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SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING

DECEMBER 14, 2021

A Public Hearing was held at the Offices of Legislator Al Krupski, First Legislative District, 423 Griffing Avenue, Suite 2, Riverhead, New York, 11901, and Via Zoom Video Conferencing, at 10:00 a.m., for the following Introductory Resolutions:

I.R. 2046-21 - Authorizing the Lease of Premises Located at 605 Old Country Road, Riverhead, NY, for use of Offices by the Department of Social Services.

Present:

Legislator Al Krupski - 1st Legislative District
Amy Ellis - Chief Deputy Clerk of the Legislature
Gwynn Schroeder - Aide to Legislator Krupski
David Pennetta - Cushman & Wakefield
Richard Valentin

Taken By:

Lucia Braaten - Court Stenographer

(*The Public Hearing was Opened at 10:02 a.m.*)

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3 **CLERK ELLIS:**

4 So hello, everyone. My name is Amy Ellis. I'm the Clerk of the
5 Suffolk County Legislature. It is 10:02 a.m., and we are here to
6 conduct a public hearing for I.R. 2046 of '21, which is also being
7 held in the First Legislative District. So we have here Legislator
8 Krupski. So I will just read the notice from the Governor, since
9 we are conducting this through Zoom.

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11 So, *"Please note that Governor Kathy Hochul signed S.50001/A.40001*
12 *into law which waives Open Meetings Law requirements through*
13 *January 15th of 2022. Therefore, beginning with the September 27th*
14 *committee cycle, and continuing through the end of the year, the*
15 *Legislature will be reverting to the rules of operation that were*
16 *adopted via procedural motion of March of 2020."*

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18 So, therefore, we are conducting our Legislative meetings in a
19 hybrid fashion, which is what we are doing here today for this
20 public hearing. We will allow both in-person and also remote
21 testimony via Zoom, and speakers will be limited to three minutes.

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23 So just to read the notice here, we have Public Hearing,
24 Intro. Res. No. 2046 of '21. *"Please be advised, pursuant to*
25 *Local Law 27-1977, a public hearing must be held in a Legislative*
26 *District in which the property is situated by the Ways and Means*
27 *Committee and the Legislator from that District. This property is*
28 *located within the First Legislative District, and we have set the*
29 *public hearing as follows: December 14th of 2021 at 10 a.m.,*
30 *First Legislative District, which is located at 423 Griffing*
31 *Avenue, Suite 2, in Riverhead, New York 11901."*

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33 So with this being said, we will open it up to anyone who may be
34 here to speak regarding this resolution. I did receive an email.
35 I don't know. Richard Valentin is on this call, I'm not sure if
36 you're looking to speak today.

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38 **RICHARD VALENTIN:**

39 No, I apologize, I'm not.

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41 **CLERK ELLIS:**

42 Okay.

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44 **RICHARD VALENTIN:**

45 I'm just listening.

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47 **CLERK ELLIS:**

48 Okay.

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50 **RICHARD VALENTIN:**

51 Thank you, though.

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53 **CLERK ELLIS:**

54 So we will just give it a minute, see if there's any other members
55 that either show up in person or through Zoom here today, and then
56 we will close this public hearing. So we will just give it a

1 minute.

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3 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

4 Thank you. And we're set up in our conference room remotely,
5 trying to be conscious of safety and whatnot. And Gwynn Schroeder
6 is there, is on -- is on my staff, and she's set up with a computer
7 there. If someone does come into the building in person, we're set
8 up to receive comments there from the public.

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11 **CLERK ELLIS:**

12 Thank you. So we'll just give it a minute more.

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14 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

15 And, Amy, thank you for all your help setting all this up, I
16 appreciate that.

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18 **CLERK ELLIS:**

19 Thank you, of course.

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21 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

22 Thank you very much.

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24 **CLERK ELLIS:**

25 Of course. Okay. So seeing that we do not have any members of the
26 public, either in person or through Zoom, that are looking to speak
27 today, we will close this public hearing. Thank you so much for --
28 everyone, for being here today. And that's it. Thank you.

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30 **LEG. KRUPSKI:**

31 Thank you.

10:06AM 32

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34 **DAVID PENNETTA:**

35 Thank you, Amy.

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37 **CLERK ELLIS:**

38 Take care.

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40 *(*The Public Hearing was Closed at 10:06 a.m.*)*

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