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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

PUBLIC WORKS AND PARKS COMMITTEE

VINCENT MUSCARELLA, Chairman

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, July 29, 2013
3:11 P.M

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S :

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4 VINCENT MUSCARELLA,
 Chairman

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6 HOWARD KOPEL, (Substituted by
 Vice Chairman Rose Marie Walker)

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7 FRANCIS BECKER

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8 MICHAEL VENDITTO

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9 DAVID DENENBERG,
 Ranking

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10 JOSEPH SCANNELL

11 CARRIE SOLAGES

12 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

CHRIS MISTRON,
Nassau County Safety Board.....5

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2 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Public
3 Works and Parks Committee is hereby called
4 to order. I will call the roll. I am here.
5 Substituting for Vice Chairman Kopel is Rose
6 Marie Walker. Francis Becker is here.
7 Michael Venditto?

8 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Here.

9 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Ranking
10 Member Denenberg?

11 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: Here.

12 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Joseph
13 Scannell?

14 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Here.

15 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: And Carrie
16 Solages?

17 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

18 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: We have a
19 quorum. The first item, Clerk Item 327 of
20 '13, a resolution to establish a "complete
21 streets" policy in Nassau County.

22 Motion, please.

23 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR BECKER: Second.

25 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Motion by

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2 Ms. Walker, seconded by Mr. Becker. Who is
3 here, Mr. May?

4 MR. MAY: Yes, we have
5 Christopher Mistron from the Traffic Safety
6 Board.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr.
8 Mistron, very briefly, what is this all
9 about?

10 MR. MISTRON: Basically, what
11 happened was, in 2012, we were challenged by
12 the Tristate Campaign recognizing that
13 Hempstead Turnpike was a dangerous roadway
14 for pedestrians, to try to pick up a
15 challenge, which the county executive picked
16 up that challenge to create a safe program
17 for Nassau County, which we already
18 introduced to some of the legislative
19 districts.

20 And, in recognition of the fact
21 that not only pedestrians share the roadways
22 with the vehicles, we also have bicyclists,
23 we have seniors, we have different modes of
24 transportation. So in order to better
25 complete and make our roads safer, we need

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2 to have our partners within engineering and
3 public works recognize and establish safer
4 programs and designs to be able to make our
5 roadways useful and to be able to be shared
6 by all the users of the roadways.

7 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do we have
8 any questions?

9 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: I just
10 have one comment. Mr. Mistron has been in a
11 number of districts on this project already,
12 and you joined some of my public safety
13 community meetings. I've never seen
14 pedestrian safety being more relevant to
15 questioning and so many people came down.
16 So you really have done a great job, Chris.

17 MR. MISTRON: I want to add that
18 the real credit for this does go to the
19 county executive in the fact that he did
20 pick up the challenge when issued, as well
21 as trying to push and to try and make sure
22 that the roadways are advanced.

23 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Mr.
24 Mistron, we are all in favor of this program
25 but let me ask you something. By having

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2 this as a legislative item, rather than just
3 something that the county executive pursues,
4 do we make ourselves available to any kind
5 of funding or grants or anything?

6 MR. MISTRON: Well, the answer is
7 possibly. The reason why I say that is,
8 depending upon what type of views in terms
9 of improvement and so on are necessary to be
10 able to improve the roadways, there are
11 certain federal grants, certain funds that
12 come down the road that allow for enhancing
13 these improvements.

14 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Any other
15 questions?

16 (No verbal response.)

17 Hearing none, all those in favor
18 of passing this item signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 The item is passed.

23 We now have a number of bond
24 ordinances and with the minority's approval,
25 I will call them all and we can either

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2 question them or pass them through to
3 Finance and go to general legislature.

4 But let me call them one at a
5 time all at once. We have Item 330 of '13
6 which is a bond ordinance providing for a
7 capital expenditure to finance a capital
8 project specified herein within the County
9 of Nassau authorizing \$14,467,140 worth of
10 bonds. The County of Nassau to finance said
11 expenditure and make certain determinations
12 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
13 Review Act pursuant to the Local Finance Law
14 of New York and the County Government Law of
15 Nassau County;

16 Item 331 of '13, a bond ordinance
17 providing for a capital expenditure to
18 finance a capital project specified herein
19 within the County of Nassau authorizing
20 \$500,000 worth of bonds. The County of
21 Nassau to finance said expenditure and make
22 certain determinations pursuant to the State
23 Environmental Quality Review Act pursuant to
24 the Local Finance Law of New York and the
25 County Government Law of Nassau County;

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2 332 of '13 which is a bond
3 ordinance providing for a capital
4 expenditure to finance a capital project
5 specified herein within the County of Nassau
6 authorizing \$33 million worth of bonds. The
7 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
8 and make certain determinations pursuant to
9 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
10 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
11 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
12 County;

