Robertson asked that Legislators receive a copy of the full presentation.

RESULT: COMPLETED

Housing and Economic Development Committee

Resolution No. 2019-221: Commitment of Additional Tompkins County Program Income Funds to the Community Housing Development Fund (ID #8913)

Mr. John expressed appreciation to the City for stepping up and providing more financial support to this. He said the leveraging of funds with Cornell and the City is very important and impressive.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Member
SECONDER:	Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2009-31, authorized funding for the Community Housing Affordability Program and the Community Housing Trust Program, jointly known as the Housing Fund, and accepted and approved the Memorandum of Understanding among the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, and Cornell University that established the Housing Fund for the period of time spanning 2009 to 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2015-154, authorized funding for the Housing Fund under the new name, “Community Housing Development Fund,” and accepted and approved the Memorandum of Understanding among the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, and Cornell University that extended the Community Housing Development Fund for the period of time spanning 2015 to 2021, and

WHEREAS, the CHDF Program helps communities, organizations, and housing developers throughout Tompkins County respond to the diverse affordable housing needs of residents by providing grant funds towards the construction and rehabilitation of housing units that will remain affordable to successive buyers or renters, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan (2015), the Tompkins County Housing Needs Assessment (2016), and Tompkins County Housing Strategy (2017) detail policies, data, and goals related to housing affordability for Tompkins County residents and the importance of ensuring an adequate supply of affordable housing in the community, and

WHEREAS, in its first ten years of existence, the CHDF Program has awarded \$3.8 million towards the construction and rehabilitation of 491 affordable housing units, of which 385 units have already been built or are currently under construction, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, CHDF award requests have begun to exceed available funding, and the shortage of funds as compared to requests is anticipated to worsen in the remaining years of the current program period, which could potentially delay or prevent a number of affordable housing units from moving forward to construction, and

WHEREAS, each of the current CHDF partners have been asked to consider increasing their contributions for the CHDF's November 2019 - November 2020 and November 2020 - November 2021 funding years, and

WHEREAS, the CHDF Program is an established program that is successfully advancing Tompkins County's affordable housing policies and targets, while serving as an effective public-private partnership and community-driven solution to local affordable housing challenges, and

WHEREAS, the County's past and current contributions to the CHDF Program use funds from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and New York State for homeownership assistance loans, repayment of which began in September 1995 and, under HUD rules, these program income funds must be re-spent for like purposes as the original grants, and

WHEREAS, under the CHDF's current Memorandum of Understanding (2015), Tompkins County has committed at least one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per year for six years and now seeks to increase that amount by an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) per year during the last two years of the current agreement, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That for the final two years of the CHDF Program under the 2015 Memorandum of Understanding, Tompkins County shall provide an additional one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) in funding per year in a cumulative amount not to exceed an additional two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000.00) over two years, through the Community Housing Development Fund,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to make the following budget adjustment:

Fund Balance:	CD 30909000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$200,000
Appropriation:	8695.54400	Program Expense	\$200,000

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute any required amendment to the Community Housing Development Fund Memorandum of Understanding or other documents required in order to affect this program consistent with this resolution.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

Resolution No. 2019-222: Commitment of Tompkins County Program Income Funds for 9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Contingent Fund of the Community Housing Development Fund (ID #8914)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Member
SECONDER:	Anne Koreman, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolutions No. 2009-31 and No. 2015-154, authorized funding for the Community Housing Development Fund (CHDF), previously known as the Housing Fund, and accepted and approved the Memoranda of Understanding among the County of Tompkins, the City of Ithaca, and Cornell University that established the program and then extended it through November 2021, and

WHEREAS, the CHDF Program provides grant funds towards the construction and rehabilitation of housing units that will remain affordable to successive buyers or renters, and

WHEREAS, the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program is the single most significant federal resource to support the construction of affordable housing in the United States, and

WHEREAS, 9% LIHTC funding is highly competitive, resulting in few projects typically being funded each year in any community, and

WHEREAS, demonstrated local funding support for 9% LIHTC-eligible projects enhances their competitiveness, and

WHEREAS, CHDF awards are critical in helping affordable housing proposals successfully compete for limited 9% LIHTC awards, and

WHEREAS, the CHDF Program typically only has adequate funding to support up to two projects applying for 9%LIHTC awards in a single year, and

WHEREAS, the County's past and current contributions to the CHDF Program use funds from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) awards from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and New York State for homeownership assistance loans, repayment of which began in September 1995 and, under HUD rules, these CDBG program income funds must be re-spent for like purposes as the original grants, and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Tompkins County Legislature to provide a funding source to allow the County to support additional 9% LIHTC-eligible projects which have gone through the CHDF process in order to increase their competitiveness for 9% LIHTC awards, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That

Tompkins County hereby commits three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) of program income funds from CDBG to a “9% Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Contingent Fund” of the Community Housing Development Fund,

RESOLVED, further, That these funds will be granted and/or loaned pursuant to designated funding opportunities through a Notice of Funding Availability for the Community Housing Development Fund only when more than two 9% LIHTC projects apply for CHDF awards and the CHDF Program both lacks sufficient funding to support the additional requests and more than two 9% LIHTC awards are made to CHDF projects in a single LIHTC award cycle,

RESOLVED, further That the disbursement of these funds will be contingent upon an awardee successfully securing a 9% LIHTC award for the proposed project,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director is authorized and directed to make the following budget adjustment:

Fund Balance: CD 30909000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$300,000
Appropriation: 8695.54400	Program Expense	\$300,000

