

JUNE 1, 2006

GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE  
REPORT NO. 9

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

1. RESOLVED, the following items are hereby received and filed:

- a. COMM. 1E-5 (2006)  
**WEINSTEIN:** Suggestions for Charter Revision Commission  
(4-0)
- b. COMM. 8E-1 (2006)  
**COMPTROLLER:** Audit of Wireless Devices  
(4-0)
- c. COMM. 9E-1 (2006)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Response to Wireless Audit  
(4-0)
- d. COMM. 10E-1 (2006)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE:** Response to Wireless Device Audit  
(4-0)

2. COMM. 7E-15 (2006)  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, funds have been received from the New York State Legislature to the Erie County Fire Chief's Association for the Department of Central Police Services/Emergency Services to conduct Individual Fire Company Training, until all funds have been utilized for its intended use, and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to retain County Fire Instructors to conduct this Individual Fire Company Training, and

WHEREAS, this grant will also be used to re-establish and to re-hire a part-time laborer to make sure the three training facilities are cleaned and ready for each training session, and

WHEREAS, these funds will be utilized in 2006 for their intended use,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the County Executive, on behalf of the Department of Central Police Services/Emergency Services, is hereby authorized to revise and extend the provisions of #16E-9 which totals \$50,000.00 from the New York State Legislature through the Erie County Fire Chief's, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to retain County Fire Instructors to conduct Individual Fire Company Training and to also re-establish and re-hire a part-time laborer (B100 # 1942) to keep the 3 training facilities clean and ready to reuse for 2006 until all funds are utilized for its intend use, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management and Finance, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Central Police Services/Emergency Services.  
(4-0)

3. INTRO 9-2 (2006) **AS AMENDED**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, Now in its 116<sup>th</sup> year, the Broadway Market is a cultural gem that continues a time-honored tradition of selling farm fresh, exotic and unusual products in an "ethnic Old World shopping atmosphere" on Buffalo's East Side; and

WHEREAS, Steeped in Eastern European tradition, the Broadway Market and its family owned and operated poultry, butcher, fruit/vegetable stands and bakeries have long served this community with the utmost pride, distinction and heritage; and

WHEREAS, As the yearly pilgrimage of tens of thousands of people during the Easter Holiday season attests, the Broadway Market continues to be a treasure of cultural tourism, both for local residents as well as for people from far away; and

WHEREAS, While the Broadway Market thrives during the Easter Holiday season, it is also a vital source of fresh and nutritious foods for nearby residents for everyday shopping needs throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, Over the past several years, the Broadway Market has struggled to maintain its viability amid raising costs associated with operating the facility, maintaining a strong tenant base, and encouraging out-of-the-area shoppers to come to the market throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, In order to strengthen the market's financial position, its Board of Directors has undertaken some initiatives that they believe do not alter the market's mission, but which others have said do conflict with its traditional role, thus causing disagreement; and

WHEREAS, Recently the Broadway Market lost a \$97,000 federal grant that had been secured by the continued assistance of Representative Louise M. Slaughter, following Congresswoman Slaughter's successfully bringing \$140,000 in federal aid to the market in 2005; and

WHEREAS, The Broadway Market had planned to build a community demonstration kitchen with the \$97,000 federal grant, but unfortunately Congresswoman Slaughter has withdrawn the grant amid concerns that the Broadway Market Board of Directors had plans underway to add a retail (not limited to clothing) establishment to the market, which subsequently was withdrawn; and

WHEREAS, To be sure, Congresswoman Slaughter has maintained a strong and positive relationship with the Broadway Market, and understandably has been recognized for her valued help and assistance to the market; and

WHEREAS, To the delight of Broadway Market supporters, Congresswoman Slaughter had discussions with economic development agencies, farm bureau experts and local universities to find ways to help the market survive and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Congresswoman Slaughter's vision for the Broadway Market had been consistent with maintaining the heritage of an Old World public market, while strengthening its financial position. She described the market as "the star of Buffalo," and pledged to turn it "into one of the finest public markets in New York State;" and

WHEREAS, Unfortunately the proposed retail establishment conflicted with the Old World market that the congresswoman wanted to maintain, leading to the withdrawal of the federal funding; and

WHEREAS, The congresswoman clearly held a vision for the market's new community kitchen, one that envisioned this valuable new asset to be utilized by vendors, neighborhood chefs, and cooking classes as a way to enhance the Broadway Market.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, That the Erie County Legislature does hereby go on record in support of the Broadway Market, for its continued viability, for its legacy as a cultural treasure, and for it being a source of pride and heritage to local residents and people from far away; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislature respectfully recommends that the Board of Directors at the Broadway Market reach out to United States Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter in a spirit of cooperation to rekindle the past relationship that was so successful for the market in the past; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislature encourages Congresswoman Slaughter to reconsider her decision to withdraw federal funding slated to build a community demonstration kitchen at the market due to concerns that market officials had planned to lease market space to a retail clothing establishment and thus jeopardizing the traditional role of the Broadway Market; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Legislature further goes on record recognizing and strongly appreciating the congresswoman's previous solid partnership with the Broadway Market, which resulted in federal grant dollars clearly strengthening the market in its struggle for continued viability; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this body acknowledges that with the withdrawal of the retail establishment at the center of this matter, that a favorable outcome for all involved is within reach; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this body extends to all parties involved in this matter an offer to be a mutual friend to mediate any outstanding conflicts and concerns in hopes of returning the strong friendship that had been established between market officials and Congresswoman Slaughter - hopefully leading to the successful acquisition of federal funding to establish a community demonstration kitchen at the Broadway Market; and be it further

RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to United States Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter, the Broadway Market's Executive Director and Board of Directors, and Buffalo Common Councilmember David A. Franczyk.  
(4-0)

4. **COMM. 10E-17 (2006)**  
**COUNTY EXECUTIVE**

WHEREAS, at the time of the 2005 budget cuts, extreme cuts were made to the Division of Buildings and Grounds, and

WHEREAS, many of those cuts involved supervisory personnel, and

WHEREAS, one such position was the Asbestos/Air Quality Coordinator (JG12) position, and

WHEREAS, minor asbestos abatement continues on a weekly basis within the Division of Buildings and Grounds, and

WHEREAS, the CSEA Union filed a grievance and it was ruled that the former incumbent is working out of title, and

WHEREAS, a B-100, being number 1987, has been prepared to create one Asbestos/Air Quality Coordinator (JG 12) and delete one Chief Stationary Engineer (JG 9) position (the current title of the person who will receive the Asbestos/Air Quality Coordinator title).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature authorizes the creation of the position of Asbestos/Air Quality Coordinator (JG 12) and the deletion of one Chief Stationary Engineer (JG 9) position, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the additional funding for this creation will come from Buildings and Grounds salary line being SAP account number 500000, and be it further,

RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Commissioner of Public Works and one copy each to the Office of the County Executive, the Division of Budget, Management & Finance, the Commissioner of Personnel, and the Office of the Comptroller.

**GEORGE A. HOLT, JR.**  
**CHAIRMAN**