

APPROVED

**Action Summary
Expanded Budget and Capital Committee #9
October 15, 2008
3:15 p.m.**

Present: 12 Legislators Chock; Dennis; Herrera; Kiefer; Koplinka-Loehr; Mackesey; Proto; Robertson; Shinagawa; Sigler; Stevenson; Burbank (arrived at 3:36 p.m.)

Excused: 3 (Legislators Hattery, McBean-Clairborne, and Randall)

Call to Order

Mr. Shinagawa called the first meeting to revisit budget items to order at 3:18 p.m. (11 members present).

RESOLUTION NO. - FUNDING OF TOURISM WEBSITE UPGRADE

It was MOVED by Mr. Sigler, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to approve the following resolution and submit to the full Legislature. Ms. Herrera expressed opposition to acting on a resolution without prior notice. A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 10, Noes – 1 (Herrera). MOTION CARRIED.

WHEREAS, the Ithaca/Tompkins Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) is designated as Tompkins County’s tourism promotion agency, and

WHEREAS, one of the CVB’s key tools to market the area is its website known as VisitIthaca.com, which provides visitors with intriguing images, facts, tips, lodging, and meeting resources, as well as relocation guides, and

WHEREAS, it is timely to update and upgrade the VisitIthaca.com website, to make it a more user-friendly, efficient, and effective marketing tool to bring more tourism to Tompkins County and thereby strengthen the local economy, and

WHEREAS, the CVB has reviewed its website designer’s proposal with a cost not to exceed \$12,000 for the upgrade, and

WHEREAS, the Strategic Tourism Planning Board received and reviewed a proposal from the CVB to upgrade the website and recommended its approval to the Tompkins County Legislature through the Planning, Development, and Environmental Quality and the Budget and Capital Committees, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, on recommendation of the Planning, Development and Environmental Quality Committee and Budget and Capital Committee, That the County Administrator or his designee is authorized to execute an amendment to the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce contract for the CVB’s website upgrade for an amount not to exceed \$12,000,

RESOLVED, further, That the Director of Finance be authorized and directed to make the following appropriation from the Room Tax Reserve:

Appropriation:	0980.0000	Room Tax Reserve Fund Balance	\$12,000
Expense:	6475.54630	Convention and Visitors Bureau	\$12,000

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Human Rights Department

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Herrera, to approve OTR No. 27 – Paralegal Aid Position, in the amount of \$28,909 as Target funding and applying \$23,533 in Rollover (TILOR) for 2009.

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It was MOVED by Mr. Proto, seconded by Ms. Chock, to amend the amendment, to approve OTR No. 27 – Paralegal Aid Position, in the amount of \$28,903 one-time funding, using \$23,533 in Rollover for 2009 (total amount approved for 2009 is \$5,370).

Mr. Burbank arrived at 3:36 p.m. (12 members present).

A vote by show of hands on the amendment to the amendment resulted as follows: Ayes – 5 (Chock, Dennis, Proto, Sigler, and Stevenson); Noes – 7 (Burbank, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa). MOTION FAILED.

A vote by show of hands on the original motion resulted as follows: Ayes – 7 (Burbank, Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Mackesey, Robertson, and Shinagawa); Noes – 5 (Chock, Dennis, Proto, Sigler, and Stevenson). MOTION CARRIED.

Highway

It was MOVED by Ms. Chock, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to reduce the Capital portion of the 2009 road program discretionary funds from \$201,500 to zero, (pushing the program out one-year). Following statements from the Finance Director and the Highway Manager about the impact of this action, the MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Finance Department

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Robertson, to approve OTR No. 78 – Add Purchasing Assistant position in Finance and maintain current staffing levels at 40 hours per week at a local share cost of \$16,820, with \$40,000 interfund revenue from the Solid Waste Division. Pending further refinement of the motion and potential discussion at the Facilities and Infrastructure Committee meeting tomorrow, the MOTION WAS WITHDRAWN.

Rural Libraries (Lansing Library)

It was MOVED by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Mr. Shinagawa, to amend a motion made at a previous meeting (September 30, 2008), to approve \$10,000 as Target funding and \$19,870 in one-time funding for 2009 for the Lansing Library.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 6 (Herrera, Kiefer, Koplinka-Loehr, Proto, Shinagawa, and Stevenson); Noes – 6 (Burbank, Chock, Dennis, Mackesey, Robertson, and Sigler). MOTION FAILED.

Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee

It was MOVED by Mr. Dennis, seconded by Mr. Koplinka-Loehr, to move the \$40,000 budget amount for the Workforce Diversity and Inclusion Committee into County Administration. It was the understanding of those present that the Human Resources Committee would discuss this at an upcoming meeting.

A vote by show of hands resulted as follows: Ayes – 12, Noes – 0. MOTION CARRIED.

Alternative-Fuel Vehicles

Ms. Kiefer read from Commissioner Marx email detailing how \$50,000 Contingent Fund money had been earmarked in 2008 for alternative-fuel vehicles had been spent and its implication for future needs of estimated \$58,000/year. Ms. Kiefer also reminded Legislators that funds for COFA space will

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need to be added either a rent in the Utilities budget or as part of a capital project, and she expressed her intention to proposed a contribution for the Downtown Ithaca Alliance using some Room Tax funds.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Pottorff, TC Legislature Office