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute any required amendment to the Community Housing Development Fund Memorandum of Understanding or other documents required in order to affect this program consistent with this resolution.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

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Resolution No. 2019-223: Negative Declaration for Authorizing Exemption from Real Property Taxes and Provision for In-Lieu Payments with Regard to the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (INHS), Immaculate Conception School Redevelopment Project (ID #8961)

Ms. Dawson noted the City disagreed with some of the findings but agreed with the final determination of a Negative Declaration.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Member
SECONDER:	Deborah Dawson, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 224 of 2019 would authorize Exemption from Real Property Taxes and Provision for In-Lieu Payments, with Regard to the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (“INHS”), Immaculate Conception School Redevelopment Project (hereinafter referred to as the “Project”), and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has received and reviewed the City of Ithaca Full Environmental

Assessment Form (Parts 1, 2, and 3) documents for the Project, and

WHEREAS, as Lead Agency, the City of Ithaca Planning and Development Board has determined the Project to be a Type I Action in accordance with the City of Ithaca Environmental Quality Review Ordinance and has issued a Negative Declaration, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County concurs with the City of Ithaca Planning and Development Board SEQR Negative Determination of the Project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That the authorization of the exemption from Real Property Taxes and Provision for In-Lieu Payments, with regard to the Project adequately protects and preserves the environment and will not have any potentially significant adverse effects on the environment.

SEQR ACTION: Full Environmental Assessment Form on File with the Legislature Clerk

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Resolution No. 2019-224: Authorize Exemption from Real Property Taxes and Provision for In-Lieu Payments with Regard to the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. (INHS), Immaculate Conception School Redevelopment Project (ID #8962)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Member
SECONDER:	Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 577 of the New York State Private Housing Finance Law (PHFL), the Legislature hereby exempts from real property taxes, for a period of thirty (30) years, the following properties, to be owned by a housing development fund company formed under Article XI of Private Housing Finance Law of the State of New York and sponsored by the Ithaca Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc. ("INHS"), and beneficially owned by a to-be-formed partnership affiliate of INHS formed for the purpose of developing the Project (hereinafter the "Owner"), and to be used for the provision of affordable rental housing to qualified persons or families of low income as a part of the Immaculate Conception School Redevelopment Project (the "Project"), and

<u>Address:</u>	<u>Tax Parcel #:</u>
320-324 W. Buffalo St	60.-2-5
330 W. Buffalo St	60.-2-11
309 S. Plain St	60.-2-12

WHEREAS, Tompkins County has determined that the continued provision of affordable rental housing to qualified persons or families of low income by INHS is beneficial to and in the long term best

interests of the public, and

WHEREAS, the City of Ithaca Planning and Development Board's SEQR review process has been completed for the Project with a Negative Determination, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 223 of 2019 concurs with the City of Ithaca Planning and Development Board's SEQR Negative Declaration determination for the Project, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That the Legislature of Tompkins County, pursuant to Section 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law of the State of New York, hereby grants to the properties listed herein a tax exemption from real property taxes levied by Tompkins County, the City of Ithaca, and other local taxing authorities for a period of thirty (30) years, and the Owner shall make annual in-lieu-of-tax payments (hereinafter referred to as "PILOT") to Tompkins County equal to 12% of its annual "net operating income" (NOI) but in no event to be less than \$41,514, increasing to 15% of NOI beginning in year 16. "Net operating income" shall equal gross rents received by the Owner less operating costs, as determined by an annual audit, paid by the Owner for the duration of the exemption period. The PILOT shall be shared by Tompkins County with the City of Ithaca and the Ithaca City School District in the same ratio as total school, City, and County taxes would have been paid with respect to the Project without considering the exemption provided for herein,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator is hereby authorized and requested to execute and deliver to any pertinent party an agreement between Tompkins County and the Owner, setting forth as necessary the details of the PILOT, and to take all action necessary and/or required to effectuate or verify such payments or tax exemption, the PILOT agreement shall contain such additional terms and conditions as the County Administrator deems to be appropriate,

RESOLVED, further, That this ordinance shall take effect as of the next final assessment roll.
SEQR ACTION: Full Environmental Assessment Form on File with the Legislature Clerk

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Chair's Report and Chair's Appointments

Ms. Robertson reported on the status of a proposal involving the Airport for geothermal through the NYSEG non-pipe alternative process. According to Ms. Borgella, it was one of the most comprehensive projects received and she is hopeful funds will be received. Ms. Robertson further reported that the petition regarding how much will be available through the NPA, filed by Irene Weiser, Town of Caroline Board member, will be going through the NYSEG's rate case.

Ms. Robertson said she received a list of committees from NACo (National Association of Counties) of Steering committees that Legislators can serve on; she will circulate the list to Legislators.

Ms. Robertson had no appointments.

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Molino reported that he, along with Ms. Hendrix and Mr. Murphy of his Office went to the International County Management Association meeting. He learned of the first police station in the country being built as a net-zero building just outside of Cincinnati. He will send out information on the

process they went through including the public input process. He will also send a copy of information he received at the conference on other areas.

Mr. Molino reported on Department Head searches and said the Director of Probation and Community Justice interviews began today and he hopes to have a recommendation by next month. Interviews for the Director of Human Rights and Workforce Development Director positions will be scheduled soon.

Report from the County Attorney

Mr. Wood provided an update on the opioid litigation. He received a proposal from the County's Counsel about whether Tompkins County should opt in or out of the national level litigation; it has been recommended to opt out and will be doing so. He commented that most counties are opting out and Counsel believes there will be quicker settlements that way.

