

MARCH 22, 2007

COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE
REPORT NO. 4

ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. CHAIRPERSON MARINELLI PRESENT AS EX -OFFICIO MEMBER.

1. RESOLVED, the following item is hereby received and filed:

a. COMM. 25E-8 (2006)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE: Extension of Contract w/Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau through 12/31/07 – Appropriation of \$2,100,000 to the Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau
(4-0)

2. COMM. 5E-8 (2007)

AS AMENDED

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

WHEREAS, the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau (CVB) provides a variety of sales and marketing efforts aimed at convention, athletic and tourism markets which results in a positive economic impact on Western New York, and

WHEREAS, funding is available for this request in the 2006 Bed Tax Revenue account , and

WHEREAS, the investment of an additional \$761,579 into tourism marketing activity will ensure a great return to the residents of Erie County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby provides authorization from the County Executive to enter into contract with the Convention Center and Visitors Bureau in order to increase funding and provide enhanced sales and marketing efforts for Erie County, and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is granted to make the following budgetary adjustments in the 2006 Budget, fund 110, in order to implement this request:

Expense		
Convention Center – Fund Center 1331030		Increase
516000	Convention Center Mgmt. Corp.	761,579

and be it further,

RESOLVED, that authorization provided to reappropriate said 2006 funds into 2007 as required to facilitate payment, and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Comptroller’s Office, the Department of Environment and Planning and the Director of Budget and Management; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the actual amount of the TPA Bed Tax revenues as defined in the 2006 contract by and between the County of Erie and the Buffalo Niagara Convention & Visitors Bureau, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2006 will exceed the amount previously advanced the organization resulting in an additional amount of TPA Bed Tax Revenues due under this contract. Based on a revised and final calculation the Bed Tax Revenue is \$781,700.75 and was certified by Budget Office and Comptrollers Office.

	Final 2006 Revenue
Total Hotel Occupancy Tax Generated	6,608,304.59
Less County Administrative Fee (Acct 402200)	99,000.00
Hotel Tax (acct 402300)	6,509,304.59
Amount due to CVB	781,700.75
(4-0)	

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CHAIRPERSON