



City of Kingston Public Safety/General Government Committee
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Wednesday, May 22, 2019
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Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: May 22, 2019

Submitted by: Dee Sills

Submitting Department: Mayor

Item Type: Proposed Resolution

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Memorializing Resolution

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, Steve
Sent: Friday, May 03, 2019 8:58 AM
To: Noble, James
Cc: Tinti, Elisa; Timbrouck, Lynsey
Subject: FW: Bringing a Memorializing Resolution opposing the Danskammer Power Plant before the Common Council
Attachments: 02-15-19_RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ BOARD EXPRESSING OPPOSITION TO THE DANSKAMMER BUILD OUT PROPOSAL.docx; 03-11-19 _NEWBURGH_RESOLUTION_AGAINSTDANSKAMMER.docx; Elected Official Sign-On Letter_ Danskammer.docx

Dear President Noble,

Please see the email and attached communication regarding a request for a common council memorializing resolution.

Thanks,

-Steve

Steven T. Noble
Mayor, City of Kingston
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From: Andrew Pezzullo [mailto:apezzullo@fwwatch.org]
Sent: Thursday, May 2, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Noble, Steve
Subject: Bringing a Memorializing Resolution opposing the Danskammer Power Plant before the Common Council

Mayor Noble,

My name is Andrew Pezzullo and I am constituent of yours and own a home in Ward 5 on Fair St. I am a big supporter of your work, especially around the intersection of municipal planning, climate change, and economic development! I was a local organic farm business owner for many years in the town of Ulster and am now a community organizer with Food and Water Watch.

I am emailing today to ask you if you might be willing to bring a memorializing resolution before the Common Council that expresses opposition to the expansion and repowering of the fracked-gas Danskammer power plant in the town of Newburgh. Though it is being touted as more eco-friendly than the peaker plant that currently occupies Danskammer point, instead of running 2-3% of the year, it will become a base generating plant that runs 95% of the year releasing a continuous stream of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions into the local and regional air and water supply and accelerating the impacts of global climate change. Additionally, it is sited in a floodway and according to IPCC floodway projections, the new fracked-gas power plant will be underwater more than a half century before it's expected retirement.

The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo
 Governor of New York State
 NYS State Capitol Building
 Albany, NY 12224

Stop a dangerous fracked gas power plant on the Hudson River

Dear Governor Cuomo,

We, the undersigned elected officials, urge you deny Danskammer, LLC the permits for expansion to a year-round Danskammer fracked gas and diesel burning power plant in Newburgh, NY. We represent communities across the Hudson Valley and throughout New York targeted by the fossil fuel industry for the expansion of fracked gas pipelines and power plants.

The Danskammer fracked gas power plant threatens nearby communities while locking us into decades of fossil fuel dependence. Instead, your administration can and must lead the way to a rapid transition to 100% renewable energy.

We strongly urge you to oppose this power plant for the following reasons:

The project directly contradicts your own Green New Deal goals for New York State. Pollution from greenhouse gases, including carbon and methane, emitted from Danskammer would further exacerbate the climate crisis. Danskammer is proposing to be permitted through 2053, which far surpasses the 2040 timeline you set for New York to run on 100% clean energy.

The year-round plant threatens our air and water quality. We have already seen the approval of Competitive Power Ventures (CPV) and Cricket Valley (the largest fracked gas power plant in the North East). Adding the greenhouse gas emissions from Danskammer would drastically worsen the air quality in the Hudson Valley and increase the public health risks for asthma and other diseases for surrounding residents.

Furthermore, the plant would reside in a flood-prone area due to the expected sea-level rise on the Hudson River. Up to 1 million gallons of diesel and 30,000 gallons of aqueous ammonia would be stored on-site and present an enormous threat to our water if there were any flooding or spills.

We don't need this power plant to meet our energy needs. The recent \$250 million Green Energy Grant that Westchester was awarded is a step in the right direction, and it is inspiring to see the state begin to follow through with its promise to be a leader in the fight against climate change. We now ask that you do the same thing for the rest of our communities, and invest in renewable energy, energy efficiency and battery storage; and deny all future requests from the fossil fuel industry to expand infrastructure for energy production in New York State.

The plant would have negative impact on tourism in the Hudson Valley. The Hudson Valley is known for its agriculture and natural beauty, which draws millions of tourists from around the globe each year, further strengthening New York's economy. Danskammer would invariably take away from the aesthetics of the Hudson Valley and lead to a decline in tourism for people that come to enjoy the bountiful nature and outdoors the area provides.

The power plant disproportionately effects nearby Environmental Justice areas and targets vulnerable communities. In particular, low-income communities and people of color will feel the brunt of the air pollution due their proximity to the plant. This includes, but not limited to, residents in the cities of Beacon, Newburgh and Fishkill. There is also a correctional facility close to the would-be power plant, if built.