Report from the Finance Director

Sept Sales Tax Report (ID#8971)

Mr. Snyder provided an update on the 2019 sales tax distribution summary. He reported the County's portion of sales tax distributions for September was down 2.83% compared to last year. As of the end of September, year-to-date tax distributions for the County's portion increased 4.03%. The County's portion of sales tax distributions for the 3rd quarter of 2019 was up by 3.0% compared to last year. Despite September being down this is still the County's highest 3rd quarter on record which follows its highest 2nd and 1st quarters on record.

The County's portion of casino gaming receipts for the 3rd quarter of 2019 was up by 0.2% compared to last year; year-to-date receipts are up by 5.3%.

In response to Ms. Dawson, Mr. Snyder said the impact to the County as a result of the change in AIM (Aid and Incentives to Municipalities) which is now coming from the County's sales tax versus directly from the State, is \$387,278. He said \$311,000 will be coming from the December sales tax and the remaining will be coming out of the May 2020 sales tax. He expressed concern with the action by the State to stop funding a program it historically funded and placed the responsibility on counties; stating this sets a dangerous precedent. There was discussion of Internet sales tax and the lack of information being received from the State. Mr. Lane said this is an area that counties need to push back on and agreed with Ms. Robertson's suggestion that the subject of sales tax and AIM funding be a topic taken to NYSAC.

Mr. Molino said the casino revenue numbers will be monitored with a report back in December.

RESULT:	COMPLETED
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Resolutions Added to and Withdrawn from the Agenda

There were no resolutions added to or withdrawn from the agenda.

Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Anna Kelles, Member
SECONDER:	Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Member
AYES:	Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

Resolution No. 2019-225: Resolution in Support of Federal Legislation that Requires the Office of Management and Budget to Reclassify Public Safety Telecommunicators as a “Protective Service Occupation” (ID #8952)

WHEREAS, H.R. 1629 and its Senate Companion bill also known as the Supporting Accurate Views of Emergency Services Act of 2019 (911 Saves Act) directs the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to reclassify public safety telecommunicators from “Office and Administrative Support Occupations” to the category of “Protective Service Occupations”, and

WHEREAS, the federal government’s Standard Occupations Classification System (SOCS) sorts workers into occupational categories for statistical purposes, according to the nature of the work performed, and in some cases, on the skills, education or training needed to perform the work, and

WHEREAS, America’s 9-1-1 telecommunicators are currently incorrectly categorized in the SOCS as an “Office and Administrative Support Occupation,” a category which includes secretaries, office clerks, and taxicab dispatchers, and

WHEREAS, classifying 9-1-1 telecommunicators as an “Office and Administrative Support Occupation” fails to recognize their central role in public safety and homeland security; their specialized training and skills; and their uniquely stressful work environment, and

WHEREAS, classifying public safety telecommunicators as “Protective Service Occupations” alongside police, firefighters, security guards, lifeguards, and others whose job is to protect our communities would better reflect the work they perform, and along the SOCS with related classification systems, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Public Safety Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature supports Federal Legislation H.R. 1629 that would reclassify 9-1-1 telecommunicators into the “Protective Service Occupations” SOCS category,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature calls upon all members of the New York State Congressional Delegation to support H.R. 1629, (911 SAVES Act), which would direct the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to reclassify public safety telecommunicators as a "Protective Service Occupation"; and we also call upon our U.S. Senators to support the companion legislation,

RESOLVED, further, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Senate Minority Leader Charles Schumer, Congressman Thomas Reed, and the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC).

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

Resolution No. 2019-226: Authorizing Supplemental Agreement No. 18 with C&S Companies for Consolidated/Shared-Use Fuel Facility and Avgas Self-Service Fuel Facility - Design and Bidding Services - Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ID #8941)

WHEREAS, authorization is required to designate and pay for the design and bidding services for the Consolidated/Shared-Use Fuel Facility and Avgas Self-Service Fuel Facility at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, and

WHEREAS, Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 18 with C&S Companies of Syracuse, New York, for the design and bidding services for the Consolidated/Shared-Use Fuel Facility and Avgas Self-Service Fuel Facility is estimated to cost \$180,000, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That Supplemental Consultant Agreement No. 18 with C&S Companies for the design and bidding services for the Consolidated/Shared-Use Fuel Facility and Avgas Self-Service Fuel Facility in the amount of \$180,000 be approved and financing of the contract is as follows:

CT FUND - AIRPORT FUND

Decrease Fund Balance:	CT30909000	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$36,000
Increase Expense Account:	CT5610.54802	Contribution to Construction	\$36,000

HT FUND - AIRPORT CAPITAL FUND

Increase Revenue Account:		HT5606.45032. 56.06	Interfund
(CT)	\$36,000		
Increase Revenue Account:		HT5606.43592. 56.06	
NYSDOT/AIR99 Funds	\$144,000		
Increase Expense Account:		HT5606.59239. 56.06	Construction
Expense	\$180,000		

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator be and hereby is authorized to execute the required documents,

RESOLVED, further, That the Finance Director be authorized to make payments from the appropriate accounts.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

Resolution No. 2019-227: Authorizing Acceptance of a New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) Grant for Terminal Building Improvements, Rehabilitate Taxiway A & C; and Purchase Multi-Tasking Snow Removal Equipment - Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (ID #8939)

WHEREAS, the County has received a grant offer from New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) in the amount of \$640,500 to help finance the Terminal Building

Improvements, Rehabilitation of Taxiway A & C, and the Purchase of a Multi-Tasking Snow Removal Equipment at the Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport, and

WHEREAS, the budget for these projects will be \$12,809,984.00 and the financing is as follows:

FAA Share (90.0%)	Account No. HT 5601.44592	\$11,528,985
NYS Department of Transportation Share (5.0%)	Account No. HT 5601.43592	\$ 640,500
Airport Operational Budget (PFC's instead of Operational Funds once application has been finalized)	Account No. HT 5601.45031	\$ 640,499

, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the grant offer from NYSDOT in the amount of \$640,500 be and hereby is accepted and that the County Administrator, or his designee, is authorized to execute the required documents.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-10

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Resolution No. 2019-228: Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing in Accordance with Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as Amended (ID #8935)

WHEREAS, the County of Tompkins, New York (the "County") intends to issue its Airport Bond Anticipation Notes, 2020 Series A (Subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax) in the approximate aggregate principal amount of \$10,000,000 (the "Series A Notes"), and

WHEREAS, proceeds from the sale of the Series A Notes will (i) finance the current refunding of the County's \$7,500,000 Airport Bond Anticipation Notes, 2019 Series B (Subject to the Alternative Minimum Tax) the proceeds of which were used to finance a capital improvement project (the "Project") at the County's existing Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport (the "Airport") located at 1 Culligan Drive, Ithaca, New York 14850, (ii) provide new monies for the Project, and (iii) pay all or a portion of the costs incidental to the issuance of the Series A Notes, including issuance costs of the Series A Notes, and

WHEREAS, the Project consists of additions, renovations and improvements, including an expansion to the facility's existing terminal building, apron reconstruction, installation of a new passenger boarding bridge, installation of a geothermal heating and cooling system, installation of overhead canopies with solar panels to be located in the existing public parking lot, installation of additional solar panels on the top of the existing curbside canopy, and construction of a new federal customs facility, all to include site, access and parking improvements, demolition, utility, mechanical, plumbing and electrical improvements, the acquisition of original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, and payment of professional fees and all other necessary costs incidental to such work, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), interest on the Series A Notes will *not* be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes *unless* the issuance of the Series A Notes is approved by the Legislature after a public hearing to consider both the issuance of the Series A Notes and the nature and location of the facilities financed therewith has been conducted following reasonable public notice, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, by the County Legislature of Tompkins County, That:

Section 1. For the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code, the Legislature hereby authorizes a public hearing before the Tompkins County Legislature in the Legislative Chambers of the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York, on December 3, 2019, at 5:30 p.m. thereof concerning the Project and the proposed issuance of the Series A Notes. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same.

Section 2. The Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

Section 3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately

SEQR ACTION: UNLISTED

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Resolution No. 2019-229: Acceptance of Grant from the Park Foundation to Continue to Provide Consultant Services to Business Clients through the Current Business Energy Advisors for New Construction Program (ID #8960)

WHEREAS, the County has been awarded a grant from the Park Foundation to provide consultant services to business clients through the County's Business Energy Advisors for New Construction Program managed by the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Sustainability is prepared to administer this grant, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the County hereby accepts Park Foundation grant funds in the amount of \$70,000 over two years,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute any contracts related to this grant,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be and hereby is authorized and directed to make the following adjustments to the 2019 budget, to account for grant funds not set aside for use in 2020:

Revenues		
A8020.42070	Contributions from Private Agencies	\$35,000
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	TOTAL REVENUES	\$35,000
Expenditures		
A8020.54442	Professional Services	\$35,000
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	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$35,000

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

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Resolution No. 2019-230: Authorizing a Public Hearing on Local Law No. ___ of 2019 – A Local Law Establishing a \$.05 Paper Carryout Bag Reduction Fee in Tompkins County (ID #8996)

WHEREAS, in June 2019, the New York State Legislature passed the New York State Bag Waste Reduction Act (A2008C/S.1508C, Part H), adding Title 28 BAG WASTE REDUCTION to Article 27 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of Title 28 (Sections 27-2801 - 27-2809) is to reduce the environmental impact of bag waste, and particularly single-use plastic bag waste, and

WHEREAS, Section 27-2805 authorizes and empowers any city or county to adopt a local law imposing a \$.05 paper carryout bag reduction fee to take effect on or after March 1, 2020, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That a public hearing be held before the Tompkins County Legislature in the Legislature Chambers of the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York, on November 19, 2019, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening thereof concerning proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2019 - A Local Law Establishing a \$.05 Paper Carryout Bag Reduction Fee in Tompkins County. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

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Resolution No. 2019-231: Resolution Calling on the Governor and State Legislative Leaders to Provide Counties with Permanent Local Authority Over Their Existing Sales Tax Rates (ID #8919)

WHEREAS, like many counties in New York State, Tompkins County continues to face significant challenges in balancing its budgets while also meeting the goals of the property tax cap, and

WHEREAS, the two primary revenue sources for Tompkins County are its real property tax and local sales tax, and

WHEREAS, it is critically important for Tompkins County to have confidence and stability in its revenue projections in order to efficiently and prudently develop its annual operating budgets, as well as to develop and implement long-term capital and infrastructure plans, and

WHEREAS, the State has made the property tax cap permanent, therefore limiting a key county revenue in the face of rising costs and service needs in our community, and

WHEREAS, in recent years, five counties have seen their home rule revenue authority held hostage in unrelated state policy fights, resulting in the temporary lapse of local sales and mortgage

recording tax collections, and

WHEREAS, the loss of these revenues caused fiscal stress and budget uncertainty for these counties while increasing pressure on property tax rates, and this threat extends to all counties, including Tompkins, under the current state sales tax renewal process, and

