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7 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

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9 DENISE FORD

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12 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

13 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

14 LAURA SCHAEFER

15 DONALD MACKENZIE

16 KEVAN ABRAHAMS,
17 Minority Leader

18 ROSE MARIE WALKER

19 DENNIS DUNNE

20 JAMES KENNEDY

21 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

22 CARRIE SOLAGES

23 SIELA BYNOE

24 MICHAEL PULITZER,
25 Clerk of the Legislature

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: With
3 everyone in their seats, we will begin with
4 Dennis Dunne, please lead us in the Pledge
5 of Allegiance.

6 (Whereupon, the Pledge of
7 Allegiance was recited.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will ask
9 the clerk to please call the roll.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you,
11 Presiding Officer. Deputy Presiding Officer
12 Richard Nicolello?

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

14 CLERK PULITZER: Alternate Deputy
15 Presiding Officer Howard Kopel?

16 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Siela
18 Bynoe?

19 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
21 Carrie Solages?

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

23 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
24 Denise Ford?

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

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2 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
3 Curran?
4 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Here.
5 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
6 Vincent Muscarella?
7 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.
8 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator C.
9 William Gaylor III?
10 LEGISLATOR GAYLOR: Here.
11 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Ellen
12 Birnbaum?
13 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.
14 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
15 DeRiggi-Whitton?
16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
17 Here.
18 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator James
19 Kennedy?
20 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.
21 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
22 Schaefer?
23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
24 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
25 Dennis Dunne, Sr.?

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2 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.

3 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

4 Rosemarie Walker?

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

6 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

7 Donald MacKenzie?

8 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.

9 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator

10 Steven Rhoads?

11 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

12 CLERK PULITZER: Minority Leader

13 Kevan Abrahams?

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

15 CLERK PULITZER: Presiding Officer

16 Norma Gonsalves?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

18 CLERK PULITZER: We have a

19 quorum.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you

21 very much, Mr. Pulitzer.

22 At this point I'm going to ask
23 everyone to stand for a moment of silence in
24 memory of a dear departed fellow legislator
25 and presiding officer of this body, Judy

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2 Jacobs.

3 I first met Judy in 1995 when she
4 was running for the Legislature. She and I
5 became good friends primarily because we
6 shared a lot of things in common. Her being
7 an educator, her being a community advocate
8 for children, her being a civic activist and
9 many many other things that I came to know
10 Judy, and when I became legislator two years
11 after, Judy and I continued to communicate
12 and we communicated until very very
13 recently.

14 Unfortunately, we lost a very
15 dear person who I believe had the best
16 interests of not only the residents in her
17 district, but the residents in Nassau County
18 as a whole.

19 She is going to be well missed.
20 I will miss her primarily because she had a
21 great deal to offer as a legislator and, in
22 all her years of experience, I believe there
23 were 21 in all, that she certainly had the
24 ability to educate each and every one of us
25 in what this Legislature was all about.

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2 So, without any further ado, I
3 ask you to please remember her in your
4 prayers. She is certainly a well well
5 deserved individual of this body.

6 (A moment of silence was
7 observed.)

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
9 Leader. Please remain standing.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Words do
11 not really suffice when you talk about a
12 person such as Judy Jacobs. From a personal
13 standpoint, I sat next to Judy for quite
14 some time, but I have known her for 15
15 years. I can tell you that -- I'm sorry.
16 17 years. During that time frame we have
17 become the best of friends. Her role in the
18 county and what she was able to do and bring
19 this county to fiscal solvency in early
20 2000s but then also her leadership, her
21 insight, very bright person. I think Judy
22 was a friend to all. You would be very hard
23 pressed to find anyone that can say anything
24 negative about Judy Jacobs.

25 I think she will always be

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2 remembered in our hearts and, as we continue
3 as county legislators, let's try to remember
4 her in our minds because Judy was a person
5 that fought for bipartisanship in this
6 Legislature.

7 She always tried to find the
8 middle ground between her caucus and with
9 the majority in this case or when she was
10 presiding officer in the minority.

11 Look, it's tough for me
12 personally to talk about her. This is my
13 first day looking at her empty seat is
14 extremely difficult for me personally to say
15 things about my friend who is no longer here
16 anymore.

17 But I ask that we continue to
18 remember her in our hearts and in our
19 spirit. Judy would want that. Judy was a
20 very humorous and happy person. Always
21 there for a joke or a laugh and I think,
22 from that standpoint as well, I think in the
23 spirit of Judy Jacobs try not to get so
24 focused and bogged down, which I can be from
25 time to time, so serious in this matter.

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2 I learned a lot from Judy Jacobs.
3 I can't say enough good things about her.
4 I'm sorry to see her not here anymore. I
5 just wish that her family continue to
6 receive the blessings as well as her family
7 and friends because she was a friend to all.
8 But thank you for giving me the
9 opportunity, Madam Presiding Officer.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If there's
11 anyone else that would like to say
12 something. Would you like to say anything
13 else? Legislator Walker.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: I would just
15 like to quickly say I had the pleasure of
16 knowing Judy for probably about 25 years or
17 more. Before I was over here in the
18 Legislature, I was councilwoman in Oyster
19 Bay and, my husband, God rest his soul,
20 before he passed away, was a commissioner in
21 the Town of Oyster Bay.

22 I would always love for Judy to
23 tell stories how much he worked with John,
24 God rest his soul, and how much they helped
25 each other out.

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2 And often times, when we went to
3 events, especially when I became a
4 legislator, there were certain events that
5 afterwards Judy and myself, sometimes Laura
6 would join us, which many of you who knew
7 Judy, that was kind of a special place, and
8 we always had the special diners to go to.
9 I can tell you whenever we went there, we
10 didn't talk government. We didn't talk
11 politics. We talked about her Sid and my
12 John. We talked about our families, our
13 children, our grandchildren.

14 That's what I will miss so so
15 much about Judy. Those special times that
16 we had together. Certainly all that she was
17 involved in in Nassau County and how she
18 cared so much about her districts and really
19 all of the county and what she's given to us
20 and all the hard work she gave.

21 But I will miss those special
22 moments of what was number one to her and
23 certainly number one to me is family. I
24 know that her family knows that and that
25 will help them continue on.

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2 So I just too ask you all to keep
3 her in our prayers and I think all of us
4 realizes how quick life changes in an
5 instant and sometimes we do get bogged down
6 and we stay on say some of the other issues
7 and we really really realize what's
8 important in life. And I too, Kevan, and I
9 look over at those flowers and can't believe
10 she's not here with us.

11 But I do know she's with us
12 smiling down on all of us saying, come on,
13 get it on, get on with things, and get busy
14 to work because you have work to do.

15 So God bless Judy, God bless your
16 family and God bless you all.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 Nicolello.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I would
20 just add that throughout the 21 years, there
21 have been many tense times, many acrimonious
22 debates, heated debates and she never for
23 one instant was anything less than a
24 gracious individual, and never for one
25 instant anything less than a friend.

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2 She was passionate, compassionate
3 public servant. I think we will all miss
4 her, especially her smile.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
6 very much. Legislator DeRiggi-Whitton.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
8 just want to mention one other moment of
9 silence. We also lost another very dear
10 friend was Ann Camiletti. Every time I
11 would see Judy she would ask me how Ann was
12 the last couple of months. Ann really
13 suffered unfortunately towards the end and
14 it was a very tough last couple of weeks.

15 I had some kind of solace after
16 just losing Judy of knowing that she's going
17 to be there and she's going to have
18 everything all set up for her and the two of
19 them were going to have coffee together and
20 just relax. I kept talking to Ann about it
21 and I think it gave her solace too because
22 every one loved being friends with Judy.

23 So I just want to say that Ann
24 was an incredible support in Glen Cove and
25 also in the county. She had an incredible

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2 caring for every one.

3 I feel that I just lost two major
4 people in my life within two weeks of each
5 other, and they were both mentors and both
6 very caring people. I know that I will miss
7 them for a very very long time. So thank
8 you.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
10 very much.

11 At this point in time we usually
12 recognize individuals within the county
13 government as well as within our districts
14 for outstanding accomplishments.

15 I'm going to begin with Dr.
16 Imhof, the director of the Department of
17 Social Services who, year after year, has a
18 list of individuals, employees, month by
19 month who have really and truly gone over
20 and above their perspective obligations.

21 So at this point I have a list of
22 12 employees of the month beginning with the
23 year October 2015 right up to September
24 2016.

25 We have citations for each and

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2 every one of them but I'm going to ask Dr.
3 Imhof to please be so kind to introduce each
4 individual and of course, after all of them
5 are recognized, we will then take a group
6 picture down at the chamber.

7 DR. IMHOF: Thank you, Presiding
8 Officer. Deputy Commissioner Paul Broderick
9 and I are very privileged to present these
10 employees before the Legislature.

11 Our department has served over
12 250,000 people a year over the past several
13 years and the individuals who day in and day
14 out are the ones who in a professional and
15 courteous basis really reach out and help
16 all of your constituents in your communities
17 and we have since 2007 each month recognized
18 a total now of 108 of our DSS employees for
19 their professionalism, their courteousness
20 and respect to the members of our community.

21 We are indeed proud to have them
22 here today and they were selected not just
23 by saying pick me but by many many dozens of
24 their colleagues. Each of them have been
25 noted for the way in which they not only

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2 helped our constituents in Nassau County but
3 how they helped their colleagues as well.

4 They are the most outstanding and
5 we have the most outstanding in my judgement
6 department of employees in the county and
7 every month we are very privileged to pick
8 one each month, I wish we could pick more,
9 but we wanted to bring the last 12 employees
10 of the month in social services up here to
11 say hello to you, for you to meet them and
12 to receive a commendation from the
13 Legislature.

14 When I call your name, if you
15 wouldn't mind coming up to the front. Jason
16 Perkowski, case supervisor, CPS
17 investigations; Debra Hatch, case supervisor
18 II in CPS; Melissa Grecco, social welfare
19 examiner II in new applications; Gladys
20 Rodriguez, social welfare examiner II;
21 Janice Hyman, social welfare examiner
22 supervisor I; Oscar Ramos, social welfare
23 examiner II; Susanne Sacks, I know her name
24 is familiar to many of you, clerk III in the
25 commissioner's office; Alexis Pegram, social

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2 welfare examiner II; Sara Smith, case
3 supervisor III; Rene Pearson, social welfare
4 examiner II; Debra DeStefano, clerk II in
5 our payroll department; and Doug Pratt,
6 social welfare examiner I in the employment.
7 These are our most recent employees of the
8 month.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have
10 the significant dozen from the department of
11 social services. I say thank you to each
12 and every one of you. Your job is not an
13 easy one and each day I'm sure you are
14 challenged to the point where you say, what
15 do I do next? Obviously, you know what to
16 do next because you are standing before us
17 here today.

18 I want to congratulate each and
19 every one of you for being the honoree of
20 the month since last October. I know this
21 will continue because you are certainly
22 worthy of the recognition.

23 Anything else that you would like
24 to say, Dr. Imhof?

25 DR. IMHOF: Thank you very much

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2 for the privilege of presenting all of our
3 employees to the Legislature. Thank you.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have a
5 citation for each and every one of you. I
6 think our best bet, since there are so many,
7 we are going to take the picture down in the
8 chamber.

9 Anyone who wants to join us,
10 Mr. Minority leader, would you like to join
11 us? By the way, we have a citation for each
12 and every one of you. Liz, would you please
13 assist in giving them out so we can have
14 them photographed?

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: As I said
16 earlier, we do points of personal privileges
17 as requested by our fellow legislators and
18 today is no different.

19 We have Kevan Abrahams, the
20 minority leader, and Laura Curran the
21 legislator for District 5 who have a point
22 of personal privilege.

23 I was told that Legislator Curran
24 will do the honors.

25 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you

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2 very much, Presiding Officer.

3 Kevan and I are here with Fred
4 Coff and Michael Fried from the Firemen's
5 Association of New York. This is actually a
6 very very big deal. Fred, he is a lifelong
7 Baldwin resident and he was chosen for last
8 year's fire fighter of the year for the
9 whole state for a very very brave thing that
10 he did.

11 Fred, who has been with the fire
12 department in Baldwin for 29 years and is
13 also a fire fighter in the city, late on a
14 Saturday night last summer, I believe it was
15 the Fourth of July, Independence Day, a lot
16 of stuff going on, very busy night, I'm
17 sure, there was an apartment in Baldwin that
18 was on fire.

19 He made his way through the
20 burning living room, found the victim in a
21 rear bedroom and rescued the victim. The 56
22 year old man who was suffering from severe
23 smoke inhalation and actually unfortunately
24 succumbed hours later.

25 But Fred negotiated the fire

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2 department in zero visibility, blistering
3 heat, and without the benefit of a partner
4 to carry out this successful rescue.

5 Without any regard to his own
6 personal safety and in a rapidly
7 deteriorating environment, it was the
8 culmination of his courage and his
9 determination and his skill that made this
10 rescue happen. Unfortunately the man did
11 succumb to his injuries the next day.

12 So, as a Baldwin resident I feel
13 very safe that you are there looking out for
14 us and I feel very proud and I want to give
15 you my most deepest congratulations and
16 thank you.

17 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just to
18 echo what Legislator Curran had said, I
19 think I sleep a little bit better at night
20 and I can probably speak for the residents
21 of Baldwin to have a gentleman and a
22 firefighter such as Fred Coff that's there
23 to protect us.

24 I think that in all his duties
25 and all his responsibilities, obviously it's

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2 a challenge to be a fire fighter when you
3 have to risk your life, you risk the fact
4 that you are away from your loved ones
5 obviously during those times, but obviously
6 you can also risk your life when you have to
7 walk into danger and put someone else's life
8 that you never met before in the first and
9 foremost.

10 So, we thank you for your
11 service. Obviously this is a very, very
12 distinguishable award, Firefighter of the
13 Year, not just here in Nassau but across the
14 State of New York is a tremendous
15 recognition.

16 People of Baldwin as well as the
17 surrounding communities thank you for your
18 service. We hope that obviously you will
19 not have to endure this level of danger
20 again but if you are called upon we know
21 that you will be there willing and ready to
22 fight -- ready to go up against any level of
23 danger that you have to endure.

24 So we thank you for your service
25 on behalf of the resident of the First

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2 Legislative District and I'm sure the Fifth,
3 Legislator Curran and myself would like to
4 present you with this citation.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I have a
6 member of the Legislature who would like to
7 say a few words who is also a volunteer fire
8 fighter. Legislator Rhoads.

9 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you,
10 Presiding Officer Gonsalves. Fred, I just
11 wanted to add my congratulations.

12 I had the chance to speak, and
13 thanks to Mike Reed for introducing us
14 before, but I had the chance to speak to
15 Fred briefly and his comment to me was
16 basically it wasn't a big deal; I was in the
17 right place at the right time.

18 Every hero that you've ever
19 spoken to pretty much utters those same
20 words but it doesn't diminish what he did.
21 Having been and being a volunteer
22 firefighter myself, I know what goes into
23 the training. I know what goes into being
24 in a situation like that.

25 The fact that -- it's amazing to

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2 me because the fact that an hour before that
3 an alarm came in, you were probably sleeping
4 in your bed in your home and an hour later
5 you are out there saving somebody's life.
6 The fact that you are doing it without
7 compensation, just because you want to be
8 there to protect the folks that are in your
9 community, that's what volunteer
10 firefighters do on a regular basis.

11 The story of your save, I'm so
12 happy to hear because it really doesn't get
13 any better than that. Being part of the
14 brotherhood, I wanted to offer my personal
15 congratulations to you, not only as a
16 legislator but as a fire fighter.
17 Tremendous work. Great job.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: At this
19 point it is customary that we take 30
20 minutes of public comment and I a few slips
21 here. I'm going to begin with Brian
22 Sullivan.

23 MR. SULLIVAN: Brian Sullivan,
24 President of the Nassau County Correction
25 Officers Benevolent Association. Good

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2 afternoon to everybody.

