



City of Kingston Laws and Rules Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
6:30 PM

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NEW BUSINESS

Sale of 104 McEntee Street
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rezoning petition
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1 OLD BUSINESS

- 1.a. Hudson Valley Landing Property
[20200811101803.pdf](#)
- 1.b. Charter Commission
[20200310130147.pdf](#)
- 1.c. Open Space Plan
[20200910081730.pdf](#)

Laws and Rules Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: September 16, 2020

Submitted by: Dee Sills

Submitting Department: Common Council

Item Type: Proposed Resolution

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Sale of 104 McEntee Street

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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August 4, 2020

To Whom it May Concern,

This is in regards to the property 104 McEntee Street Kingston, New York who is currently owned by Nancy Reyes. I purchased the property in 2005 from the city due to failure to pay taxes from the previous owner. According to the deed property address: subject L states " That 104 McEntee Street cannot be sold at any time in the future by Nancy Reyes without prior written consent of the common council of the City of Kingston, which consent shall not be arbitrarily withheld upon compliance with the provisions of A-K". All of the provisions have been met. I respectfully ask for a release from this property to sell as soon as September 1st, due to having a potential buyer.

Since completion of renovation the property has remained on tax roll and taxes are paid up to date. The property has also passed inspections throughout the years.

Respectfully



Nancy A.Reyes

Laws and Rules Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: September 16, 2020

Submitted by: Elisa Tinti

Submitting Department: Common Council

Item Type: Informational Purposes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

rezoning petition

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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Pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 of the City Code, Sections 405.70-405.75, please consider this letter as notice of my intention to present a motion to rezone the following properties from their current RRR zone (single residence) to R-6 (multiple residence).

Golden Hill

56.40-1-10.100
56.40-1-19.300
56.48-1-18,100
56.40-1-20.2
56.40-1-20.11
56.40-1-20.131
56.48-1-12
56.48-1-11
56.48, 1-10
56.48-1-1

Lawton Park

56.40-2-26.110
56.40-2-31.200
56.40-2-26.120
56.40-2-26.130
56.32-6-30.100
56.40-2-6
56.40-2-28
56.40-2-31.3
56.40-2-23

It is my belief that this rezoning is appropriate in that the present zone is not suitable for the parcels in that is overly restrictive and discourages development and that it is in the best interests of the City to change the zone as suggested.

Please forward this communication to Laws and Rules for consideration. By copy of this communication, I am requesting that the rezoning request be forwarded to all appropriate Boards and Commissions, including, but not limited to the County of Ulster, the Ulster County Planning Board and the City of Kingston Planning Board.

I am also requesting that the Office of Corporation Counsel and the Planning Office review the request and determine whether other referrals are necessary for this matter to move forward and to make those referrals in anticipation of discussion of the proposal by the Common Council.

I thank you in advance for your assistance with this matter.

cc: Mayor Steve Noble
Office of Corporation Counsel
Suzanne Cahill, Director, City of Kingston Planning Department
Dennis Doyle, Director, County of Ulster Planning Department

Laws and Rules Committee Agenda Item Report

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Submitted by: Dee Sills

Submitting Department: Mayor

Item Type: Proposed Resolution

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Hudson Valley Landing Property

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



July 30th, 2020

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Hudson Valley Landing Property

Dear President Shaut,

A request has been made by Kingston Waterfront LLC, who owns property at Hudson Landing, asking that the road into the complex be deeded to them, as the City of Kingston does not maintain said road. They will also take over ownership and responsibility for the three LED lights in the development. This has been discussed with both the Engineering Department and the Public Works Department and all parties believe it is in the City's best interest to transfer the roadways to the private property owner.

An easement over said property will also grant the City the right to enter on said property for access to the sewer regulator and for repair to the sewer system, as needed.

Please feel free to contact Corporation Counsel's office with any specific questions related to the project. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Cc: Corporation Counsel
Clerk's Office

Laws and Rules Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: September 16, 2020

Submitted by: Dee Sills

Submitting Department: Common Council

Item Type: Presentation Request

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Charter Commission

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20200310130147.pdf](#)

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Office of the Mayor
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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



February 28th, 2020

Ms. Andrea Shaut
Aldерwoman-at-Large
President of the Common Council
Kingston City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: City of Kingston Charter, Charter Commission

Dear President Shaut,

I believe we both share a strong interest in helping to make sure the governmental structure of the City of Kingston is one that is up-to-date and best situated to serve our residents. The City of Kingston Charter, which lays out the duties and functions of government, has not been significantly updated in 20+ years. I am excited to partner with the Common Council to create a Charter Commission that can research and develop suggestions on how we can best update our charter. I would respectfully request that this communication be shared with the appropriate committee, so that we can begin a joint discussion on what a Charter Commission could look like and the process of forming one.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Laws and Rules Committee Agenda Item Report

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Submitted by: Elisa Tinti

Submitting Department: Common Council

Item Type: Informational Purposes

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Subject:

Open Space Plan

Suggested Action:

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Office of Environmental Education and Sustainability
climatesmart@kingston-ny.gov

Julie L. Noble, Coordinator



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

June 24, 2020

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at -Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Adoption of Kingston Open Space Plan

Dear President Shaut,

As you know, the City of Kingston Open Space Plan was recently completed and subsequently progressed through the necessary SEQR process. At the June Laws and Rules Committee meeting, the committee unanimously declared a negative declaration of significance to this plan, which will go on to the full Council in July for a vote. The next step for this process which I am requesting, is the adoption of the Open Space Plan as an element of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Kingston Conservation Advisory Council and my office would like to recommend that the City of Kingston Common Council adopt a resolution that supports and formally recognizes and memorializes the goals and intent of the Kingston Open Space Plan as City of Kingston policy, integrating it into the Kingston 2025 Comprehensive Plan. Council adoption and recognition of the Plan will not result in the blanket acceptance or approval of individual recommendations or initiatives covered in the Plan. Advancing many of the recommendations and initiatives will require further administrative and legislative action. Actions taken on specific recommendations and initiatives will depend on City priorities and the human and financial resources available.

We would like to request for this action to be referred to the Laws and Rules Committee, or other committee as you see fit, for review. I will be happy to be present at the July meeting, if appropriate, to present an overview, summaries and findings.

If there are any questions, please contact me for further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie L. Noble

Sustainability Coordinator

**CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
FINDINGS OF FACT**

APPLICANT NAME: _____

MEETING DATE: June 11, 2020 Re: Open Space Plan SEQR

PROPERTY ADDRESS: _____

ZONE: _____

PLACE: **CITY HALL, BROADWAY
KINGSTON, NEW YORK**

WARD: _____

Motion to consent to Common Council as Lead Agency, No objections to Negative Declaration, Waives further notice of additional comments.

ZBA DECISION: Approved

MOTION BY: Anthony Argulewicz

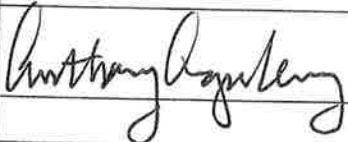
SECOND BY: Mary Neubauer

SEQR DECISION: _____

MOTION BY: _____

SECOND BY: _____

OTHER APPROVALS: Historic Landmarks _____ UC Planning Board _____

MEMBERS	ABSENT/PRESENT	SIGNATURE	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Anthony Argulewicz Chairman	<u>/</u> ✓		X		
Joe Fitzgerald	<u>/</u>				
Brian Cafferty	<u>/</u> ✓		X		
John Bonavita-Goldman	<u>/</u>				
Mary Neubauer	<u>/</u> ✓		X		
Ari Goldstein Alternate	<u>/</u> ✓		X		
Owen Harvey Alternate	<u>/</u>				

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Resolution to adopt Kingston Open Space Plan as addendum to City of Kingston Comprehensive Plan

Whereas, the City of Kingston obtained a 2016 Hudson River Estuary Grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$24,500 for City of Kingston to create an Open Space Plan in accordance with the dictates of the grant agreement; and

Whereas, the City of Kingston issued a Request for Proposals for a consultant to produce the Open Space Plan for the City of Kingston; and

Whereas, the City of Kingston contracted with Behan Planning and Design for the sum of \$21,000 for services to produce an agreed upon set of deliverables pursuant to this grant; and

Whereas, the City of Kingston work builds on the 2018 Natural Resource Inventory and Open Space Index (completed by John Mickelson); and

Whereas, the City of Kingston Open Space Plan creates a Vision for Open Space in Kingston, and addresses Priorities for Protection; The Hudson River, Shoreline and Uplands; The Rondout Creek Corridor, Shoreline and Uplands; The Esopus Creek Corridor and Lowlands; Neighborhood Parks and Open Spaces; Urban Agriculture; Kingston's Urban Forest; Open Space for Storm water Management; City-wide Trail Systems; and sets Conservation Targets for each focus area; and

Whereas, the City of Kingston Open Space Plan builds on the Kingston 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the Ulster County Open Space Plan; and

Whereas, the Kingston Common Council passed Resolutions 192 of 2019 Undertaking a Coordinated SEQRA Review and Determining a Type 1 Action; Resolution 36 of 2020 Declaring the Common Council Lead Agency, Resolution 103 of 2020 Acknowledging the Receipt of the Full EAF for the Open Space Plan, and Resolution xxxx of 2020 Establishing a Negative Declaration of Significance; and

Therefore, the Common Council of the City of Kingston desires to adopt the Open Space Plan dated June 2019, as addendum to the City of Kingston Comprehensive Plan.

RESOLUTION 123 OF 2020

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, TO ADOPT THE KINGSTON OPEN SPACE PLAN AS ADDENDUM TO THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Sponsored By: Sponsored by: Public Laws & Rules Committee:
Aldermen Ventura Morell, O'Reilly, Schott-
Childress, Tallerman, Worthington

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2020

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2020

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2020