

November 14, 2024

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 17

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT, EXCEPT LEGISLATOR VINAL.

1. COMM.19E-1 (2024)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, Packard Building consists of forty (40) low income rental units at 1325 Main Street, City of Buffalo, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted a policy on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on December 16, 1999, and the PILOT is consistent with said policy; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Project economically feasible for Packard Building Housing Development Fund Corp., Packard Building LLC to operate the housing project it is necessary to extend tax relief from the County of Erie and the City of Buffalo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement extension with Packard Building Housing Development Fund Corp., Packard Building LLC, and the City of Buffalo, and any other organizations necessary to conclude this PILOT Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Agreement shall include an annual PILOT in the amount of taxes due as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, Department of Real Property Tax Services, the Department of Environment and Planning, the Office of the County Comptroller, and the Department of Law.

Schedule A
PILOT Payment Schedule

YEAR	PILOT "A"	CITY	COUNTY
16	\$21,712.96	\$17,153.24	\$4,559.72
17	\$22,364.35	\$17,667.84	\$4,696.51
18	\$23,035.28	\$18,197.87	\$4,837.41
19	\$23,726.34	\$18,743.81	\$4,982.53
20	\$24,438.13	\$19,306.12	\$5,132.01
21	\$25,171.28	\$19,885.31	\$5,285.97
22	\$25,926.41	\$20,481.87	\$5,444.55
23	\$26,704.21	\$21,096.32	\$5,607.88
24	\$27,505.33	\$21,729.21	\$5,776.12
25	\$28,330.49	\$22,381.09	\$5,949.40
26	\$29,180.41	\$23,052.52	\$6,127.89
27	\$30,055.82	\$23,744.10	\$6,311.72
28	\$30,957.49	\$24,456.42	\$6,501.07
29	\$31,886.22	\$25,190.11	\$6,696.11
30	\$32,842.81	\$25,945.82	\$6,896.99

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2. COMM. 19E-11 (2024)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, on March 27, 2024, your Honorable Body approved Comm 4E-17 authorizing Watts Architectural to design a new roof on the Downtown Branch of the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2024, NYSERDA awarded Erie County a Clean Energy Communities (CEC) grant to install solar panels and other clean technologies; and

WHEREAS, the CEC grant provides additional funding for projects constructed in a Disadvantaged community, of which the Downtown Branch is located; and

WHEREAS, incorporating solar panels into the current roofing design will ensure a thoroughly integrated, cost-effective final product; and

WHEREAS, the proposal previously provided by Watts did not include solar design in their original scope of work due to the uncertainty of the NYSERDA Award Grant; and

WHEREAS, Watts Architectural has provided a quote to incorporate the layout of a solar array, evaluate the structural load on the roof, provide electrical infrastructure integration and include any architectural and code requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the modification of the Department of Environment and Planning’s 2024 Adopted Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 162) as follows:

Department of Environment and Planning Fund 110, Funds Center 162		
APPROPRIATIONS		CHANGE
516310 Climate Action Fund		(\$45,390.00)
570050 Interfund Transfer Capital		<u>\$45,390.00</u>
TOTAL		<u>\$ 0.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for \$45,390 to be transferred from the Department of Environment and Planning (Fund 110, Funds Center 162) to the Division of Buildings and Grounds Capital Project (Fund 490, Funds Center 122) F.23001 – Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Roof Replacement as follows:

Project F.23001 Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Roof Replacement Fund 490, Funds Center 122			
REVENUES	BUDGET	CHANGE	REVISED BUDGET
409040 State Aid – Capital Grants	\$3,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$3,000,000.00
475000 Gen. Oblig. Bond	\$2,000,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$2,000,000.00
486000 Interfund Revenue Subsidy	<u>\$ 0.00</u>	<u>\$45,390.00</u>	<u>\$ 45,390.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$45,390.00</u>	<u>\$5,045,390.00</u>
APPROPRIATIONS			
Capital Project Exp	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$45,390.00</u>	<u>\$5,045,390.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,000,000.00</u>	<u>\$45,390.00</u>	<u>\$5,045,390.00</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the sum of \$45,390 to be allocated to a Design Contingency Fund with authorization for the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to approve change orders in an amount not to exceed the Contingency Fund; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding for the design contingency fund exists within the Division of Buildings and Grounds Capital Project F.23001 – Buffalo & Erie County Public Library Roof Replacement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies each of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner’s Office and the Department of Environment and Planning, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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3. COMM. 19E-12 (2024)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works desires to engage the services of a Fleet Electrification Consultant in order to evaluate the potential transition of fleet vehicles to electric; and