WHEREAS, in addition to addressing local quality of life services expected by its taxpayers, Tompkins County must also administer and pay for more than 40 State and federal programs that regularly consume close to two thirds of its entire budget, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County's elected officials rely on their home rule authority to determine what balance of local taxes works best in their community, and

WHEREAS, New York City was granted permanent local authority over their sales tax rate a decade ago, while county requests for the same authority have been repeatedly denied, and

WHEREAS, Tompkins County must share its sales tax revenues with its constituent municipalities to help pay for services they deliver, or to directly lower the amount of property taxes levied in these jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS, the pass-through of local sales tax revenue from Tompkins County to its constituent municipalities will likely exceed \$10 million in 2019, and

WHEREAS, it appears that all counties, including Tompkins, will be further required to use some of their sales tax revenues to make up for the elimination of AIM funding to their constituent municipalities, and

WHEREAS, making Tompkins County's existing local sales tax rate permanent would still allow for appropriate State legislative review in the future upon any change, and

WHEREAS, permanent home rule sales tax authority will provide more budget certainty and stability for counties, including Tompkins, and

WHEREAS, permanent home rule sales tax authority at existing rates will reduce administrative expense and duplication of effort to process the necessary paperwork, forms, legislative hearings, filings and notices, resulting in improved government operations and fiscal savings at both the State and local levels, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee, That Tompkins County calls upon the Governor and State Legislature to provide parity with New York City by granting permanent home rule sales tax authority to counties at their current tax rates,

RESOLVED, further, That the home rule process should be reformed so it works as efficiently as possible for local taxpayers and eliminates unnecessary and duplicative legislative activity at the State and local level, while retaining state legislative review,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature send copies of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Temporary President of the Senate Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Senators Pamela Helming, Tom O'Mara, and James Seward, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, and Assembly Member Barbara Lifton.

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Resolution No. 2019-232: Resolution to Consider Applications for Funding from the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant Program from Round-C 2019 (ID #8958)

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature through Resolution No. 2018-284 approved the Program Guidelines for the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant program, and

WHEREAS, said Program Guidelines required that applications for grant awards from the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant Program in an amount that exceeds \$5,000 shall be reviewed by the County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant Program assists municipal governments with activities that support housing affordability, and

WHEREAS, the grant application was made available to interested parties with a deadline of October 11, 2019, for Round-C 2019, and

WHEREAS, one application from the Town of Danby for \$10,000 requires review and approval by the Tompkins County Legislature, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby is requesting \$10,000 to “Hire a consultant to review zoning and subdivision ordinances as well as site plan review procedures to ensure flexibility for contemporary trends in business while ensuring compatibility with neighborhood character and the environment. Consultant will suggest zoning changes and support a collaborative resident and business-led adaptive process for Septic Oriented Development that will provide locally-buildable, affordable housing diversity.”, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby Comprehensive Plan envisions development being focused in the traditional hamlets, with development in the outlying parts of the town being discouraged, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby has committed at least \$1,000 of local funding and additional in-kind services, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby’s application is complete and meets the minimum eligibility requirements of the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant program, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Danby application meets the goals for the Municipal Housing Affordability Grant as described in the Program Guidelines approved by the Tompkins County Legislature, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development Committee, That Tompkins County authorizes the expenditure of \$10,000 of its funds to support the Town of Danby’s project as described in their application dated October 11, 2019,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute agreements to affect this grant program consistent with this resolution.

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Complete Census Count Committee

Mr. Lane, Chair, reported the Committee met on November 4th and received an update on the recruiting efforts by the Census Bureau; Tompkins County is far behind other counties in applications for jobs. They will be hiring anyone who is a legal resident and are looking for individuals with language skills. Pat Pryor, Chair of the Public Information Advisory Board, was in attendance and reported the Board will meet on November 18th. An offer has been received by the Ithaca College print shop to produce needed banners at an affordable cost.

Downtown Facilities Committee

Mr. Morey, Chair, reported the Committee has not met since the last Legislature meeting. The November meeting has been canceled.

Public Safety Committee

Mr. John, Chair, reported the Committee met on October 17th. The Public Safety Building assessment was provided by the County Administrator and is underway. The Bail Reform and Discovery changes are profound to how criminal procedure works will take effect on January 1. It is a far-reaching change in the way criminal charges will be processed. Tompkins County is in much better shape than neighboring counties; but noted this is another area where the State made changes and passed the cost on to counties.

Mr. John reported on the amount of money that was invested into alternatives-to-incarceration (ATI) programs in 2017 in anticipation of losing the variances at the Jail. He said the September numbers for the jail showed 25 open beds but it does appear that we have had exceedingly low numbers of boardouts to other counties and a low population. He believes this is due to the investment the County has made in ATI and the work of the ATI programs.

Ms. Koreman said there was a public hearing last evening in the Town of Enfield concerning the addition of a Sheriff's satellite office in the Town of Enfield and overall people were very positive about it.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne said Tompkins County has been a leader in ATI programs for years. She said Tompkins County approaches this in a holistic way and recalled the work that has been done with Ban the Box, the job training program, and the Reentry program, and living wages being paid that people can live on and don't have to look to other ways to support their families. Ms. Kelles reported on a recent Continuum of Care meeting and spoke of the increased number of mental health and substance abuse issues with individuals and families. The shelter has over 100 people per night and some are employed and includes individuals earning \$17-18 an hour.

Mr. John said Tompkins County has made a difference in a lot of lives; it has reduced the Jail population without seeing an increase in crime as a result of the policies. The County has addressed and reduced a lot of obstacles but there continues to be problems with housing. There are different populations that have different needs. If you want to address the next level of recidivism the County has to make sure there is housing. A lot of good work has been done but a lot more needs to be done.

