

Monroe County Legislature

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To the Honorable
Monroe County Legislature
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Rochester, NY 14614

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Committee Assignment
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INTRGOV REL WAYS & MEANS

RE: Commit Unassigned Fund Balance for the Specific Purpose of Studying the Feasibility of a Publicly Owned Utility in Monroe County; Authorize an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Rochester

Honorable Legislators:

Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) has been plagued with problems that have negatively impacted Monroe County residents and the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) has not led to a correction of these failings. In addition, many constituents have requested that the Legislature join the City of Rochester to commission a feasibility study for a public utility. The Rochester City Council has already committed \$500,000 to a possible feasibility study, under the provision that Monroe County take full control of the process for a feasibility study, including the development and issuance of any corresponding Request for Proposal (RFP). We believe it is time for this Legislature to act.

The specific legislative actions required are:

1. Commit general fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the specific purpose of studying the feasibility of a public utility in Monroe County.
2. Authorize the County Executive or his designee to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester for the purpose of implementing the study, with such agreement submitted to the Legislature for approval.
3. Authorize the County to create a public process for relevant stakeholders and community leaders to offer their input regarding the development of criteria for the study RFP.

This is a Type II Action pursuant to 6 NYCRR 617.5(c) (26) ("routine or continuing agency administration and management, not including new programs or major reordering of priorities that may affect the environment") and is not subject to further review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

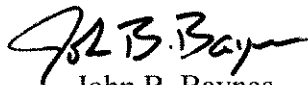
The commitment of fund balance will have no impact on the revenues or expenditures of the current Monroe County budget.

We recommend that this matter be referred to the appropriate committee(s) for favorable action by Your Honorable Body.

Sincerely,



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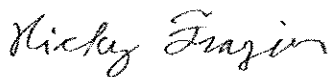
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Intro. No.

RESOLUTION NO. _____ OF 2024

COMMIT UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE FOR THE SPECIFIC PURPOSE OF STUDYING THE FEASIBILITY OF A PUBLICLY OWNED UTILITY IN MONROE COUNTY; AUTHORIZE AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF ROCHESTER

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE COUNTY OF MONROE, as follows:

Section 1: The Legislature approves to commit general fund unassigned fund balance in the amount of \$1,000,000 for the specific purpose of studying the feasibility of a public utility in Monroe County.

Section 2: The County Executive or his designee is authorized to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Rochester for the purpose of implementing the study, with such agreement submitted to the Legislature for approval.

Section 3: The Legislature authorizes the County to create a public process for relevant stakeholders and community leaders to offer their input regarding the development of criteria for the study RFP.

Section 4: This resolution shall take effect in accordance with Section C2-7 of the Monroe County Charter.

File No. 24-_____

ADOPTION: Date: _____ Vote: _____