3 Just to touch base on everything
4 that's happened here before, I also want to
5 express my sincerest condolences to
6 everybody in the Legislature and to Judy
7 Jacobs family, Ann's family from the old
8 administration. I worked very closely with
9 Judy and Ann for several years in my prior
10 incarnation in the union and they are
11 definitely going to be missed.

12 I've had several long days and
13 nights going over things with Judy and I can
14 definitely say that Judy was one of the good
15 ones. She was always nonpartisan
16 politically but very partisan towards doing
17 the right thing for people that needed it
18 and she's going to be sorely missed,
19 particularly in government.

20 Two quick issues that I just want
21 to touch base with you guys on here today.
22 One, I know there are a bunch of bonding
23 issues that are coming up before the
24 Legislature today. I'm hoping that there
25 will be some nonpartisan joining together

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2 because there is a lot of what's buried in
3 some of that bonding are things that are
4 going to be going on at the jail; one of
5 them is pushing to get a locker room done
6 for my guys. There's a lot of general
7 upkeep in the jail that's buried in DPW
8 things in there and I'm hoping that since
9 I'm always up here and talking to you guys
10 and the county about keeping up on the
11 infrastructure, I'm hoping we can get some
12 of that done because there's a lot more
13 coming down the road.

14 The other main issue that I'm
15 here for is I don't know if anybody here,
16 you saw us in the press the other day. We
17 were in the paper, on TV, about one of our
18 correction officers was knocked unconscious
19 in the visiting room. It happened a couple
20 of weeks ago and the inmate who did it was
21 being held in our jail on a \$500,000 bond
22 for attempted murder gun charges, storing
23 explosives, endangering the welfare of a
24 child.

25 This is the type of inmate that

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2 we keep at this jail. A lot of people try
3 to pretend they don't know what's going in
4 the jail. I'm not saying you guys, but they
5 try to down play the type of people we have
6 at the jail and obviously it's not a drunk
7 tank. We are holding some heavy duty
8 inmates here.

9 This particular guy was creating
10 a disturbance in the visiting room and was
11 told to end his visit and go back to his
12 cell and, when he stood up, he punched one
13 of my officers and they got into a bit of a
14 frackis and ultimately ended up knocking one
15 of my officers unconscious who had to be
16 taken out in an ambulance. That's the
17 second time in the last year that one of our
18 officers wars knocked unconscious by an
19 inmate. Both of them had to be taken out by
20 ambulance.

21 This and the other one were both
22 in fully staffed areas of the jail which
23 illustrates to me and should illustrate to
24 everybody concerned in here and in the jail
25 and in the county government that if this

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2 can happen in a fully staffed area of the
3 jail imagine our concerns of what's going on
4 in the areas that have been cut.

5 I've talked endlessly and I know
6 my predecessor and when I was here before we
7 talked endlessly about cuts that go on in
8 this jail and what are we doing about
9 enhancing cuts at the jail -- enhancing
10 security at the jail, forgive me, I have a
11 cold.

12 I also sat down with several of
13 you prior to meeting today because there are
14 security issues at the jail that I can't
15 discuss in public, things I will not discuss
16 in public, things about what's going on with
17 the debate tonight, what's going on at the
18 jail.

19 I can only ask those of you in
20 the Legislature, particularly in the Public
21 Safety Committee to press the sheriff about
22 what is he doing to enhance security at the
23 jail. I see constantly enhancements for the
24 police department, purchases of equipment,
25 vehicles, equipment, trucks, whatever else,

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2 emergency response. I don't see any of that
3 coming from our sheriff and I was
4 particularly going into budget season, I
5 want to see exactly what the sheriff is
6 planning on doing to enhance security at the
7 jail.

8 Thankfully we haven't had any
9 horrific incidents involving one of my
10 officers. We have had several things in the
11 past where you've seen in the paper where
12 there's been slashing of inmates but thank
13 God our officers are only getting knocked
14 unconscious by inmates which is a pretty
15 awful thing to say.

16 There are several issues that are
17 outstanding that I'm pressing the sheriff
18 and the county on about enhancements for our
19 emergency response team for equipment that
20 we're are still supposedly out there that is
21 going to be coming any day now, any day for
22 nine months. Metal detection, contraband
23 detection equipment, and sometimes I think
24 I'm going to knock myself unconscious
25 banging my head against the wall.

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2 The order of the day seems to be
3 how low can we run this jail on before the
4 thing completely bottoms out. All I can ask
5 is that particularly going into the budget
6 season, please keep this in mind. I will be
7 here for the budget committee meetings when
8 the sheriff is here, I would ask that you
9 also keep that in mind and ask him what we
10 are going to do going forward to enhance
11 security at this jail.

12 That's all I have for today. I
13 appreciate the time. Again, Judy Jacobs is
14 in my mind. She's been a very good friend
15 to correction officers and she will be
16 sorely missed. Anybody have anything for
17 me? Have a nice day. Get hope tonight.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
19 Joseph Stufano.

20 MR. STUFANO: Good afternoon. My
21 name is Joe Stufano. Do you need name and
22 address? Does everybody know who I am. My
23 agenda has not changed since I ran for
24 legislature against Mr. Kennedy and ran for
25 Town of Oyster Bay. My agenda is on

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2 goodethics.com, if anybody has got a laptop
3 or phone, you can go to goodethics.com and
4 the agenda is listed there one, two, and
5 three.

6 The first and the only thing is
7 the new police officers, and I applaud
8 everybody's efforts what we're doing with
9 the Nassau County Police Department is
10 great. We a commissioner. We have new
11 police officers.

12 But there is one thing that we
13 can do better and that is we're only
14 training the police officers once a year. I
15 don't know about you but I think the
16 incidents which I'm talking about in Tulsa
17 Oklahoma, what happened at Hofstra, what
18 happened in Massapequa with the accidental
19 shootings of the police officers by other
20 police officers.

21 The law of averages is in our
22 favor if we increase the frequency of
23 training from once a year to four times a
24 year.

25 Now, the next question is, great

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2 idea, Joe, how are you going to do it? How
3 are you going to pay for it? Well, here's a
4 half a million sitting there on Item 2.

5 Nassau County Medical Center has
6 a bid that was supposed to be closed on
7 March 1st which would save you a half a
8 million dollars a year.

9 Right now they are skirting the
10 bid procedure by paying month to month.
11 Okay? If you enforce that bid you will save
12 half a million dollars which is \$480,000
13 which is what you need to train those police
14 officers four times a year. So there is
15 your money. The answer is, train those
16 police officers. You're going to have a new
17 21 year old police officer out there only
18 with a handgun for the first time with a
19 week's training. Do you feel comfortable
20 with them taking a shot next to you or your
21 child? I just want you to think about that.

22 So item number one and item
23 number two have been covered. The
24 Glenngariff Medical Center in Glen Cove, the
25 least path resistance to the hospital is a

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2 road called Acres Way which ambulances have
3 been towed twice. So you can't get from the
4 Glenngariff Medical Center to the hospital
5 without towing the ambulance. That was the
6 third way.

7 My agenda here today was for
8 saving lives. All three are for saving
9 lives. The first one is for the misfiring
10 of firearms by Nassau County Police
11 Officers. Not saying anything is wrong I'm
12 just saying they're under trained. As an
13 ex-military person, we were only allowed one
14 bullet per perpetrator, okay? A second
15 bullet shot, automatic court-martial. I'm
16 not saying we're going to get standards like
17 that, but it would be nice to have Nassau
18 County to be Navy Seals of police officers.
19 We live in Nassau County, we deserve it. We
20 deserve the best, so consider upping their
21 training for firearms. Thank you.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
23 Mr. Pat Boyle.

24 MR. BOYLE: Hi everyone. My name
25 is Pat Boyle from Gateway Youth Outreach in

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2 Elmont and I'm also representing Coalition
3 of Youth Service Agencies.

4 I know this is a very difficult
5 day for all of you with the passing of
6 Legislator Jacobs. It's also a very
7 difficult day for youth services as well
8 too. She was a champion for youth services.
9 As a matter of fact, as you well know, in
10 Elmont, it was a basically very Republican
11 area 21 years ago.

12 I knew the Republican legislators
13 but it was Judy Jacobs who invited me into
14 her office to talk to her about youth
15 services, not caring whether I was coming
16 from a Republican area or not.

17 We got a real good opportunity to
18 be able to get to know each other over the
19 years. I know youth services is going to be
20 missing her sorely, there is no doubt about
21 that.

22 Legislator Abrahams, I would be
23 very remiss if I didn't acknowledge how well
24 you represented both the Legislature and
25 yourself at her service. You did a great

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2 job. You told a great story. You made me
3 really feel like I really knew who she was
4 even more than what I did. It was a great
5 job and I'm really glad that you were able
6 to do that.

7 On to business as she had say I'm
8 sure. County Executive Mangano has placed
9 in his budget youth services at the same
10 levels as it was last year. That is a very
11 good thing obviously.

12 But the thing that kind of
13 worries me a little bit about all of that is
14 there is a lot more going on besides the
15 budget that just came out and what's in
16 front of you right now.

17 Youth services, as you well know,
18 has always been discretionary. The fact
19 that it's discretionary means that sometimes
20 the level, the lower rung of the ladder as
21 far as finances go, and I hope you
22 understand clearly it's not at the bottom
23 rung of the ladder as far as services that
24 are provided to people within this county.

25 Youth services are important.

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2 Again, I know I sound like I'm repeating
3 myself over and over again but it's a good
4 thing that I am because we just registered
5 800 kids once again for after school
6 programs in Elmont in four schools in
7 Elmont. That's 800 kids who won't be on the
8 streets between the hours of 3:00 and 6:00,
9 and I know I sound like I'm repeating myself
10 but there are some new legislators here who
11 need to heard this.

12 3:00 to 6:00 is the time when
13 most crime is committed by young people.
14 You would think it's Friday or Saturday
15 night. No. It's when their parents aren't
16 there and that's when we are there.

17 On top of that, we are hiring 120
18 high school and college age students to work
19 with these children. That's another thing
20 that's keeping 120 students not only off the
21 streets during that period of 3:00 to 6:00
22 but we're also paying them a salary. We all
23 know what minimum wage is now and we haven't
24 gotten any increases in funding. I don't
25 know how I'm going to do this, but I'll

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2 figure it out.

3 But now that the minimum wage has
4 gone up quite a bit, it's becoming quite a
5 bit of a strain, but the kids are making
6 some pretty good money for high school and
7 college age students. They work at least 15
8 hours with us a week so they're popping down
9 150 bucks a week. That's not bad. Really
10 isn't.

11 We want to be able to keep doing
12 these kind of programs. Please. I implore
13 you once again to take a close look at what
14 we do, how we do it, and how cheap it really
15 is in the long run. Please don't cut out
16 the youth services. Please make sure you do
17 what you can to keep us whole. Thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
19 welcome, Pat. Alec Slatky.

20 MR. SLATKY: Good afternoon
21 everyone. Thanks for having me here. I
22 first just want to express my condolences to
23 all of you and of course to Legislator
24 Jacobs' family and friends. I interacted
25 with her once or twice and that limited

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2 interaction was very pleasant and clearly to
3 my detriment that I didn't get to meet her
4 more. So I do want to extend my condolences
5 to all of you.

6 My name is Alec Slatky and I'm
7 here representing Triple A and I want to
8 talk a little bit about the \$105 proposed
9 public safety fee on traffic and parking and
10 red light camera tickets that came out in
11 the recent budget and, when I saw that, I
12 said I definitely have to get in front of
13 Legislature at the next meeting to talk
14 about it.

15 Just to give a little background,
16 Triple A, we are nonpartisan. We don't
17 endorse anyone. We don't give anyone any
18 money for a campaign. It's totally
19 nonpartisan here.

20 We do think it's okay to make
21 money off of traffic fines. But there is a
22 difference between making money off of
23 traffic fines and trying to make money off
24 of traffic fines. I think we are moving too
25 far to the latter here.

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2 We strongly oppose the fee. The
3 reason why it's bad primarily is that it
4 erodes a traffic safety culture that we
5 really need to have in Nassau County. We
6 lost 92 people on our roads last year in
7 2015. That's the same amount of murders
8 murderers between 2012 and 2015. So we need
9 the police to protect us from murders, from
10 other crime, for a whole variety of services
11 and also from traffic crashes which are very
12 dangerous here.

13 But when it looks like the
14 government is instituting a fine solely to
15 raise revenue, then, when people get a
16 ticket, I need to stop speeding, I need to
17 do better. They think, this is baloney.
18 The government is just trying to reach into
19 my pocket to take money so they can keep
20 themselves whole.

21 That's a problem. We really need
22 to move the traffic safety culture up and
23 instead I think this is bringing it down
24 even more than what it is. It really is a
25 conflict of interest even if it's not going

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2 to materialize in any real way. It's
3 clearly a perception problem that the police
4 are giving tickets to fund the police.
5 There's something a little bit backwards
6 there. And it relies on bad behavior to
7 fund the county.

8 Under this plan, it would be a
9 problem if fewer people broke the law that I
10 don't think that those are good incentives.
11 I do think that, frankly, the county makes
12 enough money off of traffic fines. The
13 county TPVA website says that they have
14 administrative fees so that county taxpayers
15 don't shoulder the burden.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Your three
17 minutes have expired.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Wrap it
19 up.

20 MR. SLATKY: So, I mean, I don't
21 think that with all the police that need to
22 be here, they need to do, there is a lot
23 they need to do. I don't think that means
24 we must have a \$220 fine for an expired
25 meter. I think there is a leap in logic

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2 there and I would be happy to discuss with
3 all the legislators further at a later date.
4 Thank you for having me.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
6 for coming.

7 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I have a
8 quick question.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr.
10 Slatky, Legislator Solages has a quick
11 question.

12 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you
13 very much for coming here today. This
14 safety fee being contemplated in the
15 upcoming budget, have you seen this used in
16 other jurisdictions and what affect that it
17 has had?

18 MR. SLATKY: I haven't really
19 seen anything like this. I mean, we have
20 seen administrative fees. Administrative
21 fees aren't new. The county has them,
22 Suffolk County has them, other counties and
23 the state have them but I think that this
24 level of increase is not something that I've
25 personally seen elsewhere. It's a pretty

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2 big jump, doubling fines in some cases.

3 I don't really have a good
4 parallel, to be Frank. This is definitely
5 unique at least here in New York State which
6 is the territory I'm most familiar with.
7 This level of jump is unique.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I want you
9 to know, Mr. Slatky, we have our budget
10 hearings coming up next month. The first is
11 October 5th and the second is October 13th.
12 Hopefully you will be able to come to either
13 one of those and express your points of view
14 and of course at the end of the month we
15 vote on the budget. Between now and then
16 many things change. So thank you for
17 coming.

18 MR. SLATKY: Thank you.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jack
20 McCloy.

21 MR. MCCLOY: Good afternoon,
22 members of the Legislature. It's my honor
23 to speak with you today. I was going to
24 speak with you about the Baldwin Road diet
25 plan. I will keep my comments to under

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2 three minutes but I would like to comment on
3 what the gentleman just said.

4 I have addressed the Legislature
5 in the past about red light camera issues,
6 many of the new legislators may not know my
7 addressing you in the past but some of you
8 veterans will remember that I advocated a
9 fair timing of the yellow light duration of
10 red light cameras and I'm also advocating a
11 count down timer being placed at whatever
12 intersection a red light camera is placed at
13 so it's not entrapment of a driver that
14 would normally be going at an appropriate
15 speed through an intersection and traffic
16 approaching the intersection.

17 Drivers would have an opportunity
18 to advance, see if a count down timer was
19 three, two, one, they can start braking in
20 advance.

21 Please consider mandating that
22 any intersection that has a red light camera
23 also has a count down timer placed at that
24 intersection.

25 I will get back to what I was

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2 originally going to address you about and I
3 would like to first of all mention I really
4 appreciate the fact that we have guys like
5 fire fighter Fred as a Baldwin resident, him
6 being fire fighter of the year is a
7 wonderful thing.

