

**Tompkins County Legislature
April 17, 2007**

Call to Order

Chair Joseph called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call of Members

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

Present: 13 Legislators; Ms. Kiefer arrived at 5:40 p.m. Excused: 1 (Legislator McBean-Clairborne).

Presentation of Proclamation

Mr. Joseph presented a proclamation declaring April, 2007, to be Child Abuse Prevention Month in Tompkins County.

Privilege of the Floor by the Public

No member of the public wished to speak.

Distinguished Youth Award

Mr. Booth presented the Distinguished Youth Award for April, 2006, to Members of Ithaca's Girl Scout Troop 600. The scouts were honored for their presentation last month of the local premiere of the play "The Perfect 36", which depicts dramatic events leading to amendment of the U.S. Constitution to guarantee women the right to vote. Mr. Booth said troop members are also honored "for their dedication to serving the public over the years and as representatives of all Girl Scouts who have contributed to the nation's communities during the hundred years that Girl Scouts have been in existence."

Privilege of the Floor by Legislators

Mr. Proto, District No. 7 Legislator, announced John Andersson, Director of Environmental Health, will retire on April 27th after providing 30 years of service with Tompkins County. He will be working with Legislator Shinagawa, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee, to formally recognize Mr. Andersson's service.

Mr. Shinagawa, District No. 4 Legislator, announced several civil service examinations for various positions in Tompkins County that are scheduled for June. Detailed information on the examinations is available at the Tompkins County Personnel Office.

Ms. Robertson, District No. 13 Legislator, announced and distributed information on a Center for Working Families' forum on green energy savings and jobs that will be held on April 28th.

Ms. Kiefer, District No. 10 Legislator, reminded Legislators that financial disclosure forms are required to be completed and filed by May 15th.

Mr. Dennis, District No. 15 Legislator, said the events yesterday on the Virginia Tech campus brings enormous sadness. He hopes there are plans in place in Tompkins County to respond to the types of action that took place.

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Mr. Joseph announced that Tompkins County will lower all flags in memory of those who lost their lives in the tragedy at Virginia Tech University.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, District No. 11 Legislator, asked all Legislators to review the NYSAC (New York State Association of Counties) analysis of the State budget in advance of the April 26 Legislature retreat.

Report from a Municipal Official

Maria Coles, City of Ithaca Common Council representative, provided the following update on City activities:

The City began to discuss compliance with new State rules with regard to violence in the workplace. Ms. Coles said the recent events on the campus of Virginia Tech bring home the need to ensure proper measures are in place.

The City Judge selection process is moving forward with interviews of all applicants to be complete tomorrow. On April 26 there will be a public meeting in Common Council chambers on this matter. Ms. Cole said it was the Mayor's responsibility to make certain this appointment is made in proper decorum and separated from politics.

A draft vision statement for Collegetown is complete. This document was developed over the course of 11 months by 12 individuals who were appointed by the Mayor. The vision statement covers five categories to be incorporated: business, housing and residential neighborhoods, circulation and parking; cultural experience; and urban design.

The goals of the vision statement are the creation of an urban environment that builds on its proximity to Cornell and strengthening the very old residential neighborhood that has existed there for a long time. It also outlines some of the strengths and problems of the area. The draft mission statement recommends that the design guidelines for Collegetown include some of these considerations: gateway treatment, building height, architectural design, orientation of buildings, pedestrian amenities, traffic calming, and protection of long-term residential areas.

Ms. Coles reported on the vision statement for 42 acres in the City's Southwest area. She stated the City put together a selection committee that was followed by the issuance of a request for qualifications. To date, four applications have been received for development of the Southwest site. These applicants will be interviewed during April and May.

Report from the Chair

Mr. Joseph presented an award to each of the following Legislators for providing outstanding service to Tompkins County:

Richard Booth – 5 years of service
Kathy Luz Herrera – 5 years of service
Martha Robertson – 5 years of service
Michael Koplinka-Loehr – 10 years of service

Report from the County Administrator

Mr. Whicher thanked staff for all of the work that was done in his absence. He also thanked County staff who made it to work during yesterday's snowstorm.