Health and Human Services Committee

Ms. Black, Chair, reported on a meeting of Board of Health and the Community Mental Health Services Board where a presentation of the Mental Health and Public Health Task Force was presented by Mr. Molino and Ms. Hendrix. Meetings have taken place every other week since May; a lot of time has been invested in this project. The Committee meeting where the findings of the Task Force will be presented is November 14th; members of the Board of Health and Community Mental Health Services will be in attendance; there will also be public comment. The full presentation will be given at the December 3rd Legislature meeting. Ms. Black thanked County Administration for navigating through this process. She also reported Code Blue is now in effect and shelter services are available.

Resolution No. 2019-233: Authorizing a Public Hearing on Local Law No. ___ of 2019 – A Local Law Amending Article 26 - Office of Human Rights/Human Rights Commission of the Tompkins County Charter (ID #8955)

In response to Mrs. McBean-Clairborne's questions concerning Section 2(i) of the proposed Local Law, Mr. Molino said the Human Rights Commission does not have authority to conduct any purchasing transactions. All transactions would be conducted by the Office of Human Rights.

Ms. Kelles offered the following amendment that was accepted as friendly to Section 2(i): delete "and/or disburse" and add: All funds raised will be administered by the Office of Human Rights.

In further response to Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Mr. Molino said there is nothing in State law about raising funds. The language in the law allows the Legislature to determine what the Commission will raise. In reference to the subject of gifting, Mr. Molino said guidance can be provided to the Commission if a situation arises. Ms. Robertson suggested the Human Rights Commission be provided an explanation of this language.

Following discussion Mr. Molino noted the word "advise" is advisory and has no authority.

Ms. Kelles spoke of the importance to her in making sure there is universal understanding of what the language means.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Shawna Black, Member
SECONDER:	Anna Kelles, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, an amendment of the County Charter is necessary to clarify the duties of the Office of Human Rights and Human Rights Commission, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services and the Government Operations Committees, That a public hearing be held before the Tompkins County Legislature in the Legislature Chambers of the Governor Daniel D. Tompkins Building, 121 East Court Street, Ithaca, New York, on November 19, 2019, at 5:30 o'clock in the evening thereof concerning proposed Local Law No. ___ of 2019 - A Local Law Amending Article 26 - Office of Human Rights/Human Rights Commission of the Tompkins County Charter. At such time and place all persons interested in the subject matter will be heard concerning the same,

RESOLVED, further, That the Clerk of the Legislature is hereby authorized and directed to place proper notice of such public hearing in the official newspaper of the County.

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Recess

Ms. Robertson declared recess at 8:00 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:09 p.m.

Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Mr. McKenna, Chair, reported the Committee met on October 17th and had report on the Airport disposal sites from Cornell; it was reported there has been no change. The Committee also received a capital project review for the Highway Department. In addition, there has been no new information on the Route 13 Corridor Study, but hopes to have an update soon.

Resolution No. 2019-234: Establishing Unit Charge for 2020 Solid Waste Annual Fee - Department of Recycling and Materials Management (ID #8949)

In response to a question raised, Ms. Eckstrom said they will be looking into renegotiating the contracts for the colleges.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David McKenna, Member
SECONDER:	Glenn Morey, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the unit charge for the 2020 Solid Waste Annual Fee has been recommended by the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the Unit Charge for the 2020 Solid Waste Annual Fee be established at \$60.00 per billing unit, which is a two dollar increase over the 2019 Solid Waste Annual Fee.

ATTACHMENT A: SCHEDULE OF RATES

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Wholly Exempt Homes for the Aged	633
Wholly Exempt Other HealthCare Facilities	642
Unit Charges: \$0.0222/sq.ft.	

(G)	
All other	All property classes and 'used as' codes not listed elsewhere in a specific category
Unit Charges: \$0.0445/sq.ft.	

(H)	
Seasonal Residences	260
Property must be classified as a seasonal residence by the Tompkins County Assessment Dept.	
Unit Charge: One-half (1/2) billing units per living unit.	

(I)	
No fee assessed:	
Row storage	F05
Small Churches (under 20 weekly attendance)	
Non-contributive area	Z98
Local government - all tax exempt parcels owned by the city, towns, villages, and county within Tompkins County.	

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-26

Government Operations Committee

Mr. Lane, Chair, reported the Committee met this afternoon and took action on resolutions that will be coming forward. Jay Franklin, Director of Assessment, spoke about the Local Advisory Board of Assessment Review that was suspended on a trial basis for 2019. He reported his department received little and no negative comments. A recommendation will be coming forward to extend the suspension of that Board for a three-year period. A proposal for training reimbursement for Legislators attending conferences has been put forward by a subcommittee and will be moving forward to the Legislature for consideration. The Poets Laureate plaque will be unveiled and a dedication held prior to the second meeting in January.