8 I would like to also mention to
9 you that our main fire department is located
10 right at the area where this Baldwin Grand
11 Avenue road diet is proposed.

12 Grand Avenue right now is two
13 lanes in each direction north and south.
14 The proposal is to change it to one lane
15 north, one lane south and a turn lane in
16 between.

17 I feel it's going to impede not
18 only the fire fighter response time but
19 First Precinct response time, availability
20 of getting to our closest hospital, Nassau
21 Community Hospital, and also the fact that
22 there is a brand new equation that has to be
23 considered.

24 This past week, the Town of
25 Hempstead, town council voted for a proposal

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2 to construct a project at the intersection
3 of Grand Avenue and Merrick Road that will
4 include residents, 50 family residences at
5 that location.

6 I want to point out to you that
7 the traffic study, Nassau County's official
8 traffic study, Complete Street traffic study
9 says that Grand Avenue at that location has
10 19,488 ADT, average daily traffic vehicles.

11 I also want to point out that the
12 official U.S. Department of Transportation
13 Federal Highway Administration Guidelines,
14 Chapter 3, Subsection 5 suggests that
15 roadways with ADT of 20,000 or more are not
16 good candidates for the road diet.

17 CLERK PULITZER: Sir, your three
18 minutes have expired.

19 MR. MCCLOY: I will wrap it up by
20 saying that that intersection is the only
21 two lane northbound hurricane evacuation
22 route anywhere between Rockville Centre and
23 Freeport. I ask you not to waste \$7 million
24 on changing a recently repaved roadway
25 that's in perfectly good condition to a

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2 roadway that's going to be a probably and
3 will likely have to be reconstructed
4 afterwards.

5 I would further like to ask if we
6 could have a referendum on this where
7 Baldwin residents could vote on this before
8 action is taken. Thank you for your time.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
10 Mr. McCloy. Karen Montalbano.

11 MS. MONTALBANO: Hi. My name is
12 Karen Montalbano. I'm president of the
13 Baldwin Civic Association. I'm here once
14 again in support of that next round of
15 funding for the engineering phase of the
16 Grand Avenue traffic study. This traffic
17 study has taken an in-depth look at our main
18 roadway in Baldwin and empirically has
19 determined what many residents know.

20 Grand Avenue, in its current
21 state is not working at its best for the
22 resident the community.

23 The study highlighted areas for
24 improvement. One is the failing
25 intersection in the north outside the senior

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2 citizen complex and the high school which
3 our young people travel through every day in
4 the school year, and I was told there was a
5 big accident there just yesterday.

6 We also have to deal with the
7 traffic blockages at Seeman Avenue and Saint
8 Lukes Place where left turn lanes are needed
9 to help traffic move smoothly through.

10 We want to make the whole length
11 of the street safer for those who walk or
12 ride bicycles. Then there's the aspect of
13 making the street welcoming for businesses
14 and shoppers. That includes the traffic
15 calming and the road diet which some people
16 are opposing. I would like to note that
17 there are many others who do support this
18 idea.

19 This road diet has worked in many
20 other communities and it actually ties into
21 the transit oriented development that is
22 being proposed at Grand and Merrick in the
23 Town of Hempstead project.

24 After all this data gathering and
25 evaluation, it would be a waste to not

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2 continue on to the engineering phase of this
3 project. The only way to truly have an idea
4 of what this would look like and how it will
5 work is to see a fully engineered plan.

6 The traffic engineers who will
7 make this concept a reality have the
8 expertise. They have spent years studying
9 to get their degrees, studying to get their
10 license and then have additional years
11 actually doing the designs and even more
12 time keeping up with best practices. They
13 are not doing this based on gut.

14 We need to address traffic
15 problems on Grand Avenue in a holistic way
16 and look at all the possibilities. We are
17 on the verge of making a break through and
18 getting through the traffic on Grand Avenue.

19 We need this next phase to move
20 forward. Please vote to fund this. We need
21 it for this next step. Baldwin needs to
22 move into the future. Thank you.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
24 Legislator Curran.

25 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: So we all

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2 thought the hot debate was happening at
3 Hofstra tonight but it's happening right
4 here. I actually attended the town meeting
5 where the Town of Hempstead approved picking
6 the developers for the down town project and
7 I was very happy that they approved it
8 unanimously and I spoke in support of it
9 there.

10 I think that this downtown
11 project in the Town of Hempstead dovetails
12 beautifully with what we're doing with the
13 Grand Avenue traffic study. I think that
14 they really compliment each other, these two
15 projects and I just wanted to put that on
16 the record. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you,
18 Legislator Curran. That ends public
19 comment. We can now proceed to the
20 calendar.

21 I'm going to begin with several
22 appointments beginning with Item 70 through
23 76. I will call each of them separately but
24 then I'm going to ask for a vote on each
25 individual one. Some of them we're not

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2 calling primarily because they could not be
3 here today. So that will be item I believe
4 72 who is not here.

5 MR. BECKER: That is correct,
6 Madam Chair. 72, the only person we're
7 missing to the Conservation District is Eric
8 Swenson. Everybody else is here, Madam
9 Chair.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Sounds
11 good. So we are going to begin with Item
12 70, a resolution to confirm the appointment
13 of Daniel C. Fucci; Item 71, a resolution to
14 confirm the appointment of Reese Michaels to
15 the Soil and Water Conservation District.

16 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I
17 thought you were going to start with 70
18 which is Dan Fucci.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I was
20 going to block them all together and then
21 we'll have a chance to vote on each of them.

22 I'm calling them altogether and
23 then they can talk. 72 we said we're not
24 calling because the individual could not be
25 here. 73, a resolution to confirm the

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2 appointment of Tara Schneider Moran to the
3 Soil and Water Conservation District, and
4 hopefully you're all getting up there so you
5 can say whatever you need to say.

6 Resolution 74, the reappointment
7 of Jamie Van Dyke to the Soil and Water
8 Conservation District.

9 75, a reappointment of Patricia
10 Aker to the Soil and Water Conservation
11 District, and, 76, the reappointment of
12 Kevin Braun to the Soil and Water
13 Conservation District.

14 Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
19 Nicolello.

20 Now you may, if you wish to
21 express yourselves, and, Mr. Fucci, I
22 believe you were up there first. So, go
23 ahead.

24 MR. FUCCI: Good afternoon, Madam
25 Chair, members of the Nassau County

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2 Legislature. My name is Dan Fucci and I
3 would be representing Nassau County on the
4 Soil and Water Conservation District Board.
5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.
7 Next we have Reese Michaels. I've seen you
8 before. Go ahead.

9 MR. MICHAELS: Yes, you've seen
10 me before at Cornell Cooperative. So,
11 hello.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Say who
13 you are and why you are so thrilled to be
14 appointed.

15 MR. MICHAELS: My name is Reese
16 Michaels and I'm delighted to be here and
17 delighted for the opportunity to speak to
18 you as well as the opportunity to be on
19 committee.

20 I've learned an awful lot in the
21 last few years since I have retired about
22 both soil and water. Both are very
23 neglected resources and we neglect them
24 every single day to our detriment. So I'm
25 hoping that since I've joined this committee

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2 and I see how active they are and how
3 involved they are, it's good to be part of
4 it so thank you very much.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
6 most welcome. Tara Schneider Moran.

7 MR. SCHNEIDER-MORAN: Tara
8 Schneider Moran and I'm with the Town of
9 Hempstead, Department of Conservation and
10 Waterways. I will be representing the Town
11 of Hempstead. I'm very excited to
12 participate with the district as a new board
13 member.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Jamie Van
15 Dyke. Jamie has been on this before.

16 MS. VAN DYKE: Yes. I'm Jamie
17 Van Dyke and I work for the Town of Oyster
18 Bay and I currently am the chair of the
19 board of the Conservation District since
20 2013. I know many of you personally and
21 I've gotten to know you over the years from
22 being on the executive council to the alumni
23 association at Hofstra University and many
24 other civic activities around the north
25 shore.

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2 I would like to take a few
3 minutes of your time to discuss the vital
4 role that Nassau County Soil and Water
5 Conservation District plays in the county.

6 It has been in operation since
7 1977 and next year we will be going into our
8 40th year.

9 In Nassau, our Soil and Water
10 Conservation District motto truly sums up
11 what we work on and what we do. That is
12 working together for healthy water and clean
13 soil. I have also submitted to the clerk a
14 brief seven page Power Point presentation
15 that I'm going through right now.

16 In 1933, severe erosion problems
17 from the dust bowl caused the federal
18 government to establish the soil erosion
19 service within the US Department of the
20 Interior.

21 After large scale projects proved
22 too slow and cumbersome, individual state
23 legislatures passed laws to form soil and
24 water conservation districts.

25 In New York in the 1940s, the

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2 New York Legislature moved forward that each
3 county could produce their own Soil and
4 Water Conservation District and hence here
5 we are since 1977 in Nassau.

6 Soil and Water Conservation
7 Districts are local units of government that
8 manage and direct natural resource programs
9 at the local level. Districts work both in
10 urban and rural settings with land owners
11 and with units of government to carry out a
12 program for the conservation use and
13 development of soil, water and related
14 natural resources.

15 One crucial niche that the
16 district performs for Nassau County and the
17 municipalities that are represented on this
18 board is that we can do work -- the district
19 can do work on private land and help out
20 your constituents where maybe the county or
21 townships can't.

22 There are 58 soil and water
23 conservation districts throughout the state;
24 one per county, and one for all of the five
25 boroughs of New York City.

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2 There are four cornerstones of
3 Soil and Water Conservation Districts. They
4 are natural resource management which
5 includes farm planning which is the backbone
6 of many rural soil and water conservation
7 districts in New York whereas down here we
8 do a lot more with shoreline protection and
9 invasive species management and also
10 promoting native species and restoration
11 projects.

12 Another cornerstone of this
13 project, implementation, which includes
14 securing grants and administering them and
15 helping out municipalities with various
16 natural resource projects that they may
17 have. That could also include looking at
18 the design and best management practices on
19 a project and, again, that can take place
20 both on public and private lands.

21 Public involvement is another
22 cornerstone and that includes networking,
23 building consensus for natural resources
24 throughout the county, public participation
25 in a wide range of environmental issues and

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2 also environmental education.

3 Another key cornerstone is land
4 use planning and that's where the
5 conservation districts can help with soil
6 interpretations, open space planning, farm
7 land protection, water quality monitoring,
8 and something that we have -- Nassau County
9 has not gotten taken advantage of yet, about
10 four years ago the governor actually made it
11 so conservation easements, that conservation
12 districts can hold them.

13 Nassau County Soil and Water
14 Conservation District is uniquely qualified
15 to work across boundaries for environmental
16 protection. It has a wide network of many
17 partners, associations, and organizations
18 that it calls upon and works with daily.

19 In particular, a four year
20 agreement with the United States Department
21 of Agriculture through its Natural Resource
22 Conservation Service allows municipalities
23 and the district to tap into for free or at
24 cost specialized equipment and science that
25 municipalities don't employ on their own.

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2 We also continue work on
3 expanding the districts partnerships.

4 Some of the current efforts of
5 the Nassau County Soil and Water
6 Conservation District that I would like to
7 highlight is that the district is constantly
8 acting as an incubator to address new and
9 routine natural resource concerns in the
10 county.

11 Public outreach and education
12 coupled with boots on the ground action, we
13 provide the manpower and technical
14 assistance on many different programs taking
15 place throughout the county.

16 Just this year alone, over five
17 schools were met with plus, for the 10th
18 year, conservation district staff presented
19 the ecology fair at Oceanside Schools, as
20 well as Nassau Boces Conservation Education
21 Day for elementary schools.

22 I also implore you all to save
23 the date for the 19th annual Long Island
24 Regional Envirothon which will be taking
25 place on April 25th next year at Old

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2 Bethpage Village Restoration.

3 The Long Island Regional
4 Envirothon is another key component of what
5 we worked on, probably one of the top seven
6 programs that the conservation district
7 works on. It's an annual studies program
8 for Nassau County and Suffolk County high
9 school students and there are 38 schools
10 that routinely compete through tests and
11 oral competition to address matters such as
12 water quality, soil, forestry, and natural
13 resource conservation.

14 Also, this year, the conservation
15 district, for several years, we have been
16 working with Hewlett Schools on a tree grow
17 out station and some of the trees that have
18 grown and matured to about three to four
19 feet in height have actually been
20 transplanted into Nassau County's Grant
21 Park.

22 The conservation district is also
23 slowly working to try and secure more school
24 districts around the county to follow
25 Hewlett's lead and this year we will be

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2 actually working with an elementary school
3 in Hicksville to do the same.

4 For the county, and actually this
5 helps the county with the federal and state
6 mandated storm water reporting which,
7 starting this year, is going to take place
8 twice a year, the conservation district
9 actually provides education and outreach for
10 Nassau County and helps check off the box on
11 a number of things that the county is
12 supposed to be doing.

13 This year we have attended a
14 staff and some of the directors have
15 attended over ten fairs and festivals
16 throughout the county.

17 Also, clean infrastructure is a
18 term that is a real buzz word with
19 municipalities to deal with tightening
20 federal and state storm water regulations.
21 The Soil and Water Conservation District
22 staff along with its board as well as
23 partnering with Suffolk County Soil and
24 Water Conservation District and New York
25 City Soil and Water Conservation District

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2 help three very successful green
3 infrastructure conferences where we have
4 educated municipalities and the public as
5 well as contractors on things such as rain
6 gardens, bio swails, rain barrels, and many
7 other things that public and private land
8 owners can do to retrofit their properties
9 to help filter and clean storm water before
10 it goes into our open waterways.

11 From that effort, thousands of
12 people have been educated and we're starting
13 to see rain gardens and rain barrels pop up
14 everywhere. Rain barrels can be readily
15 sold and you can see them at Home Depot,
16 many garden centers, and also rain gardens,
17 Nassau community College has one now. Long
18 Island University post campus, the Town of
19 Oyster Bay has about five of them. I'm
20 working on one with the Conservation
21 District this fall.

22 The Conservation District also
23 received a grant about \$40,000 from the Long
24 Island Sound future's fund and it's now
25 going to be building three rain gardens, one

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2 of them at Nassau County's Cedarmere
3 Preserve, which, hopefully, most of you know
4 is the former home of William Cullen Bryant,
5 one of the most famous residents from Long
6 Island.

7 We're also going to be building
8 one at Bayville's Village Hall and at the
9 entrance to Center Island near the police
10 booth.

11 Some quick restoration projects
12 that we worked on recently have included
13 invasive species pools at several ponds in
14 Massapequa. We routinely do trail
15 maintenance over at -- we're started
16 originally to do trail maintenance over at
17 Muttontown Preserve.

18 We have a rain garden there. We
19 are housed on your property over there and
20 we are looking to advise more on invasive
21 species management of that property and be
22 good stewards of where we are housed.

23 The bar beach restoration with
24 the Town of North Hempstead, the Mill Pond
25 over in Port Washington, there's been some

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2 restoration efforts there. Scutters Pond,
3 there has been fragmides [sic] for two years
4 in a row over in Sea Cliff, and many of you
5 know by now I'm sure about LICAP and LINAP,
6 the Long Island Commission on Aquifer
7 Protection and the Long Island Nitrogen
8 Action Plan. The Storm Water Conservation
9 District has roles with both of those.

10 We also continually support
11 native species programming and helped found
12 the Long Island Native Plant Initiative so
13 that homeowner's can go and secure native
14 plants to put into their gardens as well as
15 restoration projects on municipalities.

16 One other thing I would really
17 like to highlight is something currently
18 that we do is that we provide DEC mandated
19 storm water management class that annually
20 trains hundreds of contractors throughout
21 the region on best management practices to
22 deal with storm water.