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Report from the County Attorney

Mr. Wood had no report. He requested an executive session later in the meeting to discuss a real estate matter.

Report from the Finance Director

Mr. Squires reported sales tax income for the first quarter of 2007 was above 2006 by 4.1 percent, which is slightly above the budgeted amount for 2007. He also reported on tobacco settlement revenues, stating the County's actual distribution was \$651,000; the budgeted amount for 2007 was \$585,000. There are 14 properties that will be up for sale at the foreclosure auction that is to be held on June 12.

Mr. Proto said the three-year assessment cycle will end this year and asked if anything will be done to alert the public. Mr. Whicher said the Assessment Department has already begun to plan for this.

Addition of Resolution(s) to the Agenda

There were no resolution(s) added to the agenda. (A resolution was added to the agenda later in the meeting.)

Withdrawal of Resolution(s) from the Agenda

There were no resolution(s) withdrawn from the agenda.

Approval of Resolution(s) Under the Consent Agenda

RESOLUTION NO. 57 - AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH LABELLA RESTORATION PROJECT (BIN 3209730)

MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the northeast abutment and northeast approach embankment of the Banks Road Bridge (BIN 3209730) over Six-Mile Creek have failed as a result of heavy rains that occurred during the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)-declared disaster of the last week of June 2006 (Declaration Number FEMA-NY-DR1650), and

WHEREAS, the FEMA has approved a project that will include evaluation and design of the reconstruction necessary to return the bridge and approaches to their pre-disaster condition for which Federal sources will furnish seventy-five percent of necessary funding, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Highway Division has requested proposals from four (4) consultants, received three proposals, and recommended LaBella Associates, P.C., as best qualified to provide design services, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee be and hereby is authorized to execute a contract with LaBella Associates, P.C., of 300 State Street, Rochester, New York, for design services in connection with the Project for an amount not to exceed \$66,440.57, the amount deemed eligible by FEMA,

RESOLVED, further, That the sum of \$66,440.57 is hereby made available within account HZ5103.59239.53.11, Road Maintenance Program Capital Project Account, to cover the cost of participation in the design phase of the Project.

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RESOLUTION NO. 58 - AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF REAL PROPERTY SERVICES - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS DIVISION

MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Information Technology Services Department, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Division, has been notified of a grant award from the New York State Office of Real Property Services (ORPS) Real Property Tax Administration Technology Improvement Program (Grant Program) in the amount of \$106,000, and

WHEREAS, the New York State Office of Real Property Services grant provides project funding for the development of an Enterprise Address Management System (EAMS) to serve as the primary source and standardization of addressing details associated with parcel-level and Emergency Response data for use by government organizations and departments within Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, the project will transform the collection and distribution of addressing information between multiple agencies to an effective process that ensures accurate and complete Tompkins County addressing information, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to execute all contracts related to this award,

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

REVENUE:	.43089	Other State Aid	\$106,000
APPROPRIATION:	.54442	Professional Services	\$ 76,000
	.52206	Computer Equipment	10,000
	.52230	Computer Software	20,000

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RESOLUTION NO. 59 - AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE WILDLIFE GRANTS PROGRAM FUNDS (FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2005) TO CONDUCT A UNIQUE NATURAL AREAS HABITAT INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT

MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has announced the availability of grant funds from the State Wildlife Grants Program for projects aimed at securing New York's wildlife populations and their key habitats, and

WHEREAS, inventory and research projects that investigate the status, natural history, and distribution of Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their critical habitats as identified in the New York State Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy are eligible for funding, and

WHEREAS, the Tompkins County Unique Natural Areas Inventory identifies sites with outstanding environmental qualities that are deserving of special attention for preservation and protection, and

WHEREAS, the Unique Natural Areas Inventory was last updated in 2000 and is scheduled to be updated again by 2010, and

WHEREAS, the incorporation of data about Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their critical habitats will be an important addition to the Tompkins County Unique Natural Areas Inventory, and

