

**Action Summary  
Expanded Budget Committee  
October 4, 2007  
5 p.m.**

**APPROVED**

Present: 12 Legislators: J. Dennis, F. Proto, M. Koplinka-Loehr (excused at 7:12 p.m.), M. Sigler, D. Kiefer, P. Mackesey (excused at 6:20 p.m.), T. Joseph, M. Robertson, N. Shinagawa, R. Booth (arrived at 5:04 p.m.), K. Herrera (excused 6:20 p.m.), G. Stevenson, L. McBean-Clairborne (arrived at 5:28 p.m.)

Not Present: D. Randall, M. Hattery

**Call to Order**

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. (11 members present)

**TCAT**

Joe Turcotte, General Manager, provided an overview of the TCAT budget. He was questioned about insurance trends, flexible service, park-and-ride costs (\$55,000 for one site)

Mr. Booth arrived at 5:04 p.m. (12 members present).

**Planning Department**

Mr. Marx presented an overview of the 2008 budget submission for Planning Department.

**Facilities Division**

Arel LeMaro, Director of Facilities, provided an overview of the Facilities Division's 2008 budget submission.

Mrs. McBean-Clairborne arrived at 5:28 p.m. (13 members present)

*Ms. Robertson requested information showing the Division's work plan to include all current and planned projects.*

**Public Works Administration**

Mr. Marx presented an overview of the budget submission for Public Works Administration.

**Solid Waste**

Barbara Eckstrom, Solid Waste Manager, provided an overview of the 2008 budget submission for the Solid Waste Division.

*Mr. Joseph requested a list of all fees charged by County departments.*

**Highway Division**

Mr. Sczesny, Highway Manager, provided an overview of the 2008 budget submission for the Highway Division.

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Ms. Herrera was excused at 6:20 p.m. (12 members present).

Ms. Mackesey was excused at 6:20 p.m. (11 members present).

### **Soil and Water Conservation District**

Craig Schutt, District Manager, answered questions concerning the 2008 budget submission by the Soil and Water Conservation District.

### **Cooperative Extension**

Mr. Schlather, Executive Director, provided an overview of the agency's 2008 funding request.

### **Mental Health**

Robert DeLuca, Commissioner, presented an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

### **Information Technology Services**

Mr. Potter, Director, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

### **Recess**

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr declared recess from 7:12 p.m. to 7:26 p.m.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr was excused at 7:26 p.m. (10 members present). Mr. Joseph chaired the remainder of the meeting.

### **Personnel**

Ms. Fitzpatrick, Commissioner, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

### **County Historian**

Mr. Whicher, County Administrator, provided an overview of the 2008 funding request for the County Historian program that is included in the County Administration budget.

Mr. Stevenson, Chair of the Government Operations Committee, presented the following resolution to Carol Kammen, Tompkins County Historian, adopted by the Legislature on October 2, 2007:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 191 - IN APPRECIATION OF COUNTY HISTORIAN, CAROL KAMMEN**

MOVED by Mr. Proto, and unanimously seconded.

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2000, Carol Kammen was appointed by the Tompkins County Legislature to the position of County Historian, and

WHEREAS, Carol Kammen served as a senior lecturer at Cornell University where she taught local history, and has served as guest speaker and consultant to dozens of museums, historical societies, and humanities councils around the country, and

WHEREAS, after writing articles for *New York History* magazine, Carol authored the books *On Doing Local History: Reflections on What Local Historians Do, Why, and What It Means*, and *The Pursuit of Local History: Readings on Theory and Practice*, and then co-edited the *Encyclopedia of Local History*, and

WHEREAS, Carol Kammen also has written three books on Tompkins County history and has produced several historical dramas on local history for children, and

WHEREAS, in 2004, The Regents of the University of the State of New York named Carol Kammen Public Historian of the Year, and

WHEREAS, she received international recognition in the September 2007 edition of *Local History Magazine*, the United Kingdom's only independent national magazine for anyone with an interest in local history which saluted Carol Kammen for her contributions to local history preservation, and

WHEREAS, to quote her peers, "For over twenty years Carol has interwoven the common threads of local history with skill and passion, whether writing about good practice, organization, comparative local history or a specific topic,"

WHEREAS, in September 2007, Carol Kammen received national recognition when The American Association for State and Local History presented her with its prestigious Award of Distinction at the Annual Leadership in History Awards ceremony, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Government Operations Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature recognizes the many significant contributions that our County Historian Carol Kammen has made to preserve and improve the quality of life for the citizens of our County,

RESOLVED, further, That the Tompkins County Legislature extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes to Carol, as we applaud her as our County Historian.

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### **Legislature**

Ms. Covert, Clerk of the Legislature, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

Questions were raised with regard to the Ithaca Downtown Partnership funding. *Mr. Whicher will look into this and present additional information and request Mr. Ferguson to attend a meeting and give a presentation.*

### **Finance**

Mr. Squires, Finance Director, provided an overview of the Department's 2008 budget submission.

### **County Attorney**

Mr. Wood was not in attendance. He will be contacted and asked to attend the next meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office