More and better jobs can be produced in the renewable energy sector. For communities that have displaced workers from the fossil-fuel industry, we urge a fair and just transition plan that provides training and placement for workers in the rapidly-growing renewable energy economy. The transition must address legitimate community concerns regarding loss of tax revenues and donations to first responders and important community services. These concerns can and should be addressed through creative leadership.

We applaud your recent announcement of a Green New Deal (GND) for New York, but in order to hit the targets you set out, you cannot allow the expansion of any new fossil fuel based electricity generating infrastructure. Danskammer would need the Public Service Commission to provide a air quality permit and coastal flooding permit.

We are calling on you to follow through with your proposal, and use your authority to stop this dangerous polluting power plant expansion. Now more than ever before, New Yorkers need your leadership.

Sincerely,

Manna Jo Greene, Ulster County Legislator
 Nick Page, Dutchess County Legislator
 Daniel Torres, Town of New Paltz Council Member
 Neil Bettez, Town of New Paltz Supervisor

RESOLUTION NO.: _____ - 2019 OF MARCH 11, 2019

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF NEWBURGH TO FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO BECOME A PARTY TO THE APPLICATION OF DANSKAMMER ENERGY, LLC FOR THE PROPOSED DANSKAMMER ENERGY CENTER AND TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO ACCESS INTERVENOR FUNDING WHEREAS, Danskammer Energy, LLC ("Danskammer") seeks a permit through New York State's Article 10 power plant siting process to repower its existing power generating facility; and WHEREAS, the City of Newburgh has an interest in Danskammer's application because of the plant's proximity to the City and because the City is concerned with protecting the air, water, and general quality of the environment for its residents; and WHEREAS, the City desires to become a party to Danskammer's Article 10 application proceeding and to explore possibilities of obtaining "Intervenor Funding" for purposes of hiring experts, consultants, and other professionals who can assist the City in analyzing Danskammer's application; and WHEREAS, the City is interested in exploring opportunities with other parties to the proceeding who may share common goals and interests with respect to Danskammer's application, including but not limited to: Scenic Hudson, the Natural Resources Defense Council, Riverkeeper, and Hudson River Sloop Clearwater; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newburgh hereby authorizes the Interim City Manager or the Corporation Counsel to file a Notice of Intent to become a party to Danskammer's Article 10 application proceeding; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newburgh hereby authorizes the Interim City Manager and/or the Corporation Counsel to submit an application for Intervenor Funds in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Article 10 proceeding; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Newburgh hereby authorizes the Interim City Manager or the Corporation Counsel to discuss cooperative arrangements with other interested parties which would protect the interests of the City and its citizens with respect to Danskammer's application.

**RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF NEW PALTZ BOARD EXPRESSING
OPPOSITION TO THE DANSKAMMER BUILD OUT PROPOSAL**

WHEREAS, climate change requires immediate action, we need to stop incrementally expanding fossil fuel energy generation and fully ramp up on renewables and we need to make tough choices in the face of entrenched, narrow, short-term interests; and,

WHEREAS, these seemingly small and scattered decisions that extend fossil fuel dependency are neither small or insignificant, as they cumulatively add up to a whole system that supports and reinforces the continuation of our reliance on fossil fuels, and we need to diverge from this path; and,

WHEREAS, according to Food and Water Watch, “The Danskammer would be a massive 550 MW fracked gas plant posing huge risks to the air and water of the local community -- and worsening our climate crisis by burning dirty fossil fuels around the clock” and,

WHEREAS, we have the science and technology and we need to show that we have the will to transition to a clean, green economy; and,

WHEREAS, the Danskammer build out proposal is against the stated goals of our governor, is wrong for our economy, our health, and the environment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Village New Paltz Board call upon the Public Service Commission to reject the Danskammer application; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Clerk is directed to submit this statement to the Public Service Commission and to send a copy of this resolution to U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. Senator Charles Schumer, Governor Andrew Cuomo, State Senator Jen Metzger, State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, Ulster County Executive Adele Reiter, City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Ulster County Legislative Chair Tracey Bartels, Ulster County Legislator Hector Rodriguez, and Ulster County Legislator James Delaune.

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KUBA Maintenance

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



May 6, 2019

Mr. James L. Noble, Jr.
Alderman-At-Large
President of the Common Council
Kingston City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

Dear President Noble,

I have been in communication with the Kingston Uptown Business Association and we have agreed to work together to improve the cleanliness of the sidewalks and streets adjacent to the Pike Plan. As part of this effort, I would ask that the Common Council codify a change in parking restrictions in areas adjacent to the Pike Plan on Wall Street and North Front Street. This change would be the following: There would be no parking between 7am and 9am on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month on the Odd Side of the Street and there would be no parking between 7am and 9am on the Even Side of the Street.

With the Stockade District so busy, it is very difficult for DPW to get their cleaning crew into this area without this parking restriction. This policy would remove any other parking restrictions related to street cleaning in the current city code for this area.