23 I mentioned -- some of the
24 projects that I mentioned already entail
25 some grants and storm water conservation

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2 districts, if you're looking to include, to
3 kind of increase your chances of getting
4 funding at the federal and state level, it
5 definitely looks good to partner with the
6 Soil and Water Conservation district.

7 So, in summation, please note
8 that the Storm Water Conservation District
9 is here for you and it's more than the money
10 that keeps the county going. It's a good
11 quality of life and the people here are
12 engaged in our great beaches and our great
13 open spaces that we have.

14 The Storm Water Conservation
15 District, that's essential to everything
16 that we work on, and we are continually
17 looking for ways to help, not only Nassau
18 County, but all the municipalities around
19 the county to secure funding and perform
20 outreach and boots on the ground efforts to
21 help protect our natural resources.

22 Please consider including the
23 Conservation District in your future
24 legislative mailings and note that if you
25 have problems with constituents that may

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2 have some fungus or problem on their
3 property or flooding, that the Storm Water
4 Conservation District is here to you.

5 I request that each of you please
6 take a look at the newly updated Nassau
7 County Storm and Water Conservation District
8 website which is on the cover of the packet
9 that was sent around to you. Hopefully you
10 will join the effort in working together for
11 healthy soil and clean water. Thank you.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
13 very much, Jamie. Legislator Ford. And I
14 have to ask the question, what is the term
15 for each of you? How many years do you
16 serve until you are reappointed?

17 MS. VAN DYKE: I have the
18 district law in front of me.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm just
20 curious because some of you are reappointed.

21 MS. VAN DYKE: Some are one
22 year, some are two years. It's staggered.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Patricia,
24 go ahead.

25 MS. AIKEN: Patricia Aiken.

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2 Thank you. Some of you may be familiar with
3 me. I think the last time I had the
4 privilege of addressing the Legislature I
5 was actually here being honored for my work
6 on behalf of the environment.

7 I was nominated by Judy Jacobs
8 and I share your grief at your loss. She
9 was truly a wonderful woman and I'm very
10 very sorry that she's gone.

11 In any event, I'm nominated to be
12 at large member. You also may remember me,
13 I'm the former executive director of Friends
14 of the Bay in Oyster Bay. I did a lot of
15 work on marine advocacy.

16 I'm continuing in my work both
17 with the Storm Water Conservation District.
18 I'm also the chair of the board of Whalen
19 Museum and Education Center at Cold Spring
20 Harbor. And I'm a member of the newly
21 forming Theodore Roosevelt Conservation
22 Legacy Partnership.

23 So those are some of my
24 initiatives that I'm continuing to do to
25 work on behalf of Nassau County and Long

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2 Island's environment. Thank you.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you.

4 Kevin Braun.

5 MR. BRAUN: Hi. I'm Kevin Braun.

6 I'm the Town of North Hempstead's appointee

7 and I'm an environmentalist for the town.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator

9 Ford, ask your question.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Jamie, it may

11 be you as you gave that wonderful

12 presentation.

13 My question, I'm looking at your

14 website, when do you hold meetings?

15 MS. VAN DYKE: Usually the third

16 Friday of the month at 9:00 a.m. We

17 encourage you to attend.

18 LEGISLATOR FORD: That would be

19 in the office here that's listed?

20 MS. VAN DYKE: It's at Nassau

21 Hall which is on the south side of

22 Muttontown Preserve at 1864 Muttontown Road.

23 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. So the

24 third Friday of every month?

25 MS. VAN DYKE: Yes.

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2 LEGISLATOR FORD: Do you also,
3 like, I know since you have partnerships
4 with the various state levels or county
5 levels, town levels, all these different
6 levels of government; do you make
7 recommendations or can you require certain,
8 like for them to adhere -- I don't know if
9 you can make laws, or --

10 MS. VAN DYKE: No. We can't make
11 laws, can't require anything. But if there
12 is something that you would like some
13 technical advice upon, we can help with
14 that.

15 LEGISLATOR FORD: Okay. I'm
16 going to be contacting you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
18 DeRiggi-Whitton.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Hi.
20 Good to see all of you. I know you
21 mentioned that you meet with LICAP and the
22 Water Reassurance Board. How often do you
23 meet with them?

24 MS. VAN DYKE: LICAP there is a
25 subcommittee that our district manager

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2 attends those meetings and I think that
3 takes place quarterly.

4 LINAP, Long Island Nitrogen
5 Action Plan, is still forming, but Carrie
6 McGallagher with DEC Region I and several
7 other people who are putting that plan
8 together have actually put into the plan
9 that the conservation district be advised on
10 a few projects.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Okay. I have been approached recently that
13 some of these boards are not meeting
14 frequently enough. I don't know if you --

15 MS. VAN DYKE: We are extremely
16 active.

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: No.
18 Not you. I'm just saying with some of the
19 county -- I didn't mean to imply you. I
20 mean these. If you could keep us updated
21 also on what you think especially with the
22 Nitrogen Board.

23 MS. VAN DYKE: Sure.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Thank you.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm quite
3 impressed. Jamie, a job well done.
4 Legislator Walker.

5 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Yes, I was
6 very impressed with the presentation and I
7 had the opportunity and pleasure of often
8 working with Jamie. We used to work
9 together, but since I've been over here and
10 she's still at the town, any time I have a
11 question you are always there to answer
12 those questions for me.

13 To each and every one of you and
14 to the new appointees, I know how hard you
15 are going to continue to work on this very
16 very important issue and I too look forward
17 to attending those meetings. They are held
18 on a good day for me. That's great.

19 Jamie, I just had a quick
20 question. I know you said that one of the
21 Hicksville elementary schools will be
22 involved in the tree program. Could you
23 tell me which school it is,

24 MS. VAN DYKE: Sure. For about
25 seven or eight years now, the Soil and Water

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2 Conservation District has been advising on
3 an outdoor classroom that takes place at Old
4 Country Road Elementary School And Sue Simon
5 is the advisor for that project. And the
6 tree station, that will be taking place this
7 year.

8 She has also been inquiring about
9 putting a rain garden in in the future.

10 LEGISLATOR FORD: Excellent.
11 That's right around the corner from my house
12 so it's nice to be aware of that. I wasn't
13 aware that that program was taking place in
14 that school so thank you.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: There
16 being no other comments or questions, all
17 those in favor of Item 70, Resolution 71,
18 73, 74, 75 and 76, signify by saying aye.

19 (Aye.)

20 Any opposed?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 Guess what, you are duly
23 appointed and reappointed unanimously.

24 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, John
25 Budnick was standing with the appointees in

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2 solidarity with them, in support of their
3 efforts here in Nassau County, so I just
4 wanted to let you know that.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. And
6 it seems to me from what I have heard that
7 you're going to get a good job because they
8 never say no.

9 We have what is called a consent
10 calendar and I'm going to read those items
11 that means that both the majority --

12 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I just
13 wanted to thank you for calling the
14 appointees first before the rest of the
15 business of the Legislature so that they can
16 get back to work. Thank you again.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You're
18 welcome. We have several items that are
19 part of the consent calendar which means
20 both the minority and majority have agreed
21 on these items.

22 So I'm going to begin with Item
23 1, which is Ordinance 103; the next item is
24 Item 40, Ordinance 142; Item 41, Ordinance
25 143; Item 42, Ordinance 144; Item 43,

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2 Ordinance 145; Item 44, Ordinance 146; Item
3 45, Ordinance 147; Item 46, Ordinance 148;
4 Item 47, Ordinance 149; Item 48, Ordinance
5 150; Item 49, Ordinance 151; Item 50,
6 Ordinance 152; Item 51, Ordinance 153; Item
7 52, Ordinance 154; Item 53, Ordinance 155;
8 Item 54, Ordinance 156; Item 55, Ordinance
9 157; Item 56, Ordinance 158; Item 57,
10 Resolution 141; Item 58, Resolution 142;
11 Item 59, Resolution 143; Item 61, Resolution
12 145; Item 62, Resolution 146; Item 63,
13 Resolution 147; Item 64, Resolution 148;
14 Item 65, Resolution 149; Item 66, Resolution
15 150; Item 67, Resolution 151; Item 68,
16 Resolution 152.

17 I can call the appointments. I
18 believe it's Item 77, Resolution 161; Item
19 79, Resolution 163; Item 81, Resolution 165;
20 Item 82, Resolution 166; Item 83, Resolution
21 167; Item 84, Resolution 168; Item 85,
22 Resolution 169; Item 86, Resolution 170.

23 That's the end of the consent
24 calendar. A motion, please.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Walker. Any questions or comments regarding
6 these?

7 (No verbal response.)

8 There being none, all those in
9 favor of the items just called signify by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 The item passes unanimously.

15 We are going to proceed to Items
16 87 and 88. I'm going to ask the clerk to
17 call Item 87 which is Resolution 134.

18 Go ahead, Mr. Pulitzer.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you. A
20 resolution to authorize the county assessor
21 and/or the county treasurer and/or the
22 receiver of taxes of the town of North
23 Hempstead to correct erroneous assessments
24 and taxes in accordance with petitions of
25 the county assessor on specific properties

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2 situated in various school districts
3 assessed with specific schools and/or county
4 years pursuant to this resolution pursuant
5 to the Real Property Tax Law, the County
6 Government Law of Nassau County and the
7 Nassau County Administrative Code 276-16.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion,
9 please.

10 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
13 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
14 Nicolello.

15 Now I'm going to ask for an
16 amendment if the natura of a substitution,
17 please. There is an amendment to this item
18 which is, and I will read it into the
19 record.

20 This amendment changes the
21 resolution by correcting the title and
22 language in the resolve clause from the Town
23 of North Hempstead to the Town of Oyster
24 Bay. This amendment also adds petition
25 number 53-2016 to the resolution as well as

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2 adds to the petition itself to the backup
3 materials to the resolution.

4 A motion, please, on the
5 amendment.

6 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR FORD: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
10 Ford. All those in favor of the amendment
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 The amendment passes.

16 Now, for the item as amended.

17 Any questions, comments regarding this item?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 Is there any public comment?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 There being none, all those in
22 favor of Item 87, Resolution 134 signify by
23 saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The item passes I believe
4 unanimously. 88, Mr. Pulitzer, please.

5 CLERK PULITZER: Thank you.
6 Resolution 136, a resolution to authorize
7 the county assessor and/or the county
8 treasurer, and the receiver of taxes for the
9 Town of Oyster Bay to correct erroneous
10 assessments and taxes in accordance with
11 petitions of the county assessor on specific
12 properties situated in various school
13 districts assessed to design owners
14 appearing on the assessment rolls for the
15 school schools and/or county years pursuant
16 to this resolution to the Real Property Tax
17 Law, the County Government Law of Nassau
18 County, and the County Administrative Code
19 278-16.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion,
21 please.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator

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2 Schaefer.

3 Now I'm asking for an amendment
4 in the nature of a substitution for this
5 item. A motion, please.

6 LEGISLATOR FORD: So moved.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
9 Legislator Ford, seconded by Legislator
10 Nicolello. The amendment in the nature of a
11 substitution reads as follows:

12 This amendment changes the
13 resolution by correcting the title and
14 language in the resolve clause from the Town
15 of Oyster Bay to the City of Long Beach.
16 This amendment also removes petition number
17 53-2016 from the resolution.

18 All those in favor of the
19 amendment signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 The amendment passes unanimously.

24 Now the item as amended, it's
25 Item 88, Resolution 136, all those in favor

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2 of that item as amended, signify by saying
3 aye.

4 (Aye.)

5 Any opposed?

6 (No verbal response.)

7 The item passes unanimously.

8 Thank you very much.

9 The next item is 78, Resolution
10 162, a resolution authorizing the
11 standardization pursuant to General
12 Municipal Law Section 1035 of sidestream
13 deammonification gene modification equipment
14 for the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant.

15 I'm going to call Item 80 as well
16 which is Resolution 164, a resolution
17 authorizing the standardization pursuant to
18 General Municipal Law 1035, of engine
19 cooling loop heat exchanges for Bay Park
20 Sewage Treatment Plant 292.

21 Motion, please.

22 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: So moved.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
25 Legislator Kopel, seconded by Legislator

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2 Nicolello. Who is here to speak on these
3 items? Mr. Davenport.

4 MR. DAVENPORT: Hi. Good
5 afternoon. Joe Davenport, Nassau County
6 Department of Public Works.

7 The first item, Item 78, I guess
8 it was, the de-ammonification process for
9 the Bay Park Sewage Treatment Plant.

10 We have several projects in
11 planning for reducing nitrogen in the
12 effluent of the Bay Park Plant. One of
13 those projects being the de-ammonification
14 process.

15 It's a relatively new process.
16 It's been in use for approximately ten years
17 primarily in Europe. Just recently coming
18 to prominence here in the U.S.

19 What makes this process unique is
20 that you're not treating the entire plant
21 flow, you're treating what is called a side
22 stream process, the centrate off of the
23 sludged dewatering process. It's a very
24 high concentration of ammonia. Ammonia
25 which contains nitrogen. So it's an

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2 efficient and a less costly way to reduce
3 the nitrogen discharge from the plant,
4 treating the smaller process flow;
5 approximately five million gallons per day
6 as compared to treating the entire plant
7 flow of 50 million gallons per day.

8 This is a relatively new process.
9 There are limited manufacturers. There are
10 four prime manufacturers for this process.
11 Each of them have very different types of
12 equipment for achieving the reduction of the
13 ammonia concentration; different footprint,
14 different building size. Some require heat
15 exchanges, heating the process. Some
16 require fine screens or filters before the
17 process. Some of the manufacturers require
18 a media in the tank for the bacteria to grow
19 on.

20 Because of this, it would be very
21 expensive, virtually difficult to design a
22 contract that could incorporate all of these
23 processes at the time of bid.

24 The department undertook a
25 preselection process to evaluation these

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2 four different types of processes
3 considering their capital cost, their annual
4 operation and maintenance costs, their
5 reliability, robustness, being able to
6 recover from a process upset.

7 And based upon this evaluation
8 process, we're recommending the preselection
9 or standardization on the de-ammonification
10 equipment manufactured by world water works.

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
12 questions of Mr. Davenport on this item?
13 Legislator Dunne.

14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: That helps
15 maintain the oxygen at a better level so the
16 fish and the wildlife in the water will be
17 able to live?

18 MR. DAVENPORT: Correct. It
19 reduces the nitrogen discharge in Reynolds
20 Channel and, yes, ultimately that nitrogen
21 creates food for other organisms to grow.
22 They die, they decay, and that takes up the
23 oxygen in that waterway. So, yes, reducing
24 that food source for those other organisms
25 helps improve the quality of the western

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2 bays.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Thank you.

4 Excellent. Legislator Rhoads, do you have a
5 question?

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Legislator
7 Dunne actually asked my question.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
9 very much. Any other comments from the
10 legislators? Legislator Curran.

11 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Thank you.
12 Am I correct that this item was presented to
13 the Legislature back in April?

14 MR. DAVENPORT: No. It was not.

15 LEGISLATOR CURRAN: Maybe I'm
16 misunderstanding. Thank you.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. I'm
18 going to move on to ITEM 80 and then there
19 will be other comments as well.

20 MR. DAVENPORT: Item 80 is a
21 little bit different than the previous item.

22 This item asks for
23 standardization of equipment that already
24 exists at the Bay Park plant. Bay Park
25 plant, we generate our own power for running

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2 the facility. We use digester gas or
3 natural gas to generate electricity.

4 Part of that engine generation
5 process there is cooling equipment, just
6 like you have a radiator in your car, we
7 have heat exchanges to help cool the
8 engines.

9 We have two existing heat
10 exchangers for the engines themselves. Two
11 existing heat exchangers on the turbo
12 chargers.

13 As we improve the plant
14 processes, increase the equipment on the
15 plant site, the plant has a greater demand
16 for power.