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WHEREAS, the Environmental Management Council has assembled a team of biologists and other experts to conduct the field work necessary to identify the location of Species of Greatest Conservation Need and their critical habitats, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Planning and the Environmental Management Council are prepared to implement the proposed Unique Natural Areas Habitat Inventory and Assessment, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That Tompkins County is hereby authorized to apply for funds from the State Wildlife Grants Program in an amount not to exceed \$150,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee, upon approval of said request, be authorized to enter into and execute a State Assistance Contract with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for such financial assistance to Tompkins County for the Unique Natural Areas Habitat Inventory and Assessment,

RESOLVED, further, That the County Administrator or his designee be authorized to sign all documents related to the submission, acceptance, and implementation of the State Wildlife Grants Program application and any subsequent materials required by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

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RESOLUTION NO. 60 - BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by members present under the Consent Agenda.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Administrative Manual Policy 05-02, budget adjustments exceeding \$5,000 require Legislative approval, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Director of Finance be directed to make the following budget adjustments on his books:

Workforce Investment Board

<u>Revenue Acct</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Approp Acct</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$257,424	6290.54491	Subcontracts
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 600	6290.54342	Food
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 5,000	6290.54319	Program Expense
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 2,000	6290.54414	Local Mileage
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 2,000	6290.54412	Travel/Training
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 700	6290.54471	Electric
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 1,500	6290.54330	Printing
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 1,000	6290.54472	Telephone
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 750	6290.54303	Office Supplies
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 1,000	6290.54432	Rent
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 5,000	6290.54400	Program Expense
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 1,000	6290.52210	Equipment
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 2,000	6290.54442	Professional Services
6290.44795	Federal Aid TANF	\$ 1,000	6290.54452	Postage

Explanation: Funds are set aside for program administration and the remainder is subcontracted out to serve youth in Tompkins County.

Office of Employment & Training

<u>Revenue Acct</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Amt</u>	<u>Approp Acct</u>	<u>Title(s)</u>
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont.	\$ 11,058	6292.51000049	Project Assistants(2)
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont.	\$ 1,106	6292.58800	Fringe

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6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 500	6292.54330	Printing
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 2,000	6292.54432	Rent
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 1,500	6292.54414	Local Mileage
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 400	6292.54618	Interdepartmental Charge
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 532	6292.54472	Telephone
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 700	6292.54303	Office Supplies
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 500	6292.54452	Postage
6292.42797	Other Local Gov't Cont. \$ 300	6292.54342	Food

Explanation: The Office of Employment and Training will be providing marketing, enrollment, and eligibility for the TANF Summer Youth Program, the positions will support this function. Fringe Benefits for project assistants. Increased rent costs relating to operating the youth program. Increased mileage costs associated with operating the youth program. Additional IT support will be needed to set up workstations and laptops. Increased telephone costs associated with operating the youth program. Additional supplies will be needed for marketing program. Postage costs will be increasing due to postage rates. Food costs increasing for recruitment.

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Approval of Appointment(s) Under the Consent Agenda

It was MOVED by Mr. Booth, seconded by Mr. Proto, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the following appointment(s) under the Consent Agenda:

Office for the Aging Advisory Committee

Sally I. Lee – term expires December 31, 2008

Community Mental Health Services Board

Paula Winner – term expires December 31, 2010

Report from the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

No report was given as Mrs. McBean-Clairborne was excused from this meeting.

Report from the Health and Human Services Committee

Mr. Shinagawa, Chair, reported the Committee will meet tomorrow.

Report from the Health Department Building Committee

Mr. Proto, Chair, reported the Committee met on April 5th and reviewed a number of sites that had been submitted for consideration. A number of those sites have been eliminated for various reasons. He said one of the sites that was new and had also been of particular interest required a site visit which was conducted on April 13th. The Committee will discuss observations made at that site at the next meeting on May 17th. At that meeting the Committee will be reviewing material on various sites and moving forward in making a decision on which sites to bring forward to the Legislature in June.

