Re: Extending Abandoned and Vacant Home Contract of Western New York Law Center into 2021

WHEREAS, in the amended and adopted 2020 Erie County Budget, the Legislature appropriated $200,000 in funding in the Community/Neighborhood Development Fund Center for the Western New York Law Center to be used by the agency for combatting and addressing vacant and abandoned homes in Erie County; and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Law Center has not utilized all available 2020 funds, and the agency desires to continue to perform its work in 2021 using the unutilized 2020 Erie County funds; and

WHEREAS, the Western New York Law Center has submitted a letter dated December 23, 2020 requesting the continuation of the initiative in 2021 using the 2020 funds; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Law has opined that to allow the rollover and use of the 2020 funds and to extend the Western New York Law Center’s contract, legislative assent via a legislative resolution is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby expresses its support for, and approval for the extension of a contract with the Western New York Law Center for its vacant and abandoned home program in the Community/Neighborhood Development Fund Center, Fund Center 1332010, Account 518615 in 2021, and authorizes the amendment of the 2020 contract between the County of Erie and the Western New York Law Center for 2021; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the County Executive, Commissioner of Environment and Planning, Kristen Walder in the Department of Law, the Director of Budget and Management, and Joseph Kelemen of the Western New York Law Center.

Fiscal Impact: None for this resolution.