WHEREAS, electric vehicles (EVs) have been shown to cost less to operate and maintain; and

WHEREAS, EVs have complicated charging and operating requirements; and

WHEREAS, a Fleet Electrification Consultant can provide a cost-effective way to create a comprehensive plan to transition the fleet that takes into account the operation of each vehicle and the electrical infrastructure located at each location; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works (DPW) received RFPs for the Erie County – On-Call Fleet Electrification Consultant on June 24th, 2024; and

WHEREAS, A review of proposals evaluated each firm’s expertise, experience, and manpower to provide the required services; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works is recommending award of the three (3) year term contract with the possibility of two (2) one-year extensions to WSP USA, Inc; and

WHEREAS, each assignment will be billed on an hourly basis according to an approved rate schedule unless a work scope and fee is negotiated with the assigned consultant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorize the transfer of \$241,591.51 in funding from the Department of Environment & Planning 2024 Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 16200) Account 516310 – Climate Action Fund to the Division of Buildings & Grounds 2024 Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12220) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts & Fees as follows:

Department of Environment & Planning
Fund 110, Funds Center 16200

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516310 Climate Action Fund	<u>(\$241,591.51)</u>
TOTAL	<u>(\$241,591.51)</u>

Division of Buildings & Grounds
Fund 110, Funds Center 12220

APPROPRIATIONS	CHANGE
516020 Professional Services, Contracts & Fees	<u>\$241,591.51</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$241,591.51</u>

and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into a Term Agreement with the WSP USA, Inc. for the Erie County – On-Call Fleet Electrification Consultant for an amount not to exceed a total of \$241,591.51; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding will be available to cover the cost of this Term Agreement within the Division of Buildings & Grounds 2024 Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12220) Account 516020 – Professional Services, Contracts & Fees; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given for the Division of Budget and Management to make any technical adjustments necessary to effectuate this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that two certified copies each of this resolution be sent to the Department of Public Works, Commissioner’s Office and the Department of Environment and Planning, and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, and the Office of the Comptroller.

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4. COMM. 19E-22 (2024)
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, AD Price II consists of ninety-four (94) affordable rental units at 450 Jefferson Avenue, City of Buffalo, NY; and

WHEREAS, the Erie County Legislature adopted a policy on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) on December 16, 1999, and the PILOT is consistent with said policy; and

WHEREAS, in order to make the Project economically feasible for AD Price II Housing Development Fund Corp., AD Price II LLC to operate the housing project it is necessary to extend tax relief from the County of Erie and the City of Buffalo.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive and/or Deputy County Executive to execute a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreement extension with AD Price II Housing Development Fund Corp., AD Price II LLC, and the City of Buffalo, and any other organizations necessary to conclude this PILOT Agreement; and be it further

RESOLVED, that said Agreement shall include an annual PILOT in the amount of taxes due as set forth on Schedule A attached hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget and Management, the Department of Real Property Tax Services, the Department of Environment and Planning, the Office of the County Comptroller, and the Department of Law.

SCHEDULE A-2
PILOT "A" Payments

Year	City Tax Year	PILOT	City	County
1	2025-2026	\$ 20,728	\$ 16,375	\$ 4,353
2	2026-2027	\$ 21,350	\$ 16,866	\$ 4,483
3	2027-2028	\$ 21,990	\$ 17,372	\$ 4,618
4	2028-2029	\$ 22,650	\$ 17,893	\$ 4,756
5	2029-2030	\$ 23,329	\$ 18,430	\$ 4,899
6	2030-2031	\$ 24,029	\$ 18,983	\$ 5,046
7	2031-2032	\$ 24,750	\$ 19,552	\$ 5,197
8	2032-2033	\$ 25,492	\$ 20,139	\$ 5,353
9	2033-2034	\$ 26,257	\$ 20,743	\$ 5,514
10	2034-2035	\$ 27,045	\$ 21,366	\$ 5,679
11	2035-2036	\$ 27,856	\$ 22,006	\$ 5,850
12	2036-2037	\$ 28,692	\$ 22,667	\$ 6,025
13	2037-2038	\$ 29,553	\$ 23,347	\$ 6,206
14	2038-2039	\$ 30,439	\$ 24,047	\$ 6,392
15	2039-2040	\$ 31,353	\$ 24,768	\$ 6,584

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**JOHN J. GILMOUR
CHAIR**