17 So now we normally operate two
18 engines, we see in the coming future we are
19 going to need to operate three engines at
20 one time. Requires additional cooling
21 capacity to operate those engines so we are
22 looking to expand the number of heat
23 exchangers for the engines and the turbo
24 chargers. We want to match the existing
25 equipment making sure they operate reliably,

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2 operate together as a system. The existing
3 staff is trained on the maintenance of that
4 equipment. It helps reduce our costs for
5 stocking spare parts. That would be the
6 reason for the standardization on those heat
7 exchangers.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
9 questions or comments from the legislators?
10 Legislator Solages.

11 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Thank you,
12 Presiding Officer. Good afternoon. Once we
13 do buy this, how much will this cost us?

14 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: For the heat
15 exchangers, the engine heat exchanger is
16 approximately \$50,000. The turbocharger
17 heat exchanger is approximately \$80,000.
18 But there are just two pieces of equipment
19 in a larger big contract.

20 Something to note, we are
21 publically bidding the work. We just want
22 to specify this particular equipment so that
23 together they are about \$130,000 in a \$2.6
24 million construction contract. So I guess
25 about five percent of the construction

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2 value.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
4 Kopel.

5 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Mr. Davenport,
6 I don't have any questions but, for the
7 first time, it's my pleasure actually to
8 compliment a presenter on an extremely lucid
9 and comprehensive explanation of the item
10 leaving very little question. It's
11 unfortunate that we don't have an awful lot
12 more presentations made in the same ways as
13 yours just now.

14 MR. DAVENPORT: Thank you very
15 much.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He's
17 worthy of the praise. I know Mr. Davenport
18 many many years. I would say that would be
19 ditto from all of us.

20 LEGISLATOR FORD: I do want to
21 commend everybody through DPW who has been
22 working at the Bay Park Sewage Treatment
23 Plant, all of you, and I know, as Legislator
24 Kopel said, your explanation for this new
25 type of equipment will be very key with the

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2 upgrade of that plant, but I have to say
3 overall like knowing from when I first got
4 into office till now what a difference it
5 has been and every single one of you, I tip
6 my hat to all of you. Thank you.

7 MR. DAVENPORT: Thank you very
8 much. I will pass that on.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Minority
10 Leader Kevan.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are
12 you, Joe? You alluded to it really quickly
13 I believe when Legislator Solages started to
14 ask in regards to the cost. And then you
15 mentioned that this project, this equipment
16 is part of a larger project which I guess
17 the larger project has been publically
18 bidden for, but we wanted to hone in on this
19 equipment. Just elaborate a little bit.

20 MR. DAVENPORT: That's correct.
21 We haven't publically bid anything yet, but
22 within those design documents, we want to
23 specifically specify certain equipment. The
24 heat exchangers for the engines.

25 There is other work that goes

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2 along with the installation of those heat
3 exchangers and approving those systems. As
4 I mentioned, the engineer's estimate, the
5 estimated cost of the bid contract is
6 approximately \$2.6 million and this
7 particular equipment that we are asking your
8 approval, we have to specify, not accept an
9 equal to, is approximately \$130,000 of that
10 \$2.6 million.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Just walk
12 me through how this vendor was selected.

13 MR. DAVENPORT: For the heat
14 exchanger equipment?

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: For both.

16 MR. DAVENPORT: For the heat
17 exchanger equipment, it was a -- I will say
18 it was a fairly simple selection, it's
19 existing equipment that's on-site. We have
20 two heat exchangers in operation right now
21 as part of the engine generator system.

22 We want to add a third. We want
23 the system to work together. We would like
24 to have the same equipment.

25 As I mentioned, the staff is

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2 trained on the maintenance and operation of
3 that equipment. We can maintain the spare
4 parts for just a single type of equipment
5 rather than multiple types of heat
6 exchangers.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I
8 understand you are using the same vendor
9 that's on the other heat exchanger
10 equipment. So you feel confident that no
11 one else can get that type of equipment or
12 build that type of equipment?

13 MR. DAVENPORT: No. We had done
14 an evaluation of equipment that's available.
15 There are other heat exchangers but each
16 manufacturer is a little different and if
17 maybe if you were starting with a clean
18 state, you can say, okay, well, we'll
19 specify, we need three heat exchangers.
20 This is the performance requirements and we
21 will see what manufacturers are out there.

22 But he have got existing
23 equipment. Again, it's very important that
24 it works together, works in tandem.

25 Our biggest issue right after

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2 Sandy was losing that power generation
3 facility, not being able to pump waste water
4 for two and a half days. We can't have
5 those engines go down on us. We need to
6 make sure they operate reliably.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Well, I
8 would love to see that evaluation because I
9 don't know if that's part of the backup,
10 but, also, how do you ensure that the
11 \$130,000 that the county is spending, that
12 the price hasn't escalated, that we are not
13 paying more than what this equipment will be
14 valued as?

15 MR. DAVENPORT: We, actually, so
16 that all the bidders are on an equal
17 footing, we get a quote from the vendor and
18 we include that in the bid documents along
19 with a copy of the resolution that hopefully
20 will be passed today.

21 So there is a line item in the
22 bid form for the heat exchangers; probably
23 two lines, one for the generator heat
24 exchanger at \$50,000; one for the turbo
25 charger heat exchanger at \$80,000, and every

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2 bidder includes that same cost in their
3 bids.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: For the
5 2.6?

6 MR. DAVENPORT: For the 2.6.
7 There is a lump sum bid amount that each
8 bidder is free to develop their own cost
9 estimate for all the work that goes on
10 around them. But for these two items, we
11 want these two pieces of equipment, and
12 everyone is going to include the same amount
13 in their bid for that equipment.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Because we
15 didn't -- I mean, there wasn't any bid
16 documents attached to the backup for these
17 two items?

18 MR. DAVENPORT: No. We don't
19 want to go through the expense of developing
20 bid documents that includes this equipment
21 if this doesn't pass.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I see what
23 you mean.

24 MR. DAVENPORT: This is in
25 advance of putting out the bid documents for

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2 the project. We will come back here once we
3 do develop the bid documents and we
4 publically bid them and we will come back
5 here like we normally do with a construction
6 contract recommending an award to a certain
7 construction contractor.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So the
9 contract may not be, from what I understand,
10 from looking through the back up, two
11 different items, but I see the contract is
12 to be executed with Adamson Global
13 Technology Corporation.

14 MR. DAVENPORT: There is not a
15 contract to be executed with them. They
16 would be the specified manufacturer that
17 would go into the construction contract.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Which
19 everybody has to use this particular --

20 MR. DAVENPORT: Everybody would
21 use that particular vendor and include that
22 same price in their bid. The successful
23 contractor will then execute a contract with
24 that manufacturer, subcontract with that
25 manufacturer for that equipment.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And I guess
3 that comes back to my original point which I
4 believe you explained but if you can say it
5 again for the record.

6 Since everybody has to use
7 Adamson Global Technology Corporation, you
8 feel that the county has done its due
9 diligence in selecting Adamson to provide
10 this level of equipment better than anyone
11 else?

12 MR. DAVENPORT: That they are the
13 one manufacture that can provide the same
14 equipment as we have on-site.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is it sole
16 source, is it the only one?

17 MR. DAVENPORT: We are
18 standardizing on this equipment. For this
19 contract to expand upon the existing system,
20 we would like the same equipment.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Nothing
22 further. Thank you, Mr. Davenport.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any other
24 questions or comments from the legislators?

25 (No verbal response.)

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2 Is there any public comment?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 There being none, all those in
5 favor of Items 78 and 80 signify by saying
6 aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (Nay.)

10 We have three nays. The item
11 passes 15 to 3.

12 The next item is Item 60,
13 Resolution 44, a resolution authorizing the
14 County Executive to execute an
15 intermunicipal agreement with the Massapequa
16 Public Schools in relation to a project to
17 procure and install sports lighting at
18 Berner Middle School.

19 Motion, please.

20 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
23 Legislator Kennedy, seconded by Legislator
24 Rhoads. Any questions or comments regarding
25 this item; Item 60, Resolution 144. Who is

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2 here to talk about this one, anybody?

3 MR. BECKER: I believe this is a
4 CRP for Legislator Kennedy's district. Do
5 you want to expand on the program?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Do you
7 want to expand? Is there a question on it?
8 Who has a question? There aren't any
9 questions. Minority Leader, do we have a
10 comment or question?

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
13 very much. There being no questions or
14 comments, all those in favor of Item 60,
15 Resolution 144, signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 We are 18 to zero, unanimous.

20 The next item to be called
21 pertains to the bond ordinances regarding
22 Nassau Community College.

23 I believe we go from two, three,
24 four, five, six, seven. I will read each of
25 them. Then eight, nine, 10, 11 and 12,

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2 beginning with two which is Ordinance 104.
3 It's a bond ordinance providing for a
4 capital expenditure within the County of
5 Nassau and authorizing \$1.2 million of bonds
6 of the County of Nassau to finance such
7 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance
8 Law of New York and the County Governmental
9 Law of Nassau County. That's Item 2,
10 Ordinance 144;

11 Item 3, Ordinance 105 is another
12 bond ordinance authorizing a capital
13 expenditure of \$1.5 million of bonds of the
14 County of Nassau to finance such expenditure
15 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of
16 New York and the County Governmental Law of
17 Nassau County;

18 Item 4 is Ordinance 106, another
19 bond ordinance requiring identifying within
20 the County of Nassau and authorizing
21 \$750,000 of bonds of the County of Nassau to
22 finance such expenditure pursuant to the
23 Local Finance Law of New York and the County
24 Governmental Law of Nassau County;

25 Item 5, Ordinance 107, another

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2 bond ordinance authorizing the capital
3 expenditure of \$1.1 million of bonds of the
4 County of Nassau to finance such expenditure
5 pursuant to the Local Finance Law of
6 New York and the County Governmental Law of
7 Nassau County;

8 Item 6, Ordinance 108, a bond
9 ordinance authorizing the expenditure of
10 \$2,240,050 of the county of Nassau to
11 finance such expenditure pursuant to the
12 Government and Finance Law of New York and
13 the Governmental Law of Nassau County;

14 Item 7, Ordinance 109, another
15 bond ordinance authorizing \$2,231,990 of
16 bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
17 such expenditure pursuant to the Local
18 Finance Law of New York and the County
19 Governmental Law of Nassau County;

20 Item 8, Ordinance 110, another
21 bond ordinance authorizing the expenditure
22 of \$4 million of bonds of the County of
23 Nassau to finance such expenditure pursuant
24 to the Local Finance Law of New York and the
25 County Governmental Law of Nassau County;

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2 Item 9, Ordinance 111, another
3 bond ordinance authorizing \$1 million of
4 bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
5 such expenditure pursuant to the Local
6 Finance Law of New York and the County
7 Governmental Law of Nassau County;

8 Item 10, Ordinance 112, a bond
9 ordinance authorizing \$3 million of bonds of
10 the County of Nassau to finance such
11 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance
12 Law of New York and the County Governmental
13 Law of Nassau County;

14 Item 11, Ordinance 113, a bond
15 ordinance authorizing \$612,000 of bonds of
16 the County of Nassau to finance such
17 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance
18 Law of New York and the County Governmental
19 Law of Nassau County;

20 Item 12, Ordinance 114, a bond
21 ordinance authorizing \$636,000 of bonds of
22 the County of Nassau to finance such
23 expenditure pursuant to the Local Finance
24 Law of New York and the County Governmental
25 Law of Nassau County.

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2 A motion for these items.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

4 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Second.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
6 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
7 Rhoads. We can discuss each of these. Who
8 do we have to address these items. I see
9 Mr. Muscarella is here. We will begin with
10 Item 2, 104, the expenditure of \$1.2 million
11 of bonds. Tell us what that is for.

12 MR. MUSCARELLA: I'm Vice
13 President Joe Muscarella from Nassau
14 Community College.

15 The first one is for Americans
16 with Disability Act compliance. It would
17 have to do with upgrading handicap ramp
18 facilities, et cetera, throughout the
19 college.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You can
21 move on to Item 3 which is the 1.5.

22 MR. MUSCARELLA: That's for
23 academic department renovations. I believe
24 there was a hand out that was given to each
25 of the members of the Legislature before the

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2 committee meetings a couple of weeks ago
3 where we showed some photographs of the
4 various infrastructure issues that would be
5 addressed by each one of these bond items.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You are
7 probably going to get questions on each of
8 them. Item 4 which is the \$750,000.

9 MR. MUSCARELLA: Yes. That's for
10 building systems improvements, electrical
11 HVAC, electrical components of buildings.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And five?

13 MR. MUSCARELLA: Five is for
14 infrastructure repair, concrete, road
15 surfaces, sidewalks, some structural
16 components as well.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 6?

18 MR. MUSCARELLA: Item 6 is for
19 replacement of aging windows throughout the
20 campus particularly in the 1930s vintage
21 buildings that we have, most of them still
22 have original windows that we have been
23 replacing.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I know.
25 Go ahead. And 7?

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2 MR. MUSCARELLA: And 7 is
3 improvements to our parking facilities and
4 roads throughout the campus, specifically
5 the next major project is the south parking
6 lot area.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 8?

8 MR. MUSCARELLA: 8 is, actually
9 both of those projects that are Item 7, Item
10 8 have to do with improvements to parking
11 and roads on the campus.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay.

13 Let's go to 9.

14 MR. MUSCARELLA: 9 is for energy
15 initiatives, things like energy efficiency
16 projects, improvements, replacing old
17 equipment with new.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Ten.

19 MR. MUSCARELLA: Both 10 and 11
20 are space consolidation programs where we
21 are bringing multiple units of the campus
22 into one facility that would be improved for
23 their occupancy.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And 12.

25 MR. MUSCARELLA: 12 is for health

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2 and safety. We have various items like
3 asbestos removal, mold removal, anything
4 else that has to do with a health and safety
5 issue on the campus.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. I
7 believe we received a letter today regarding
8 these items and it's requested on behalf of
9 the college that we consider the 12 items as
10 part of the legislative calendar, and 11 of
11 them range from total renovation of the
12 south and west parking lots to achieving ADA
13 compliance in various facilities to window,
14 heating, and electrical system replacements
15 in various facilities.

16 These are basic health and safety
17 projects that are not particularly showy but
18 instead are fundamental to the safe
19 operation of the campus.

20 This was stated in a letter that
21 I received today. I thought it was
22 important for me to read it into the record.
23 Any questions? This is your turn, ladies
24 and gentlemen of the legislature, any
25 questions that you would like to ask?

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2 Minority leader.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I don't
4 have any questions for Mr. Muscarella. I
5 saw your backup information that you sent a
6 couple of weeks ago in regard to the
7 infrastructure.

8 I think the projects are well
9 intended and, from that standpoint,
10 definitely capital oriented. I don't have a
11 question for Mr. Muscarella.

12 My questions are really tied to,
13 I guess they would be, there was a report
14 that I had, Mr. Chalmers put together from
15 Legislative Budget Review that I wanted to
16 ask that question to him and then I wanted
17 to pose another question to the other
18 college representative, Ms. Kate Murray.

19 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Are you
20 asking for Chalmers?

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Yes, I am.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr.
23 Chalmers, would you please, I know that you
24 were asked certain questions from the
25 minority as well as the majority and

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2 hopefully you have the answers to those
3 questions.

4 MR. CHALMERS: Absolutely.
5 Maurice Chalmers, budget review. I was
6 asked a couple of questions which I provided
7 the answers to.

8 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.
9 First, Maurice, I want to thank you for
10 doing this so promptly and quickly. I might
11 have reached out to you Thursday evening and
12 here it is you were able to put this
13 together on Monday.

14 I have a couple of concerns or
15 questions regarding your report. It looks
16 like you reached out to bond counsel and DPW
17 in regards to the college in regards to
18 completing your report.

19 One of the things that it
20 mentions in your report, which I wasn't too
21 sure of, and I will quote it and you correct
22 me if I'm wrong, based on your conversations
23 with DPW in the first section of the letter
24 it says, I guess she's responding to the
25 ability to shift around money from the bond

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2 proceeds or he is responding I guess. He or
3 she.