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from Facilities and Infrastructure Committee

Ms. Herrera, Chair, reported the Committee met on April 10 and heard from members of the public on issues relating to property and also Coddington Road. Facilities Division staff reported on the heat pump replacement project and fire alarm system at the Public Safety Building. She said Mr. LeMaro reported there has been a 50 percent savings in energy costs following the replacement of the HVAC system in the Courthouse last year. The Committee discussed the solar panels on the Library's

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roof and agreed to send a letter to Mayor Peterson with the hope of working collaboratively with the City to find a solution to the vandalism problem with those panels. Ms. Herrera said the Committee heard about increased costs in highway materials over the last couple of years, therefore, the Committee will need to review the road maintenance program. There was a lengthy discussion about the Coddington Road project and the importance of making sure the public is well-informed about the plans for that project. The next meeting will be April 24th at 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Proto asked Ms. Herrera to provide him with an update on the emergency generator that was purchased after the power outage that occurred at the Health Department. Ms. Herrera said she would look into this and provide him with a report.

RESOLUTION NO. 61 - AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NYSDOT) "AIR 99" GRANT TO OVERLAY PART OF THE TERMINAL ROAD SYSTEM INCLUDING PARKING LOT CRACK SEALING AND POSSIBLE PARKING LOT EXPANSION - ITHACA TOMPKINS REGIONAL AIRPORT (PIN 3902.10)

MOVED by Ms. Herrera, seconded by Mr. Proto. A voice vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislator McBean-Clairborne). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, the County has received a grant offer from the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) under the "AIR 99" program, the amount of \$300,000 to assist with the overlay of part of the terminal road system including parking lot crack sealing and possible parking lot expansion, and

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of this project is as follows:

NYSDOT Share(80.0%)	\$300,000
Local Share (20.0%)	\$ 75,000
Total	\$375,000

, and

WHEREAS, the local share will come from the airport's 2007 operational budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee, That the grant offer from the NYSDOT of \$300,000 be and hereby is accepted and that the County Administrator is authorized to execute the required documents.

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Report from the Personnel Committee

Mr. Dennis, Chair, reported the Committee will meet tomorrow at 1 p.m. At that meeting the Committee will discuss red-circled position salaries, goals, and Confidential salaries.

Report from the Government Operations Committee

Mr. Stevenson, Chair, reported the Committee met on April 13th and heard from Assessment Department staff about the New York State Flood Assessment Relief Act that is available to localities following the flooding events of last summer. After a review of the criteria, it was determined that Tompkins County did not meet the criteria to be eligible for relief.

The Committee also discussed assessment data on the internet and staff will bring a recommendation to the May meeting. Mr. Stevenson said the Committee discussed a proposed resolution regarding the adoption of a tax exemption for volunteer fire-fighters and emergency medical service workers. While looking into this, County staff discovered that there is a new income tax

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exemption available for individuals who serve in this capacity. It was also discovered that a real property-tax exemption may make them ineligible for the income-tax exemption. Because the latter would be a greater benefit for these individuals, the Committee chose not to pursue this further.

Mr. Stevenson thanked Paula Younger, Deputy County Administrator, for her guidance in developing Committee goals, which he hopes to have finalized at the next meeting on May 11th.

Report and Presentation of Resolution(s) from the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee

Ms. Robertson, Chair, reported the Committee met on April 9th and again before this meeting. The Committee heard from TC Local about looking ahead to 2030 when energy resources are predicted to be very scarce. It was reported that Tompkins County will be in a relatively good position when peak oil occurs and when prices for transport go way up, but there is a real need to plan ahead for significant changes. The County's positive climate includes water resources, rail and water transportation, having a tolerant and educated workforce, and agricultural assets. The Committee also received reports on the Transportation Improvement Program, Water Resources Council, and Cooperative Extension. Ms. Robertson said while the Carshare group did receive a grant, they are having difficulty obtaining insurance because of the high number of drivers involved.

Mr. Marx, Commissioner of Planning and Public Works, reported to the Committee on the Cornell University/Town of Ithaca transportation GIS project. He said Cornell had an open house today and one will be held tomorrow on their study of transportation and future growth at Cornell.

Ms. Robertson reported the Workforce Investment Board will receive \$281,000 for summer youth employment and asked that anyone who knows teens who are interested in employment to inquire about this program.

