

MAY 22, 2008

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 6

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR KOZUB. CHAIR MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX-OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:
  - a. COMM. 9E-8 (2008)  
**COMPTROLLER:** New Reporting Mechanism for All New County Employees, Response to State Comptroller and State Attorney General  
(4-0) Chair Marinelli not present for vote.
  - b. COMM. 9D-1 (2008)  
**COUNTY ATTORNEY:** Transmittal of New Claims Against Erie County  
(5-0)
  - c. COMM. 9M-6 (2008)  
**CITY OF BUFFALO COMMON COUNCIL:** Copy of Certified Resolution Condemning Racially-Divisive Comments Concerning Public Leases, Requesting NYS Legislature Legislation  
(5-0)
  - d. COMM. 9M-7 (2008)  
**KALEIDA HEALTH:** Copy of Letter to Deputy EC Comptroller - Audit - Concerning Bus Tokens & Tickets  
(5-0)
  - e. COMM. 9M-14 (2008)  
**LEGAL AID BUREAU OF BUFFALO, INC.:** Annual Report for 2007  
(5-0)
2. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed and referred to the Economic Development Committee:
  - a. COMM. 9M-8 (2008)  
**ECIDA:** Notice of ECIDA Board of Directors Meeting to be Held on May 12, 2008  
(5-0)

- b. COMM. 9M-11 (2008)  
**NFTA:** Materials from NFTA Board Meeting Held on March 31, 2008  
(5-0)

3. COMM. 8E-11 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the current vehicular fleet of the County is aging; and

WHEREAS, when a vehicle life has been expended it is turned over to the Purchasing Department for resale at auction; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of Erie County is to place the proceeds from auction of surplus vehicles into the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that it is a better practice to place the funds into the appropriate repair account of either the Division of Fleet Services or the department that supplied the respective vehicles for auction; and

WHEREAS, it is believed that this new designation of funds will yield better maintenance of the existing aging fleet by departments and, when it becomes necessary to surplus vehicles, result in better proceeds generated from the auction of surplus vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby provides, that upon the receipt of proceeds generated by the sale of County owned surplus vehicles, that the Division of Budget and Management is hereby authorized to adjust, in the amount of the proceeds, the revenue and repair expense budgets of either the Division of Fleet Services or the department supplying the vehicle to auction in order to encourage better maintenance of county owned vehicles; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Comptroller, the Director of Purchasing, the Commissioner of Public Works, the Director of Fleet Services, the Sheriff, the District Attorney, and the Director of Budget and Management.  
(5-0)

4. INTRO 9-5 (2008)  
**REYNOLDS, MARINELLI, WHYTE, AS AMENDED**  
**MILLS, MILLER-WILLIAMS,**  
**IANNELLO & LOUGHRAN**

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 is an easy to remember telephone number that, where available, connects people with important community services and volunteer opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the implementation of 2-1-1 is being spearheaded by United Ways and comprehensive and specialized information and referral agencies in states and local communities; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 reaches approximately 196 million people (over 65% of the total U.S. population in 41 states and the District of Columbia); and

WHEREAS, as the number of organizations providing specialized services is on the rise, people find it frustrating and confusing to access community services, where as 2-1-1 provides a one-stop service for vital information; and

WHEREAS, 2-1-1 provides a 24-hour, multi-lingual service that provides callers with information about and referrals to human services for everyday needs and in time of crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature supports the 2-1-1 Central Referral Services and requests that the State Legislators secure additional state funding for 2-1-1; and be it further

RESOLVED, that 211 appear before the Government Affairs Committee, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive; WNY Delegation, and NYS Governor David Paterson.  
(5-0)

5. COMM. 9E-11 (2008)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**  
WHEREAS, the Division of Planning of the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning has had limited staffing since the 2005 budget cuts; and

WHEREAS, on April 24, 2007, the Erie County Legislature adopted the Framework for Regional Growth (the "Framework") to serve as the guiding policy document concerning land use decisions throughout Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the work needed to implement the planning policies contained in the Framework cannot be sustained by the Department at current staffing levels; and

WHEREAS, the increased economic development activities of the Department require additional staff; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York mandates that Planning functions for GML 239 reviews, agricultural districts and many SEQR requirements be performed at the County level; and

WHEREAS, implementation of the Regional Framework requires professional planning staff specifically dedicated to those duties and State mandated planning functions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the operating fund budget for the Department of Environment and Planning be revised to delete two (2) existing Junior Planner positions (Position Nos. 51005102 and 51005103) and add two (2) new Planner positions (B100 #0000003787) as follows:

Fund Center	Cost Center	Total
16200	1620060	(\$65,572)
16200	1620060	\$37,886

and, be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be sent to the County Executive; the Commissioner of Environment and Planning; the County Comptroller; the Director the Division of Budget and Management; the Commissioner of Personnel; and the County Attorney.  
(5-0)

**BARBARA MILLER-WILLIAMS**  
**CHAIR**