4 Technically, these bonds are
5 purposed PPU bonds and the funds can be
6 shifted, but the county's policy is not to
7 reprogram identified purposes unless a
8 project is complete or cancelled or
9 extraordinary circumstances warrant.

10 I was always under the impression
11 whatever we bonded for had to be utilized
12 for that purpose and there wasn't any
13 extraordinary circumstances that could
14 change that.

15 What did the person you spoke to
16 mean by that?

17 MR. CHALMERS: I believe what he
18 meant by that is up to a couple of years
19 ago, the county shifted from bonding for
20 project specific to PPUs. So you have the
21 ability to shift from some project that have
22 similar PPUs. That's what he meant by that.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So say for
24 example if there is parking lot improvements
25 at the college, it could shift to parking

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2 lot improvements somewhere else in the
3 county?

4 MR. CHALMERS: No, I don't
5 believe that to be the case.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So give me
7 an example of what he meant by could shift
8 in similar PPUs.

9 MR. CHALMERS: Well, we talk
10 about similar PPUs within the college. The
11 money is going for the college so it would
12 have to be a project with a similar PPU
13 within the college. So I don't believe, and
14 we can ask DPW to clarify that statement,
15 but I don't believe that you can take money
16 that was borrowed for the college and use it
17 for a Nassau County parking lot.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So this
19 money has to be used on the college?

20 MR. CHALMERS: That's correct.
21 And if you read on, as you go further down,
22 he explains also the limitations and also
23 the matches that need to happen in order for
24 this money to be used.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Maurice,

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2 have you had a chance to read through the
3 bond ordinance?

4 MR. CHALMERS: No. Not to all of
5 them, most of them.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Because
7 counsel advises us that the bond ordinance
8 does not indicate that.

9 MR. CHALMERS: You know, when you
10 reached out to me on Thursday, and
11 understanding the urgency of getting these
12 items on, and does one follow after the
13 other, I would probably advise that we get
14 bond counsel in the room with your counsel
15 and the college and get all those questions
16 answered.

17 If we don't do that, we will be
18 going one answer, and get an answer tot
19 that, and then another answer, and another
20 followup.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I would
22 love to have that and that's why I wanted to
23 bring up Ms. Kate Murray to the podium.

24 MR. CHALMERS: I'm sure she would
25 agree to that too.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Because I
3 had respectfully requested that we don't
4 call this today not because we don't want to
5 see it go forward, I think every one on our
6 side wants to see it go forward, but we want
7 to make sure the intention is going towards
8 the college and, with the lack of clarity,
9 it just seems like I would love to have to
10 be able to do this on the 19th once bond
11 counsel sits down with yourself and the
12 college, our counsel, majority's counsel and
13 we're able to move forward.

14 MR. CHALMERS: Listen, I always
15 think it's a good thing to get everyone in
16 the room and not shoot off one question
17 after the other and try to get an answer.

18 If everybody gets in the room, we
19 can iron out all the details and get all the
20 answers and possibly decide, make a
21 decision.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Let me ask
23 Kate, if you don't mind.

24 MS. MURRAY: Hi. Good afternoon.
25 For the record, Kate Murray, assistant to

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2 the President of Nassau Community College,
3 governmental affairs and media relations.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's a
5 long title.

6 MS. MURRAY: Sure is.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Kate, I
8 mean, look, I think I speak for our side
9 that we believe -- and you and I have
10 spoken, that we believe that these projects
11 are well intended and we have always
12 supported the college and we want to
13 continue to show our support for the
14 college.

15 I would love to be able to get
16 our counsel with bond counsel, Mr. Chalmers,
17 with yourself, or whoever the college deems,
18 the majority counsel in the room so we can
19 be able to vote on this with confidence to
20 make sure that the college is getting every
21 nickel of this and it's being done in a very
22 above board manner.

23 If we were able to entertain this
24 on October 19th, which is our next
25 legislative meeting, would that present any

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2 jeopardy to the college in regards to not
3 being able to have these proceeds in place?

4 MS. MURRAY: Mr. Minority Leader,
5 and I thank you for your support and for the
6 support of all of the 19 legislators, Judy
7 Jacobs was a great friend to the college, as
8 we know, and we are very, very grateful
9 indeed for your continuing support.

10 With regard to October 19th, we
11 are ready, willing and able to come back to
12 answer any questions that you may have about
13 the specific bonding requests of the
14 projects underlying them.

15 Any information that you need, we
16 would be delighted to share with you. With
17 regard whether October 19th poses a timeline
18 scenario for the Nassau Community College,
19 we are okay with that. I do have to do a
20 little commercial for Nassau Community
21 College. Of course, SUNY directs those
22 matching funds.

23 It is a finite pot of dollars and
24 so of course once we get the bonding
25 authorization from all of you, and we

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2 certainly are looking forward to, we hope, a
3 unanimous decision, we then present that to
4 SUNY.

5 Every single day that goes past,
6 there is an opportunity for another
7 community college in New York State to try
8 to grab those dollars.

9 That being said, if we can get to
10 a point where October 19th, all 18
11 legislators are on board, we would be
12 delighted at that day.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going
15 to do every one a big favor. We are going
16 to table these items. And, guess what, we
17 have a meeting on October 5th. This meeting
18 will be recessed and I believe between now
19 and October 5th, we should be able to come
20 up with the answers to the questions that
21 were raised. So rather than waiting till
22 October 19th, I think we can do it sooner
23 than later.

24 MS. MURRAY: I think that would
25 be --

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm moving
3 to table this.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: If I may,
5 Madam Presiding Officer, I think Mrs. Murray
6 and I discussed that, I didn't envision
7 Mr. Chalmers' report taking that long.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: He got it
9 Thursday, what do you want?

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But what
11 I'm saying is, would it take that long to
12 the 19th? And I believe in our discussions
13 if you were to deem a Full Legislative
14 meeting or call this one to recess, the 5th
15 doesn't present a problem, that being said,
16 that's why I thought it would be better and
17 more prudent because everybody wants to vote
18 for the college -- if I may finish, please,
19 I think everyone agrees that they would like
20 to see this unanimously because of what the
21 college is currently enduring, we don't want
22 to show any slight that the college does not
23 have unanimous support of this Legislature
24 and, just so we can get the answers, I think
25 being able to carry it forward for another

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2 two weeks would do that.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let me
4 also say something and address the point
5 made by Ms. Murray and, that is, we do run
6 the risk of other SUNY institutions
7 receiving some of this money.

8 I don't want to do that. If we
9 can do it, Mr. Chalmers, can we do it by the
10 5th? Now I'm giving you more than a week,
11 I'm giving you eight days.

12 MR. CHALMERS: That should be
13 fine.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Thank you
15 very much. So I'm tabling this and I need a
16 second to the table.

17 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All those
19 in favor of tabling signify by saying aye.

20 (Aye.)

21 Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 All these items are tabled and we
24 will come back in about eight days and you
25 got your work cut out for you, Mr. Chalmers.

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2 MS. MURRAY: Thank you as always
3 on behalf of Nassau Community College to all
4 of our legislators for your support.

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: All right.
6 Thank you. I have another number of items
7 that we're going to call in block and of
8 course we will address them separately but I
9 will call them on the record so we can move
10 as quickly as possible considering what
11 we're going to be up against at the end of
12 our meetings today.

13 I'm going to begin with Item 15,
14 Ordinance 117, a bond ordinance calling for
15 a capital expenditure of \$750,000 in bonds;

16 Items 16, Ordinance 118, a bond
17 ordinance calling for a capital expenditure
18 authorizing \$500,000 in bonds;

19 Item 17, Ordinance 119, a bond
20 ordinance authorizing an expenditure in the
21 sum of \$2,623,000 of bonds of the County of
22 Nassau to finance such expenditure;

23 Item 18, ordinance number 120,
24 another bond ordinance to authorize
25 \$2,200,000 of bonds of the County of Nassau

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2 to finance such expenditure;

3 Item 19, Ordinance 121, a bond
4 ordinance authorizing \$1 million in bonds of
5 the County of Nassau to finance such
6 expenditure;

7 Item 20, Ordinance 122, a bond
8 ordinance authorizing \$1 million in bonds of
9 the County of Nassau to finance such
10 expenditure;

11 Item 22, Ordinance 124, a bond
12 ordinance authorizing \$1,509,000 of bonds of
13 the County of Nassau to finance such
14 expenditure;

15 Item 24, Ordinance 126, a bond
16 ordinance authorizing \$120,809 of bonds of
17 the County of Nassau to finance such
18 expenditure;

19 Item 28, Ordinance 130, a bond
20 ordinance authorizing \$500,000 of bonds of
21 the County of Nassau to finance such
22 expenditure;

23 Item 29, Ordinance 131, another
24 bond ordinance authorizing \$750,000 of bonds
25 of the County of Nassau to finance such

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2 expenditure;

3 Item 30, Ordinance 132, a bond
4 ordinance authorizing \$750,000 in bonds of
5 the County of Nassau to finance such
6 expenditure;

7 Item 31, Ordinance 133, a bond
8 ordinance authorizing \$2,400,000 in bonds of
9 the County of Nassau to finance such
10 expenditure;

11 Item 32, Ordinance 134, a bond
12 ordinance authorizing \$1,500,000 of bonds of
13 the County of Nassau to finance such
14 expenditure;

15 Item 36, Ordinance 138, a bond
16 ordinance authorizing \$500,000 in bonds of
17 the County of Nassau to finance such
18 expenditure;

19 Item 39, Ordinance 141, a bond
20 ordinance authorizing \$500,000 of bonds of
21 the County of Nassau to finance such
22 expenditure.

23 Motion, please, for all those
24 items.

25 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
4 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
5 Nicolello.

6 Mr. Arnold, I don't know what
7 you're going to do, but do the best you can
8 in trying to address each of them as
9 specifically as possible.

10 MR. ARNOLD: Ken Arnold, Public
11 Works. The first item, 117, is for Austin
12 Boulevard. That is an ongoing design
13 project. This money is to cover the
14 contingency of the design contract, labor
15 for the department, and program management
16 funding that we require.

17 The following item, 116, is Old
18 Country Road phase one. That contract is
19 currently in construction. This funding is
20 our contingency and labor for engineers who
21 oversee the project.

22 Item 17, traffic communication
23 phase two, that is the ongoing design
24 project. This is construction money. We
25 will be looking to get concurrence with the

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2 state for building this building in 2017 and
3 require funding to be ready for that.

4 Item 18 is traffic signal
5 expansion phase five. This is Middle Neck
6 Road and Lakeville Road. This contract has
7 already been bid. We are waiting to issue a
8 notice of award to the contractor. We
9 require the bond ordinance to the county's
10 portion of funding.

11 Item 19, traffic signal expansion
12 phase six is Roslyn Road, Main Street, Old
13 Northern Boulevard, Bryant and West Shore
14 Road all up in the Port Washington area,
15 Washington area, Roslyn area.

16 Again, this contract was bid. We
17 are waiting to issue notice of award to the
18 contractor to begin work. We require the
19 bond ordinance to secure the funding.

20 Item 20 is traffic signal
21 expansion phase three, North Main Street in
22 Freeport. This project design is
23 substantially complete. This is the
24 construction funding and this job will go
25 out to bid in late '16.

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2 Item 21 Baldwin Complete Streets
3 project. Was 22 called? Yes. Item 22 is a
4 bridge painting contract. This contract was
5 also bid. We're waiting to issue notice of
6 award for the contract to require the
7 funding to move forward.

8 Item 24 is the Five Towns
9 drainage analysis. This is the county
10 funding to go with the analysis that's being
11 done by Gosar. There are components of the
12 project that are outside the scope of Gosar
13 but our integral can be looked at in
14 totality for the Five Towns area. This is
15 the county portion of that funding.

16 28 is next. 28 is the
17 requirements contract for roads drainage and
18 bridges. This item I believe is to cover
19 the county's labor for in house personnel
20 working on these types of items in the
21 department. It's important for us on our
22 operational budget to get the capital back
23 charge secured so we can back charge our
24 employees properly.

25 29 is next. 29 is similar in

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2 that it's to cover county labor associated
3 with traffic studies. We have a tremendous
4 backlog of traffic studies. Our employees
5 are working on that. We require the
6 adequate funding so we can back charge our
7 work.

8 Item 30, again, is a similar
9 situation for pavement markings. We have
10 our sign shop that puts down paving markings
11 and our engineers who study and design the
12 pavement markings. Again, this would be
13 county labor.

14 31 is a capital project
15 associated with handicap access ramps on
16 county roads. Also on our audible
17 pedestrian signals on county roads.

18 The county has a lot of in-house
19 work to meet a judge's order for the proper
20 passage for Complete Streets project for any
21 intersection that we redesign or
22 reconstruct. This would cover that work.

23 32 is the next one. 32 is
24 associated with county labor associated with
25 traffic signal construction and

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2 modifications. This allows the department
3 to continue designing signals using in-house
4 forces and also overseeing the inspection of
5 anything that's ongoing currently. Again,
6 it's important for our county labor back
7 charge.

8 Item 36 is our traffic signs.
9 Again, our sign shop puts up traffic signs,
10 modifies traffic signs, installs new traffic
11 signs. This is the labor associated with
12 that, also for engineering.

13 39 is, again, this one is for
14 pavement markings. This is for the
15 construction contract. The county is
16 currently awaiting to issue a notice of
17 award for our phase eight project for
18 pavement markings throughout the county for
19 long lines. This is a state reimbursed
20 project.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Time for
22 questions. I just want to sum up something.
23 I would say that most of these have to do
24 with public safety?

25 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Public
3 safety in regards to the roads?

4 MR. ARNOLD: Correct.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Not public
6 safety as we deem it and the Legislature
7 considers and passes unanimously; the
8 ambulances, and --

9 MR. ARNOLD: Public safety is
10 considered roads, so the roads are safe for
11 the traveling public.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Of course,
13 you always want that.

14 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No public
16 comment?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 There being none, all those in
19 favor of the items that were called signify
20 by saying aye.

21 (Aye.)

22 Any opposed?

23 (Nay.)

24 The items fail 12 to 6. There
25 are all bond ordinances requiring 13. Now

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2 we are going to go back.

3 Here we go. Again, I'm going to
4 call a number of items in block and then we
5 will of course talk about each of them
6 separately.

7 Beginning with Item 13, Ordinance
8 115, a bond ordinance authorizing \$100,000
9 in bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
10 such expenditure;

11 Item 14, Ordinance 116, a bond
12 ordinance authorizing \$1,200,000 in bonds of
13 the County of Nassau to finance such
14 expenditure;

15 Item 23, Ordinance 125, a bond
16 ordinance authorizing \$10,600,000 in bonds
17 of the County of Nassau to finance such
18 expenditure;

19 Item 25, Ordinance 127, a bond
20 ordinance authorizing \$722,572 in bonds of
21 the County of Nassau to finance such
22 expenditure;

23 Item 27, Ordinance 129, a bond
24 ordinance authorizing \$100,000 in bonds of
25 the County of Nassau to finance such

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2 expenditure;

3 Item 33, Ordinance 135, a bond
4 ordinance authorizing \$1,000,000 in bonds of
5 the County of Nassau to finance such
6 expenditure;

7 Item 35, a bond ordinance
8 authorizing \$1,000,000 in bonds of the
9 County of Nassau to finance such
10 expenditure;

11 Item 37, Ordinance 139, a bond
12 ordinance authorizing \$1,000,000 in bonds to
13 the County of Nassau to finance such
14 expenditure;

15 Item 38, Ordinance 140, a bond
16 ordinance authorizing \$315,500 in bonds of
17 the County of Nassau to finance such
18 expenditure.

19 A motion, please.

20 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

21 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Second.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
23 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
24 MacKenzie. Who is here to speak on this
25 item? Mr. Arnold. Go ahead, and I will

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2 tell you which ones to go. We will begin
3 with Item 13, Ordinance 115.