13 Item 333 of '13 which is a bond
14 ordinance providing for a capital
15 expenditure to finance a capital project
16 specified herein within the County of Nassau
17 authorizing \$1 million worth of bonds. The
18 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
19 and make certain determinations pursuant to
20 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
21 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
22 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
23 County;

24 Item 334 of '13 which is a bond
25 ordinance providing for a capital

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2 expenditure to finance a capital project
3 specified herein within the County of Nassau
4 authorizing \$200,000 worth of bonds. The
5 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
6 and make certain determinations pursuant to
7 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
8 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
9 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
10 County;

11 Item 335 of '13 which is a bond
12 ordinance providing for a capital
13 expenditure to finance a capital project
14 specified herein within the County of Nassau
15 authorizing \$750,000 worth of bonds. The
16 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
17 and make certain determinations pursuant to
18 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
19 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
20 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
21 County;

22 Item 336 of '13, a bond ordinance
23 providing for a capital expenditure to
24 finance a capital project specified herein
25 within the County of Nassau authorizing

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2 \$108,665 worth of bonds. The County of
3 Nassau to finance said expenditure and make
4 certain determinations pursuant to the State
5 Environmental Quality Review Act pursuant to
6 the Local Finance Law of New York and the
7 County Government Law of Nassau County;

8 Item 337 of '13, a bond ordinance
9 providing for a capital expenditure to
10 finance a capital project specified herein
11 within the County of Nassau authorizing \$1
12 million worth of bonds. The County of
13 Nassau to finance said expenditure and make
14 certain determinations pursuant to the State
15 Environmental Quality Review Act pursuant to
16 the Local Finance Law of New York and the
17 County Government Law of Nassau County;

18 Item 338 of '13 is a bond
19 ordinance providing for a capital
20 expenditure to finance a capital project
21 specified herein within the County of Nassau
22 authorizing \$1 million worth of bonds. The
23 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
24 and make certain determinations pursuant to
25 the State Environmental Quality Review Act

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2 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
3 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
4 County;

5 Item 339 of '13 is a bond
6 ordinance providing for a capital
7 expenditure to finance a capital project
8 specified herein within the County of Nassau
9 authorizing \$500,000 worth of bonds. The
10 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
11 and make certain determinations pursuant to
12 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
13 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
14 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
15 County;

16 Item 340 of '13 is a bond
17 ordinance providing for a capital
18 expenditure to finance a capital project
19 specified herein within the County of Nassau
20 authorizing \$326,250,000 worth of bonds.
21 The County of Nassau to finance said
22 expenditure and make certain determinations
23 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality
24 Review Act pursuant to the Local Finance Law
25 of New York and the County Government Law of

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2 Nassau County;

3 The last item is Item 341 of '13,
4 a bond ordinance providing for a capital
5 expenditure to finance a capital project
6 specified herein within the County of Nassau
7 authorizing \$72,500,000 worth of bonds. The
8 County of Nassau to finance said expenditure
9 and make certain determinations pursuant to
10 the State Environmental Quality Review Act
11 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of New
12 York and the County Government Law of Nassau
13 County.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Moved by
18 Mr. Becker, seconded by Ms. Walker. Okay,
19 Mr. May.

20 MR. MAY: We have Mr. Richard
21 Millet from DPW to answer any questions on
22 these items.

23 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: For the
24 minority, we are fine letting the questions
25 wait until Finance since each of these items

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2 go to Finance and Rules as well.

3 LEGISLATOR SCANNELL: Dave, we're
4 not. The two of us aren't, you are. You're
5 going to vote yes, we're going to vote no.

6 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: No, but we
7 are fine waiting for Finance for the
8 questions. So we are going to allow it to
9 pass through with questions but, for the
10 record, since Legislator Scannell brought it
11 up, Legislators Scannell and Solages will
12 vote no in this committee and myself will
13 vote yes in this committee.

14 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: Do you have
15 any specific questions at this point?

16 LEGISLATOR DENENBERG: We are
17 going to save it for Finance.

18 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: On our
19 side, no questions, we will save it for
20 Finance?

21 Okay. There being no questions,
22 all those in favor of moving these items to
23 Finance signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 These items carry. That's a vote
4 of 5 to 2, with Mr. Scannell and Mr. Solages
5 in the negative.

6 There being no further business,
7 motion to adjourn.

8 LEGISLATOR BECKER: So moved.

9 LEGISLATOR VENDITTO: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN MUSCARELLA: By Mr.
11 Becker, seconded by Mr. Venditto. All those
12 in favor of adjourning signify by saying
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 We are adjourned. Next is
16 Health.

17 (Whereupon, the Public Works and
18 Parks Committee adjourned at 3:41 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I, FRANK GRAY, a Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, do hereby stated:

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this _____ day of _____, 2013.

FRANK GRAY