Resolution No. 2019-235: Adoption of Local Law No. 5 of 2019 - A Local Law Enacting the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 421-f, Capital Improvements to Residential Properties Exemption (ID #8768)

Mr. Lane will not support this because he does not think there will be many people applying due to the parameters under State law and because of the amount of work it adds to the Assessment Department staff.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [12 TO 2]
MOVER:	Amanda Champion, Member
SECONDER:	Deborah Dawson, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler
NAYS:	Henry Granison, Michael Lane

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Legislature wishes to encourage property owners to maintain their residential properties within the County, and

WHEREAS, one of the many issues that a property owner must consider when deciding on whether to maintain their property is the ultimate increased valuation and the often times increased taxes, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature has authorized an exemption that would provide a 8-year abatement on the increased value due to the capital improvements made to 1-2 family residences, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held before the Tompkins County Legislature to hear all persons interested in proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2019, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Housing and Economic Development and the Government Operations Committees, That proposed Local Law No. 5 of 2019 - A Local Law Enacting the New York State Real Property Tax Law Section 421-f, Capital Improvements to Residential Properties Exemption be and hereby is adopted,

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of the Legislature shall publish in the official newspaper of the County a notice of adoption containing a synopsis of said local law and shall within twenty days file one certified copy in the Office of the County Clerk, and one copy with the Secretary of State.

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Resolution No. 2019-236: Budget Adjustment and Appropriation of Unspent Funds from 2018 and Prior Years to Various Accounts of the Departments that Report to the Government Operations Committee (ID #8910)

This resolution was adopted by a short roll call vote.

for Mgt Fellow, etc.

County Attorney

Replace Suzi and Bill's desks	1420.52214	\$2,500
Replace Suzi's laptop	1420.52206	\$1,175

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Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee

Ms. Dawson, Chair, had no report.

Resolution No. 2019-237: Amendment to the 2015 County Comprehensive Plan – Five-Year Review (ID #8891)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Dawson, Member
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Tompkins County Legislature adopted the 2015 Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan to guide County program development and decision making, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Charter states “The plan shall be monitored annually, updated as necessary, and formally reviewed every five years following adoption,” and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability, with guidance and advice of the Tompkins County Planning Advisory Board, has conducted a thorough review of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan - including progress on the Plan’s 28 recommended Action Items, changes in data upon which the Plan was based, the Plan’s 12 Principles and 52 Policies, and issues that have arisen since the Plan was adopted in 2015, and

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Plan review was subject to opportunities for public review and comment, including a public hearing on October 15, 2019, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and Sustainability and the Planning Advisory Board have recommended adding 18 new Action Items to the Plan to be initiated before the next scheduled Plan update in 2025, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan be amended by adding the following Action Items to the Comprehensive Plan:

1. Municipal Assistance: Undertake direct outreach and engagement with municipalities several times each year to identify opportunities to assist their implementation of projects that would directly promote the policies of the Tompkins County Comprehensive Plan or projects identified in County strategies. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
2. Strategic Tourism Plan: Update the *Tompkins County 2020 Strategic Tourism Plan (2012)*. [Strategic Tourism Planning Board, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
3. Priority Trails: Work with community partners to further implement the Tompkins Priority Trails Strategy. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
4. Route 13 Corridor Study: Develop the 2020 State Route 13 Corridor Study and identify opportunities to implement recommendations. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council]
5. Housing Funding: Identify and pursue methods to continue and expand the Community Housing Development Fund Program. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
6. HABs Strategy: Establish a detailed countywide Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) strategy based on the Cayuga Lake and Owasco Lake HABs Action Plans and identify the actions, and the appropriate lead agencies, to be taken in Tompkins County that would most effectively reduce HABs. [Water Resources Council]
7. Stream Corridor Protection: Provide resources to support and encourage local officials to establish mechanisms and programs for protecting stream corridors. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
8. Watershed Rules and Regulations: Evaluate existing watershed rules and regulations within the region to determine best practices for protecting drinking water quality and enforcement mechanisms, focusing on the potential of establishing such rules for the Cayuga Lake watershed. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Health Department]
9. County-Owned Forestlands: Establish clear goals for managing County-owned Forest Lands and develop a plan of action for advancing those goals. [County Legislature, Environmental Management Council, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
10. Resiliency and Recovery Plan: Develop the Tompkins County Resiliency and Recovery Plan that both includes an update of the *Tompkins County Hazard Mitigation Plan (2013)* and develops tools to support resiliency and post-disaster economic recovery. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
11. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory: Conduct greenhouse gas emissions inventories both for the community and for County government operations, to be able to compare and track progress from the *2008 GHG Emissions and Energy Use Inventories*. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
12. Energy Infrastructure: Work with the Public Service Commission, state agencies, and NYSEG to plan for and support reliable and adequate energy infrastructure in the County that advances the County's greenhouse gas emissions goals, while supporting the County's Economic Development Strategy and Housing Strategy. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
13. Business Energy Advisors: Continue to implement the Business Energy Advisors program and explore methods to improve and expand its impact on reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the commercial sector. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
14. Employee Commutes: Assist County employees in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from their daily commutes. [Department of Planning and Sustainability, Human Resources]
15. Net-zero Emissions Facilities and Fleet: Undertake an inventory and analysis of County facilities and fleet to determine a financially sound path to net-zero emissions. [Facilities Department, Department of Planning and Sustainability]
16. Water and Sewer Study: Support TCAD's update of the *Countywide Inter-Municipal Water*

- and Sewer Feasibility Study for Tompkins County (2010)* and disseminate the results to municipalities. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
17. Planning and Design: Identify and share ways local municipalities can use the Planning and Design Principles from the *Development Focus Areas Strategy (2012)* in their communities. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]
 18. Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail: Complete tasks associated with the regional Cayuga Lake Blueway Trail Implementation grant from the New York State Department of State. [Department of Planning and Sustainability]

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-27

Resolution No. 2019-238: Budget Adjustment and Appropriation of Unspent Funds from 2018 and Prior Years to Various Accounts of Departments that Report to the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee (ID #8903)