The Committee authorized the rejoining of ICLEI (International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives) with a payment of \$1,200 in dues. A resolution will be presented to the Legislature at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 62 - APPROPRIATION OF 2007-2008 BUDGETS FOR THE ITHACA-TOMPKINS-COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County serves as the Host Agency for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, the Metropolitan Planning Organization for the Ithaca-Tompkins County area, and

WHEREAS, the County has a contract with the New York State Department of Transportation to provide funding for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council through grants provided by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council has grant authorizations for its 2007-2008 fiscal year, beginning April 1, 2007, and ending March 31, 2008, in the amounts of \$271,617 from the Federal Highway Administration and \$78,783 from the Federal Transit Administration, and

WHEREAS, the Policy Committee of the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council has adopted resolution 07-2, *APPROVAL OF THE 2007-2008 ITHACA-TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL OPERATING BUDGET*, which requests that the Host Agency (Tompkins County) take the appropriate actions to fully implement said operating budget, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee, That the budgets for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council, as presented in "ATTACHMENT A" to this resolution, be amended in the 2007 Tompkins County budget and that the

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County Finance Director be authorized to expend such funds for the period from April 1, 2007, through March 31, 2008.

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ATTACHMENT A

2007-2008 ITCTC OPERATING BUDGET

CODE	DESCRIPTION	07/08 FHWA	07/08 FTA	07/08 TOTAL
.4959	REVENUES: FEDERAL AID	271,617	78,783	350,400
	EXPENSES: COMBINED SALARIES	164,260	22,399	186,659
.8800	FRINGE	63,924	8,717	72,641
.2206	COMPUTER EQUIPMENT	1,000	0	1,000
.2210	OTHER EQUIPMENT	500	0	500
.2214	FURNITURE & FIXTURES	500	0	500
.2230	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	800	200	1,000
.4303	OFFICE SUPPLIES	1,500	500	2,000
.4330	PRINTING	1,000	500	1,500
.4332	BOOKS/PUBLICATIONS	500	0	500
.4400	PROGRAM EXPENSE	15,000	0	15,000
.4486	SCI PROJECT	2,500	40,000	42,500
.4402	LEGAL ADVERTISING	1,500	0	1,500
.4412	TRAVEL/TRAINING	2,500	1,500	4,000
.4414	LOCAL MILEAGE	1,333	667	2,000
.4416	PROFESSIONAL DUES	300	300	600
.4424	EQUIPMENT RENTAL	3,500	0	3,500
.4425	SERVICE CONTRACTS	1,000	0	1,000
.4432	RENT	1,000	0	1,000
.4442	PROFESSIONAL SERVICE FEES	1,500	1,500	3,000
.4452	POSTAGE SERVICES	2,000	1,000	3,000
.4472	TELEPHONE	2,000	1,000	3,000
.4618	INTERDEPARTMENTAL CHARGE	500	500	1,000
.4905	CENTRALLY DISTRIBUTED ITEMS	3,000	0	3,000
	TOTAL EXPENSES	271,617	78,783	350,400

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RESOLUTION NO. 63 - AFFIRMING ITHACA-TOMPKINS COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COUNCIL (ITCTC) RECOMMENDATION TO INCREASE THE ITCTC STAFF DIRECTOR'S SALARY

MOVED by Ms. Robertson, seconded by Ms. Kiefer. A short roll call vote resulted as follows: Ayes – 14, Noes – 0, Excused – 1 (Legislattor McBean-Clairborne). RESOLUTION ADOPTED.

WHEREAS, Tompkins County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) on September 30, 1992, agreeing that “.....staff will be hosted by Tompkins County as an administrative rather than a reporting arrangement..... staff is selected by the Council [with] staffing plan, staff qualifications and salary schedule established by the Council”, and

WHEREAS, Board Resolution No. 99 of 1993 “Clarification of Employment Status – Position of Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council Planning Director” stated the following:

“...the position of Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council Planning Director shall be entitled to the terms and conditions of employment established by this [County] Board for management employees unless otherwise recommended by the Council and established by this [County] Board of Representatives”, and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2000, the Director’s salary was modified by ITCTC resolution 00-1 above the management salary range with the stipulation that the Host Agency, Tompkins County, execute the necessary administrative procedures to implement this modification, and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 2002, the Tompkins County Board of Representatives passed Resolution No. 6 Affirming Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council (ITCTC) recommendation to establish the ITCTC Planning Director's salary above the salary range, and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2007, the ITCTC passed Resolution 07-1 to adjust the salary of the Staff Director, retroactive to January 1, 2007, based on the Tompkins County proposed 2007 adjustments for management employees of 3 percent, and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the County’s requirement that salaries established above the salary range be authorized exclusively by resolution, and to establish or affirm recommendations made by ITCTC that are contrary to the terms and conditions of employment for management staff, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality Committee, That the Tompkins County Legislature affirm the 3 percent increase of the salary for the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council Planning Director to a total of \$73,896, as approved by the Ithaca-Tompkins County Transportation Council.

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Report from the Budget and Capital Committee

Mr. Booth, Vice Chair, reported the Committee met on April 9th and heard a request from a member of the Library Board of Trustees that the Library be treated in a similar manner to County departments when preparing a budget, specifically having the Library’s fiscal target automatically reflect the same percentage change in salaries as County departments. Mr. Booth said the Committee requested additional information be brought to the Committee. The Committee also reviewed the schedule of capital projects showing which projects the Committee has committed to and which are under consideration. Mr. Booth said there was a discussion about the upcoming Legislature retreat and a request was made that staff provide members with all assumptions that are contained in the information to be presented.

Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, Chairman, reported the meeting scheduled for May will likely be changed and that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Report from the Public Safety Committee

Mr. Booth, Vice Chair, reported the Committee will meet on April 20th.

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Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2007

It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Mr. Stevenson, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to approve the minutes of April 4, 2007 as corrected.

Recess

Chair Joseph declared recess from 6:25 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.

Executive Session

It was MOVED by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, seconded by Mr. Booth, and unanimously adopted by voice vote by members present, to enter into executive session at 6:35p.m. to discuss real estate and a personnel matter.

The following action was taken in executive session:

It was MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa and unanimously seconded and adopted by voice vote by members present, to add the following resolution to the agenda:

RESOLUTION NO. 64 – RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION – NINA MILLER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HOSPICARE AND PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

MOVED by Mr. Shinagawa, and unanimously seconded and adopted by voice vote by members present.

WHEREAS, Nina Miller has always been about service, both in high-profile positions, and quietly, methodically, behind the scenes, all to the betterment of life in Tompkins County, New York, and

WHEREAS, Nina was one of the pioneers behind the creation and sustainability of Suicide Prevention and Crisis Services and the concept of an Advocacy Center and served as executive director of Suicide Prevention and Crisis for 13 years, and

WHEREAS, in that role, Nina was instrumental in developing after-hours mental health care and resources throughout the community, ensuring that it was consistent with the quality of coverage available during the day, and

WHEREAS, during a crucial period in the history of Planned Parenthood of Tompkins County, Nina was recruited to serve as the agency's interim executive director, and

WHEREAS, her steady hand and people skills served Planned Parenthood well, as it dealt with a reduction of high-profile services and other community-based issues and above all, she provided leadership and vision, and

WHEREAS, after being involved with the agency since its inception, Nina became Executive Director of Hospicare and Palliative Care Services in October 1995. From then until now, she has been a leading spokesperson for all things hospice, while managing the agency's tremendous growth, its bureaucratic and financial challenges and an amazing array of issues associated with the quality of life...and death...in Tompkins County, and

WHEREAS, due to her vision and leadership, Hospicare and Palliative Care Services has garnered immense community support, through quiet gifts and volunteering, to high-profile events such as Women Swimmin', and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Nina, a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, will not be resting, her board work with the 7th Art Corporation of Ithaca, and other activities, will keep her involved with her community, as always, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Health and Human Services Committee, That in recognition of her selfless work and value to our community, the Tompkins County Legislature hereby

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recognizes Nina K. Miller for a laudable portfolio of achievements, with best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

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The meeting returned to open session at 6:49 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office