4 MR. ARNOLD: Item 13 is the Fire
5 Com Radio Systems for additional work to be
6 required in that project.

7 Item 14 is the fire communication
8 computer aided dispatch system for
9 additional services that are associated with
10 that program.

11 Item 23 is for the county storage
12 tank program. The county is under an order
13 of consent. This is construction of money
14 for projects that are being designed
15 currently and we're hoping to be ready for
16 construction in January. This is for,
17 again, a consent order for the county.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 25.

19 MR. ARNOLD: Item 25 is for the
20 county's asbestos projects. The county
21 department does work in various county
22 buildings and we run across asbestos. This
23 money is used to bring in our specialized
24 contractor to both study and evaluate the
25 asbestos and also to remove it.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 27.

3 MR. ARNOLD: Item 27 is for the
4 disparity study. The department is looking
5 at its MWB and DBE goals and looking to do
6 some work on the disparity study to see what
7 needs to be updated.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Item 33.

9 MR. ARNOLD: Item 33 is for E
10 government. This is for the IT department.
11 This is for the in-house labor of the people
12 working on the various programs in keeping
13 our infrastructure systems up and running on
14 the capital end.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now 35.

16 MR. ARNOLD: 35 is for
17 infrastructure. This is for the labor to do
18 the maintenance -- not the maintenance, but
19 the capital improvements that are required
20 for the various computer hardware that the
21 county has.

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 37.

23 MR. ARNOLD: 37, this is again
24 for the fuel tank program. This is for the
25 county labor. This is what our engineers

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2 utilize for complying with the consent order
3 and all the reports and other types of
4 documents that we're currently going
5 through.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: 38.

7 MR. ARNOLD: 38 is a contract
8 that is currently in design. This is for
9 viral message systems. This ties to the
10 traffic management center. At the debate,
11 you notice today we have these portable VMS
12 signs that are all over alerting the
13 motorist of what to do and what not to do.
14 This would be permanent structures on our
15 avenues, Old Country Road, Merrick Road,
16 Penninsula Boulevard to assist the motorists
17 in navigating traffic situations, the
18 feedback straight to our traffic management
19 center.

20 This is a construction contract.
21 This job would be ready to be out to
22 construction in early '17 once we receive
23 state concurrence.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
25 comments or questions from the legislators?

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2 Legislator Dunne.

3 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: That last one,
4 was that for Amber alerts and all that?

5 MR. ARNOLD: It could be used for
6 Amber alerts also but it's for any type of
7 alert we've put out to the motorist, yes.

8 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: All emergency
9 alerts?

10 MR. ARNOLD: Yes. And also for
11 traffic conditions; timing and things like
12 that.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I think
14 that's the end of the questions. I honestly
15 think, Mr. Arnold, since we are under the I
16 guess the situation that we are facing in
17 about five or six o'clock when we leave
18 here, I think that we're trying to expedite
19 it as quickly as we can. Legislator Rhoads.

20 LEGISLATOR RHOADS:

21 MR. ARNOLD:

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I do have
23 questions with respect to Items 13 and 14;
24 343-16 and 344-16. The Firecom radios, are
25 those the multiband radios so that they can

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2 communicate between the departments?

3 MR. ARNOLD: I believe so. I
4 would have to double check with Firecom to
5 see exactly what that is but I believe --

6 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: That's
7 exactly what it is. And also with respect
8 to Item 14, the Firecom computer aided
9 dispatch, not every department in Nassau
10 County has its own dispatcher and the
11 computer aided dispatch would assist Firecom
12 in deploying fire department resources in
13 the event of an alarm?

14 MR. ARNOLD: Yes.

15 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Thank you.
16 Can these directly pertain to public safety?

17 MR. ARNOLD: Yes, they do.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I think
19 Legislator Rhoads brought up a great point.
20 Let's pull out that one item. We will be
21 happy to support it and the rest we won't.
22 There's two, even better. If they're really
23 public safety, let's pull them out because
24 we're committed to public safety.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Is it 13

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2 and 14?

3 MR. ARNOLD: 13 and 14, yes.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is that

5 okay with you Legislator Rhoads?

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Why not?

7 Let's do this. We will vote on 13 and 14

8 first, correct, so that we don't get

9 confused here. All those in favor of Item

10 13 and Item 14 signify by saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 So that's unanimous. Now, the

15 other ones, and I will call them, because we

16 may have forgotten which items they were.

17 Item 23, Ordinance 135; Item 25, Ordinance

18 127; Item 27, Ordinance 129; Item 33,

19 Ordinance 135; Item 35, Ordinance 137; Item

20 37, Ordinance 139; Item 38, Ordinance 140,

21 and I believe that's it.

22 All those in favor of those items

23 that I just called signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (Nay.)

3 The items fail 12 to 6. Yes,
4 sir?

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We've been
6 jumping around so I just want to make sure,
7 is the Legislature taking action on Item 21?
8 Before we recess, because I know we are
9 going to put this meeting into recess, I
10 just want to make sure --

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No, no.
12 We have more stuff to do. We're not calling
13 21.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why has the
15 Legislature deemed not to call Item 21? It
16 passed through committees. Just because --
17 that's good, people deserve that.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Don't
19 worry about it. There is good reason.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sorry?

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Because it
22 was a decision that we had to make.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not
24 sure I understand your point. Give us the
25 reason why Item 21 --

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Not to be
3 called.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: We just
5 considered -- now we're going to go into a
6 circus. We just considered well over a
7 dozen items. Item 21 passed in the
8 committee. You, Madam Presiding Officer,
9 decided to place it on the calendar for
10 committee.

11 It passed through committee and
12 now you've made a decision not to call it.
13 I think the people of this county deserve a
14 response on why you decided not to call it.

15 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let me say
16 something to you. We just failed to pass a
17 number of bond ordinances that affect every
18 area the county.

19 No question was asked of you as
20 to why you thought it was necessary to vote
21 against it.

22 Now, this particular item, like
23 some of the other items, may have had the
24 same kind of objection on the part of the
25 majority. So, therefore, guess what, we

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2 decided not to call it.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That
4 doesn't make any sense, Madam Presiding
5 Officer.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Nothing
7 makes sense. Why do we keep saying no to
8 something --

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You've
10 known our objection on the capital plan
11 projects not because of the project. I
12 think Mr. Arnold does a very good job at
13 presenting them. That's not the issue.
14 You've known our objections because of the
15 lack of transparency and procurement has
16 handled in this county. So let's not mix
17 two things together.

18 The second thing is, this project
19 was good enough to be deemed to be placed on
20 the committee calendar two weeks ago. It
21 was also good enough to be placed on the
22 calendar today because it passed in the
23 Legislature two weeks ago in committee.

24 Now, we decide to go through
25 considering all these other items, but we

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2 exclude this one. There's no political
3 tinge tied to it, matter of fact, it's a
4 project that is represented by Legislator
5 Curran who happens to sit on this side of
6 the aisle, and there is no political tinge
7 tied to it I'm guessing? None?

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
10 going to say that on the record, none?

11 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We have
12 the discretion and there were many items
13 that you --

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Impressive.
15 Even if it is, Madam Presiding Officer, I
16 understand that we have taken the position
17 to only consider to bond for items that are
18 public safety in nature, but you don't know
19 how we are going to vote on this particular
20 item. You have no idea how Legislator
21 Curran could vote on this item.

22 You basically have dangled this
23 item in front of in hopes that we would
24 probably support the other items. That's
25 what you're doing. But you don't want to

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2 own up to that, but let's be honest, we're
3 saying to the people that we're not going to
4 consider this item because the folks in the
5 legislative minority have decided to vote
6 against the other bonding items because
7 there is no procurement or transparency in
8 this process. That sounds great to the
9 Nassau County people.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: That's
11 your opinion.

12 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's not
13 my opinion. That is my fact. Because you
14 can't give me a logical reason why you
15 didn't call it. Call it. Why don't you
16 call it?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I can give
18 you plenty of logical reasons. Why is it
19 that all those bond ordinances that just
20 failed, not one of you was good enough to
21 say, okay, it has to do --

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: What does
23 that have to do with this item. Then call
24 all of them. Madam Presiding Officer, call
25 all of them.

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2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I will
3 call this item. Guess what? Hold on.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Call all of
5 them. You are required to give a proper
6 response to the people of why you are not
7 calling an item.

8 I would understand if the item
9 never saw the light of day, like a lot of
10 stuff in this place, and it sits in the
11 clerk's office.

12 But this item you put on the
13 committee calendar. This item passed
14 through the Finance and Rules Committee and,
15 for some reason, you made the unilateral
16 decision to not call it today after calling
17 all these other bond items.

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: It happens
19 all the time.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And that
21 makes it right?

22 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Dennis.
23 Dennis.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm sure
25 it's no politics at all.

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I think
3 one of the things we have a problem with on
4 this side confuses what your position is
5 because you apparently tried to carve out a
6 position in terms of public safety items.

7 So we can expect that if it's not
8 a public safety item you're going to vote
9 against it.

10 Now you want us to call this one
11 because of reasons we don't know, whereas
12 you just voted against a whole bunch of
13 items.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Rich, you
15 didn't know -- we just said that position in
16 regards to the public safety, and Legislator
17 Rhoads brought out those Firecom issues, and
18 decided to vote for them.

19 But the other items, you called
20 those. Why wouldn't you call all of them?
21 Why don't you call all of them? It just
22 seems a bit weird.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Tell us
24 what your position is.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Doesn't it

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2 seem a bit weird that of all the bonding
3 items today, the one item you don't call is
4 a bond ordinance for Baldwin Complete
5 Streets. Doesn't that seem a little weird.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I
7 understand the point you are making, but,
8 again, you told us you are going to vote for
9 public safety items. You're not going to
10 vote for other items because of objections
11 with the process.

12 Now you're going to tell us you
13 want to vote on this item and we don't
14 understand why. What additional area are
15 you carving out? What special about this?

16 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: What's
17 special about this road, Kevan, because when
18 we have other roads that come up for bonding
19 that other people used to support, they vote
20 against it when there's bonding.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Hold on.
22 Hold on.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: You're
24 mixing the point. There's nothing special
25 or not special. Don't you believe that

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2 every single item should be called.

3 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: There was
4 no problem with the purchase of the Firecom
5 item. This is about the procurement, right?

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do you want
7 to call all the items before us, yes or no?
8 We don't want to call all the items, only
9 the ones that favor our side.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: The same
11 process was followed for all the other items
12 and you voted them down.

13 Now you're going to tell me there
14 is a difference in 21, that the process is
15 not transparent and that we didn't follow --
16 I'm sorry. I am sorry. You're either for
17 these public safety programs or not. And
18 either they all satisfy the transparency and
19 the procurement, and that's it.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Let's just
21 call it what it is. You guys want to put us
22 on record of voting against these bond
23 items. I get that. Trust me. I get that.
24 I really do.

25 Then I would say you would

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2 continue that mantra and allow this item to
3 be called. Why did you exclude this item?
4 I can't get a rationale. It seems like a
5 horse and carriage type of thing that if we
6 were supporting the other stuff, then, yes,
7 we'll consider this one too.

8 I guess that's why it wasn't
9 called at all or it was going to be called
10 after these were called. Why do we have to
11 call it in a block? I don't understand why
12 we're calling anything in a block. You
13 didn't call it in a block before.

14 It just seems to me astonishing
15 that you guys can't even mask --

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Just tell
17 us what other items you are going to vote
18 for and we'll call them. The process
19 doesn't apply to this one because --

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: This
21 Legislature considered how many bond items,
22 38 today?

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We didn't
24 do them. They failed.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But we

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2 considered 38 but we left off the 39th. Why
3 did we leave off the 39th? I would love to
4 hear the explanation. Why didn't you
5 include it in the bulk you did?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Give us an
7 explanation as to what additional areas you
8 are carving besides public safety because
9 apparently --

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I would
11 love to hear your explanation --

12 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: I'm
13 waiting for yours.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: -- when you
15 went into the rationale of excluding it
16 before I brought it up just now. I would
17 love to hear it. Tell me.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Look. I
19 would love to hear your explanation as to
20 what additional areas you're going to vote
21 for, this way we'll put those areas on, and
22 then we can vote for them.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When you
24 share your position on why what the county
25 has done to make our procurement process

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2 more transparent and more thorough, then we
3 will be happy to carve out, tell you our
4 position. I can tell you it's far from
5 that.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let me say
7 something to you. There were a lot of bond
8 ordinances that were worthy of everyone's
9 approval but you chose not to do it for your
10 own reasons.

11 I'm telling you right now, I'm
12 not sure that if I put this forward today,
13 do you hear me? That we would get the kind
14 of vote you wanted.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But, Norma,
16 you weren't sure about the other 38 items.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Oh, yes,
18 we were.

19 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That's the
20 point. You weren't sure about those either
21 but you chose to put those on and take the
22 ones that --

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Nothing I
24 say is going to -- I'll call it and we'll
25 all vote it down. I don't want to do that.

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2 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can we at
3 least -- the 18 of us, God bless Judy
4 Jacobs, let's call it what it is. All
5 right? We know what it is.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Let's go.
7 We're done. We have two more items and
8 let's see where we're going.

9 Item 26, Ordinance 128, it's a
10 bond ordinance authorizing \$1 million in
11 bonds of the County of Nassau to finance
12 such expenditure.

13 However, I need a motion to put
14 it on the table. Motion, please.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So moved.

16 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Second.

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
18 Legislator Nicolello, seconded by Legislator
19 Dunne. However, I need to amend this item
20 so I'm offering an amendment in the nature
21 of a substitution. A motion to amend the
22 item in the nature of a substitution.

23 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

24 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Second.

25 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

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2 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
3 Nicolello.

4 The amendment removes
5 supplemental staffing and personal service
6 agreements from section one of the ordinance
7 and from the staff summary. The bond amount
8 has been changed from \$1 million to \$2
9 million. That's the amendment in the nature
10 of a substitution. The calendar itself says
11 \$1 million, however, it should have said \$2
12 million.

13 All those in favor of the
14 amendment in the nature of a substitution
15 signify by saying aye.

16 (Aye.)

17 Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 I'm going to assume that was a
20 unanimous vote.

21 Now, for the item, 26, as
22 amended. Any questions or comments
23 regarding that? 26 was amended because the
24 amount was wrong in the calendar. It should
25 have read \$2 million, instead it read \$1

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2 million.

3 Are there any questions or
4 comments regarding the item?

5 (No verbal response.)

6 There being none, all those in
7 favor of Item 26 as amended signify by
8 saying aye.

9 (Aye.)

10 Any opposed?

11 (Nay.)

12 The item fails 12 to 6.

13 Now we have one more item which
14 is 34, a bond ordinance, 136, authorizing
15 \$1,500,000 of bonds of the County of Nassau
16 to finance such expenditure.

17 Motion, please.

18 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

19 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
21 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
22 Schaefer. However, again, I need a motion
23 to amend the item in the nature of a
24 substitution. The bond amount has been
25 changed from \$1,500,000 to \$5 million. The

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2 calendar reads wrong. A motion to accept
3 the amendment in the nature of a
4 substitution.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
9 Schaefer. All those in favor of the
10 amendment in the nature of a substitution,
11 signify by saying aye.

12 (Aye.)

13 Any opposed?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 Now for the item, Item 34, as
16 amended, any comments or questions from the
17 legislators regarding Item 34?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 There being none, all those in
20 favor of Item 34 as amended signify by
21 saying aye.

22 (Aye.)

23 Any opposed?

24 (Nay.)

25 The item fails 12 to 6.

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2 I believe that is the end of the
3 regular calendar. Now I have feeling that
4 we have some emergency items.

5 I believe there are six items
6 before us requesting an emergency?

7 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, ma'am.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Tell us
9 what they are.