This resolution was adopted by a short roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Deborah Dawson, Member
SECONDER:	David McKenna, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, Section 4.06 of Tompkins County Fiscal Policy on “Re-appropriation (Carryover or Rollover)” authorizes County Department Heads to “request re-appropriation of unspent funds from the previous year, provided that such funds are certified by the Director of Finance to be available and provided that this re-appropriation is authorized by the established appropriation procedures of the Legislature,” and

WHEREAS, various departments have been certified by the Director of Finance to have available unspent appropriations and excess revenues from 2018 totaling \$617,239, which, combined with balances from prior years, results in an available rollover balance of \$901,559 on the County’s books as of December 31, 2018, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Fiscal Policy, surplus funds have been requested for use in the current year’s budget by departments that report to the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality Committee in the amount of \$1,091, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Energy, and Environmental Quality and the Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committees, That the Finance Director is hereby authorized and directed to make the following adjustments to the 2019 Budget:

BUDGET APPROPRIATION:

Minutes
 Tompkins County Legislature
 Thursday, November 7, 2019

FROM: General Fund Balance \$1,091

TO:

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>Use of Funds</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Requested Rollover</u>
	Planning & Sustainability		
	Office Supplies (ordered in 2018, charged to 2019).	8020.54303	\$1,091

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Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee

Mr. Lane, Chair, reported the Committee will next meet on November 15th and will discuss residency requirements for positions and will take action on a number of other resolutions.

Resolution No. 2019-239: Adoption of 2020 Tompkins County Budget and 2020-2024 Tompkins County Capital Program (ID #8995)

Mr. Lane recognized staff, particularly Mr. Molino and Mr. McGuire, and the amount of work that went into the budget. Legislators echoed the sentiments of appreciation to staff and for having a very informed process.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne spoke about the Human Services Coalition agencies and the County's values and suggested program committees consider meeting with agencies and looking at that as it is important to the County.

Mr. Lane was thanked for his leadership.

This resolution was adopted by roll call vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Lane, Member
SECONDER:	Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, Member
AYES:	Shawna Black, Amanda Champion, Deborah Dawson, Henry Granison, Rich John, Anna Kelles, Daniel Klein, Anne Koreman, Michael Lane, Leslyn McBean-Clairborne, David McKenna, Glenn Morey, Martha Robertson, Michael Sigler

WHEREAS, the Recommended Budget for the year 2020 and the proposed 2020-2024 Capital Program have been presented to the Legislature by the Budget Officer on September 3, 2019, and a Tentative Budget for the year 2020 and the proposed 2020-2024 Capital Program were adopted by the Legislature for public review on October 15, 2019, and a public hearing was held on October 29, 2019, and all persons desiring to be heard concerning same have been heard, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Expanded Budget, Capital, and Personnel Committee,

That pursuant to Section 5.07 of the County Charter, the said proposed budget as amended is adopted, subject to the correction of manifest errors by the Clerk of the Legislature and the Budget Officer, as the budget of Tompkins County for the year 2020,

RESOLVED, further, That pursuant to Sections 5.03, 5.04, and 5.05 of the County Charter, the several amounts specified in such budget opposite each item of expenditure set forth in the column adopted are appropriated for the objects and purposes specified, effective January 1, 2020,

RESOLVED, further, That the sum of \$51,268,103 required to meet the local share of expenses and costs of county government in Tompkins County for the fiscal year 2020 as set forth in the budget be assessed against, levied upon, and collected from the taxable property of the nine towns and the city liable therefore,

RESOLVED, further, That this change will result in an approximate tax-levy increase of 2.75%, falling below the Tompkins County adjusted tax cap of approximately 5.41% as calculated according to New York State's formula, an approximate tax rate of \$6.31 per \$1,000 of assessed value, which amounts to a rate decrease of approximately -1.70%, and an increase of 2.60% in local spending,

RESOLVED, further, That this tax change will result in an increase of approximately \$11.41 on a median-priced home assessed in 2019 at \$190,000,

RESOLVED, further, That pursuant to Section 5.07 of the County Charter, the said proposed Capital Program as amended is adopted, subject to the correction of manifest errors by the Clerk of the Legislature and Budget Officer, as the Capital Program of Tompkins County for the years 2020-2024.

SEQR ACTION: TYPE II-21

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Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne, Chair, reported the Committee will next meet on December 9th and will look at a pilot program on a work-from-home policy from the Department of Social Services. The Committee will also discuss the LGBTQ law enforcement policy and will begin discussion of what members would like to see in a Chief Equity and Diversity Officer so that they can share that input with Human Resources and County Administration as this proceeds towards recruitment.

Housing and Economic Development Committee

Ms. Kelles, Chair, said the Committee had a presentation from the Tompkins County Area Development on their 2020 work plan and a very interesting presentation from Incremental Development; they are working with eight small scale developers. The Committee will meet next on November 22nd.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

October 10, 2019

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Shawna Black, Member
SECONDER: Deborah Dawson, Member
AYES: Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

October 15, 2019

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Shawna Black, Member
SECONDER: Deborah Dawson, Member
AYES: Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

October 29, 2019

RESULT: ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Shawna Black, Member
SECONDER: Deborah Dawson, Member
AYES: Black, Champion, Dawson, Granison, John, Kelles, Klein, Koreman, Lane, McBean-Clairborne, McKenna, Morey, Robertson, Sigler

Recess

Ms. Robertson declared recess 8:42 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m.

Executive Session

It was MOVED by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Ms. Kelles, and unanimously adopted by voice vote, to hold an executive session concerning real property negotiations and a personnel matter about a particular person at 8:48 p.m. The meeting returned to open session at 9:20 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.