10 CLERK PULITZER: We have the
11 first emergency. Item 400-16, an emergency
12 resolution declaring an emergency for
13 immediate action upon an ordinance to accept
14 certified copies of certificate for the
15 county assessor as the amount of total
16 assessed valuations in the several school
17 districts within the Town of Hempstead for
18 the school year of 2016, 2017, as to
19 extension of taxes, levying taxes in
20 accordance with such certificates and
21 authorizing and directing the execution, the
22 issuance and delivery of a warrant on behalf
23 the County of Nassau and the Nassau County
24 Legislature, and under the seal of said
25 county. Commanding the receiver of taxes to

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2 the Town of Hempstead to collect school
3 taxes for the year 2016-2017 and pay money
4 so collected to the fiscal officers of each
5 school district and/or the treasurer of
6 Nassau County pursuant to the provisions of
7 the County Government Law of Nassau County
8 and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Motion to
10 establish the emergency.

11 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

12 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
14 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
15 Kopel. All those in favor -- go ahead.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I just
17 wanted to record for clarity for the record
18 that we would have liked to have received
19 these items before 12:36 this afternoon, as
20 you as well, you received them at 12:36 this
21 afternoon.

22 I would like to hear before the
23 item is actually voted on for an emergency
24 on why this wasn't given to this legislative
25 body sooner.

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2 Just, for the record, what deems
3 this to be an actual emergency? I know
4 there's probably bills that have to go out
5 from the Town of Hempstead. I just want to
6 hear that for the record in terms of
7 establishing why we need the emergency
8 before we take the vote.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Go ahead.
10 Can you establish the reason?

11 MR. PODLESACK: You received it as
12 soon as we were able to process it and move
13 it along. The reason that there is a delay
14 on this and there is a delay on it every
15 year is because the information does not
16 come to assessment until at the deadline
17 where it has to be voted on in order for the
18 bills to be sent out for the school taxes.

19 I am not the expert on this but
20 my understanding is that there are three
21 districts in the county that cross county
22 lines with Suffolk. The delay is caused by
23 the fact that their budgeting and assessment
24 is on a different schedule in Suffolk and
25 that delays the process for the entire

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2 county.

3 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So what's
4 the deadline? I didn't hear that part.

5 MR. PODLESACK: The deadline for
6 which?

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: For the
8 assessments, for this to get to us. You
9 said that they always run right up against
10 the deadline?

11 MR. PODLESACK: Right. The
12 deadline is for the mailing out of the
13 school bills which I believe is October.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: That part I
15 understand. But I guess the entities that
16 are giving the county the information so
17 that we can consider this today, do you give
18 them a deadline to when to get it to you by?

19 MR. PODLESACK: Legislator, I
20 don't do assessment. I'm just repeating
21 what was told to me on this subject.

22 I understand that the problem
23 though is these three districts. This has
24 been going on for a matter of years.

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I know.

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2 I've seen it for amount of years being
3 considered by emergency.

4 Let me ask you this though.

5 You're not from assessment, I understand
6 that. Is someone from assessment here? We
7 would have questions on this item. I don't
8 see why we would do the emergency if there's
9 no one from assessment here. Is anyone from
10 assessment here? Is Fran here? He was here
11 two seconds ago.

12 MR. PODLESACK: I suspect that Mr.
13 Becker might be trying to locate someone
14 from assessment.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm not too
16 sure what is going on. This item -- maybe
17 we should just have somebody call upstairs
18 and get somebody from assessment to come.
19 I'm all for giving the emergency, but I
20 don't know what we're going to get when we
21 get to the emergency because there's no one
22 here to answer the questions.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Why don't
24 we do this, we will recess this meeting and
25 then we will do Rules and then we'll come

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2 back. Then we will recess the meeting again
3 and come back on October 5th. We can recess
4 this until we can get somebody from
5 assessment. Where is Mr. Becker? We are
6 going to come back after Rules.

7 Mr. Pulitzer, what we are going
8 to do is establish the emergency for all of
9 the items. Just call the item number and
10 all the items. All the items so that we can
11 establish the emergency.

12 CLERK PULITZER: We have five
13 remaining, correct?

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

15 CLERK PULITZER: So read all of
16 those?

17 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Just the
18 emergency. We need 13 votes for the
19 emergency.

20 CLERK PULITZER: Emergency
21 Resolution, Clerk Item 401, an emergency
22 resolution declaring an emergency for
23 immediate action upon an ordinance to accept
24 certified copies of certificate of the
25 county assessor as to amounts of total

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2 assessed valuations in the several school
3 districts within the Town of North Hempstead
4 for the school year 2016-17.

5 As for the extension of taxes,
6 levying taxes in accordance with such
7 certificates and authorizing and directing
8 the execution issuance and delivery of a
9 warrant on behalf of the County of Nassau
10 and the County Legislature under the seal of
11 said county; commanding the receiver of
12 taxes to the town of North Hempstead to
13 collect school taxes for the year 2016-17
14 and pay money so collected to the fiscal
15 officers of each school district and/or the
16 treasurer of Nassau County pursuant to the
17 provisions of the County Government Law of
18 Nassau County and the Nassau County
19 Administrative Code.

20 Next, Madam Chairman, we have
21 Emergency Resolution Item 402, an emergency
22 declaring an emergency for immediate action
23 upon a resolution to include in the
24 proceedings of the Nassau County Legislature
25 a statement of the total assessed valuation

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2 of the properties situated in the county,
3 town, special districts and school districts
4 within the County of Nassau pursuant to the
5 County Government Law of Nassau County,
6 Nassau County Administrative Code, the Town
7 Law, the Real Property Tax Law and the
8 County Law.

9 Next, Madam Chairman, we have
10 Clerk Item 403, an emergency resolution
11 declaring an emergency for the immediate
12 action upon an ordinance certifying base and
13 adjusted base proportion for the county,
14 town, and special districts and school
15 districts for each class of property set
16 forth in Section 1802 of the Real Property
17 Tax Law.

18 Madam Chairman, the next item is
19 emergency resolution Clerk Item 404, an
20 emergency resolution declaring an emergency
21 for immediate action upon an ordinance to
22 accept certified copy of certificate of the
23 county assessor as to the amount of total
24 assessed valuations in the several school
25 districts within the Town of Oyster Bay for

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2 the school year 2016-2017, as to extension
3 of taxes, levying taxes in accordance with
4 such certificates and authorizing and
5 directing the execution, issuance, and
6 delivery of a warrant on behalf of the
7 County of Nassau, and the Nassau County
8 Legislature and under the seal of said
9 county; demanding the receiver of taxes of
10 the Town of Oyster Bay to collect school
11 taxes for the year 2016-17 and pay money so
12 collected to the fiscal officer of each
13 school district and with the treasurer of
14 Nassau County pursuant to the provisions of
15 the County Government Law of Nassau County
16 and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

17 Madam Chairman, emergency
18 resolution Clerk Item 405, an emergency
19 resolution declaring an emergency for
20 immediate action upon an ordinance
21 certifying base and adjusted base
22 proportions for county, town and special
23 districts and school districts for each
24 class of property set forth in Section 1802
25 of the Real Property Tax Law and for each

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2 portion as defined in Section 1801D of the
3 Real Property Tax Law included within Nassau
4 County as authorized by section 1803(2) of
5 the Real Property Tax Law. That concludes.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going
7 to ask that we include Item 400 and 401, 2,
8 3, 4 and 5 in the original request for an
9 emergency for each of these items. Since
10 Dennis Dunne and Howard Kopel moved for 400,
11 I'm going to ask them to include all the
12 others. Motion, please. Dennis Dunne and
13 you. We need to establish the emergency for
14 each of these items.

15 All those in favor of declaring
16 an emergency for 400, 401, 402, 403, 404,
17 405 signify by saying aye.

18 (Aye.)

19 Any opposed?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 The emergency has now been
22 established. However, where is Mr. Becker?
23 Mr. Becker, are we going to get anybody from
24 assessment here in about five minutes?

25 MR. BECKER: I'm trying to. If

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2 you can give me five minutes, I'm trying to
3 get somebody here.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Good. We
5 can recess and come back.

6 MR. BECKER: Yes, please.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Because we
8 have a Rules Committee we would like to
9 attend to.

10 MR. BECKER: I apologize. They
11 were supposed to be here and they're not so
12 I'm trying to find out what's going on.

13 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Becker,
14 how sure are you that we're going to get
15 somebody here in five minutes?

16 MR. BECKER: Is it going to rain
17 tonight?

18 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes.

19 MR. BECKER: Well, 50/50, right?

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Then I
21 don't want to recess until I know someone is
22 going to be here. I want to go to Rules.

23 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I have
24 to be honest with you. I can't guarantee
25 you anything at this particular point. It

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2 is imperative that this pass.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Have you
4 been able to reach anyone?

5 MR. BECKER: I'm working on it.
6 But if you can go into rules briefly. Well,
7 you're going to recess anyway?

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. I am
9 going to recess it but some of my members
10 could go home if they're not on Rules. So,
11 rather than hold us all here --

12 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, give me
13 another minute or two.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay,
15 another minute or two.

16 Any response from Assessment's
17 Office?

18 MR. BECKER: I have someone on
19 the phone and because of the problem with
20 the debates and everything, they can't get
21 here, but if you could give me the questions
22 and I could ask them.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: No.
24 That's not going to be good.

25 MR. BECKER: It's a little bit of

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2 an unusual situation.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Listen.

4 I'm recessing. So, if by the time Rules is
5 over, and they are here, they can come.

6 Tell them to get a bicycle.

7 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
8 Committee recessed at 4:23 p.m. and
9 reconvened at 6:04 p.m.)

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now we can
11 reconvene the Full Leg and take up these tax
12 assessment items.

13 MR. BECKER: Madam Chair, I want
14 to thank you and the legislator for their
15 patience. Jim Davis, our assessor is here.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Did you
17 take a bicycle or did you walk?

18 MR. BECKER: He took a Trump jet
19 in.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Mr. Clerk,
21 Item 400 to 405, were called, a motion was
22 made and seconded and now we wanted
23 information from the Tax Assessor's Office
24 and that's why Mr. Davis is here. They were
25 tabled.

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2 MR. DAVIS: James Davis, acting
3 county assessor.

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Guys, you
5 had questions? Minority Leader Kevan.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: How are
7 you? There were some questions, some
8 statements in regard to the deadlines and
9 obviously this annually -- it feels like
10 this annually comes to us by emergency every
11 year and there were some discussion about
12 Suffolk. So just elaborate a little bit on
13 that. I know we do these every year and
14 that's not the issue, but we always do it by
15 emergency.

16 MR. DAVIS: There are three
17 Suffolk County districts that split in
18 Nassau called Spring Harbor, Amityville,
19 Farmingdale, that do not give us the
20 information for their budgets until last
21 week.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Last week
23 as in last week, or the last week as a
24 deadline?

25 MR. DAVIS: Last week. We got

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2 the information last week which is what
3 happens every year.

4 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Why do they
5 do they take up until last week to get it to
6 us?

7 MR. DAVIS: That's a good
8 question. I would have to ask my accounting
9 division as to why that happens but they do
10 that every year.

11 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Do we give
12 them a deadline of when they need to have it
13 to us? What stops them from giving it to us
14 in October?

15 MR. DAVIS: I believe they can
16 get it to us as soon as they possibly can,
17 but I believe there is something with the
18 split districts that -- with the deadlines
19 with Suffolk and Nassau which makes it
20 harder for them to get us the actual
21 information.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And just so
23 I know, and I know we've done this and I
24 know it's in time so the bills can go out,
25 but, just for the record, explain to us why

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2 we need to do this by emergency today on the
3 26th and not let it go through the proper
4 process of being in committees on the 5th
5 and then at the Full Legislature on October
6 19th?

7 MR. DAVIS: Sure. The school tax
8 bills go out on October 1st so they need to
9 be approved today so that the information
10 can be sent over to the receiver of taxes so
11 that the bills can be printed by October
12 1st.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And just
14 elaborate, if we do not take action today,
15 the bills would not be able to go out and
16 just explain the ramifications.

17 MR. DAVIS: The bills would go
18 out late and that's a 45 day deadline to pay
19 the bills so if the bills went out late,
20 that 45 day deadline would have to be
21 imposed given by the townships to allow for
22 them to pay later.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Vinny
24 Muscarella wants to correct the record. He
25 says it's 40 not 45. I knew that. I wanted

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2 to make sure for the record that we were
3 able to establish why we considered an
4 emergency for today.

5 MR. DAVIS: Okay.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Delia
7 DeRiggi-Whitton. I'll set the record
8 straight, we established the emergency for
9 these items but we did not establish the
10 items themselves.

11 So I think it would be proper at
12 this time to enter into the record the five
13 or six items that were established as
14 emergencies as part of the record.

15 I'm going to read the clerk item
16 because the clerk has already read the
17 individual items. Just call the clerk items
18 for each of the items, 400 to 405.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Yes, ma'am.
20 Clerk Item 400, an ordinance --

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You don't
22 have to read. You read that already into
23 the record. Just the numbers.

24 CLERK PULITZER: Clerk Item 400,
25 Clerk Item 401, Clerk Item 402, Clerk Item

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2 403, Clerk Item 404, and Clerk Item 405.

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Now I need
4 a motion, please.

5 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
8 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
9 Walker. Now we can go ahead and ask your
10 questions. Go ahead.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
12 Thank you. The new numbers that are going
13 out, have they taken into consideration the
14 changes we had with the LIPA?

15 MR. DAVIS: Yes. Absolutely.

16 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
17 all the adjustments have been made?

18 MR. DAVIS: Yes, they have.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Do
20 you have a list of those changes? I know we
21 just got this. Can you provide the list
22 specifically for the differences?

23 MR. DAVIS: Yes, absolutely.

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:

25 Thank you very much.

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2 We can just go on record that we
3 were handed this solely and I understand
4 this is the way things are done, but
5 especially with the LIPA being just a major
6 issue for my district and some of the other
7 legislators, and the schools are really the
8 ones we have been so worried about, can we
9 break out those?

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I'm going
11 to just add to the record that these items
12 are all 2016 that were read into the record.
13 Now what else would you like to know?

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
15 would like to know if we can break out the
16 ones that have been adjusted by the LIPA
17 change because I haven't had a chance to
18 even see them and they're a major --

19 MR. DAVIS: Certainly can.
20 Absolutely.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: You can do
22 it, but it's not going to effect hopefully
23 what we're trying to do today, I hope. Any
24 other? Minority leader, anything from you?
25 You got anything else.

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2 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
3 they are going to provide it but we are
4 bulking it together with the other one?

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes, we
6 have to.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Why
8 do we have to do that? Is there a way to
9 separate them? I would like to look at the
10 LIPA ones before we vote on it. Some of
11 them might be pretty drastic.

12 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We're not
13 going to hold it up anymore.

14 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: We
15 should just see what it is. I just want to
16 see what the item is that we're voting on.

17 LEGISLATOR FORD: But maybe even
18 after the fact at least if we can see what
19 the LIPA impact would have on the school
20 districts, but we really have to get this
21 passed.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
23 That's not what it is. They're adjusting a
24 number of homeowners' rates --

25 LEGISLATOR FORD: But it's the

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2 school tax bill.

3 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: But
4 we're not even seeing how many are being
5 adjusted and how much is being adjusted, I
6 mean, we are just going to vote for it
7 without even looking at it.

8 LEGISLATOR FORD: I understand.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: If there
10 are no other comments, I'm going to call for
11 a vote. All those in favor of Items 400-16
12 to 405-16 signify by saying aye.

13 (Aye.)

14 Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 Any abstentions?

17 (Abstain.)

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I
19 abstain until we get that information.

20 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Ellen is
21 going to vote yes, and then three
22 abstentions from myself, Legislator Solages,
23 and Legislator Delia Deriggi-Whitton just
24 based on the fact that we received this at
25 12:30 and our counsel has not had an

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2 opportunity to review it in its entirety. .

3 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: So we have
4 three from your side, is that it? 13 in
5 favor and three abstentions. Now this
6 meeting is still in recess. Thank you.
7 Safe home guys.

8 (Whereupon, the Full Legislative
9 Committee recessed at 6:13 p.m.)

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