I have attached a resolution presented to me by the Kingston Uptown Business Association in consideration of this effort. While the document lists other suggestions, at this time, I would like to specify my support on this particular initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Resolution 2019- 1

Dated: 4/13/19

RESOLUTION TO HAVE THE CITY OF KINGSTON DPW ADOPT A STREET
CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE IN THE UPTOWN HISTORIC/
BUSINESS DISTRICT

WHEREAS, a need for the City of Kingston Uptown districts are requesting a schedule to perform the needed street cleaning, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor has requested the Kingston Uptown Business Association also known as (KUBA) to provide such schedule, and

WHEREAS, KUBA feels the City of Kingston DPW should provide the street cleaning Bi weekly see schedule for details, and

WHEREAS, KUBA also feels the City of Kingston DPW should provide street cleaning on the ^{2nd} Friday of each month in the Uptown Kingston parking lots see schedule for details, and

WHEREAS, KUBA would like the City of Kingston DPW to provide "Special Request Street cleaning" at a charge of \$50 and hour in the cases were accidents occur ex: car accidents, water breaks, and also non City Special Events. These charges are charged back to the individual or organization,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the KUBA board adopt the Uptown Kingston Street Cleaning and Maintenance schedule.

Motioned by: Flora Luján

Seconded by: Roberto Luján

ALL IN FAVOR: X

APPOSED: None

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Submitting Department: City Clerk/Registrar

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Parking at Visitors Center

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, James
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 9:02 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Re: parking
Attachments: image003.png

Hi Elisa

Would you please add this communication to the P S Committee . Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 1:33 PM, Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Hi Jim,

Below please see a request for reserved parking spots for the volunteers who run the Visitor's Center during the summer months. I spoke to Fran DePetrillo and she explained that the volunteers are usually elderly retired citizens who need parking spots very close to the building. In the past, when volunteers have approached the area and found no place to park, they have turned around and left, leaving the Visitor's Center closed for the weekend. Please assign this matter to the appropriate committee.

Thank you,
 Elisa

Elisa Tinti

City Clerk and Registrar
 City of Kingston

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[Kingston City Clerk Webpage](#)



From: Fran DePetrillo [<mailto:fdep@co.ulster.ny.us>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:10 PM

To: Tinti, Elisa <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>

Subject: parking

Hi, Elissa.

Thank you so much for all of your assistance in the matters related to 20 Broadway.

As you know, we have been working towards gathering volunteers for the weekend shifts May 4 - October 27 for the 2019 season at the Kingston Heritage Visitors Center. We have had some

changes in our volunteer list over the last couple of years and are starting out with many new volunteers at the center. I am working on the schedule and orientation etc. and as I have been meeting with the volunteers, all have raised a very strong concern over parking.

Currently, I have a skeleton crew of volunteers that will come in Saturdays and Sundays from 11am to 2pm and a relief shift from 2pm to 5pm. One volunteer spells off another volunteer. Saturdays and Sundays downtown are already busy and there is very often not available parking in the municipal lot or out front. Most volunteers are elderly and some have handicap parking passes, however, they have discovered that those spots are often taken. In the past seasons it has been so difficult for our volunteers to park that they have returned home out of frustration or inability to physically get here which leaves the center closed. Our goal is to have more than one volunteer per shift, however, at the current time we are requesting at least two spaces either out front of 20 Broadway or the two spots closest to the yard outside of 20 Broadway in order for the volunteers to park (you have photos of those spots). A volunteer will still be parked in a spot when the relief volunteer arrives so we will need at least two spots. As I mentioned, we have had a huge challenge in getting volunteers as it is, so for them to not have parking provides a huge additional challenge.

Since the volunteers are already giving of their time, are not paid to be here, we would like to show with the City how grateful we are for their service. Thank you.

If I can provide any other info. or answer any questions, please let me know.

Fran

Fran DePetrillo-Savoca

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Merilina Avenue Safety issues

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Morell, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, April 30, 2019 2:22 PM
To: Schabot, Steven; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Koop, Douglas; Worthington, Rita; Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: RE: Public Safety

Hello everyone,

I watched the video of the last Public Safety meeting and was very surprised to see the Merilina Ave item quickly dismissed without any discussion.

I thought my e-mail below clarified my argument that "I spoke to Police Chief Tinti about this, per Diane Bergquist's suggestion, and as a result the School Resource Officer has been telling people not to park on that side of the street. That seems to have helped the situation, I'm asking this committee to make the area in front of 93 and 95 Merilina Ave. a "No Parking between 7am and 4pm" zone so that

- a) children and parents going to and from school have a place to walk by the side of the road; and
- b) to make official what the School Resource Officer has already been enforcing for months."

I'm just confused, is it that nobody got my previous e-mail? I see it wasn't made part of the public record; or was my wording the problem? If so can someone please let me know the source of the misunderstanding so that I can improve my future communications. This is particularly frustrating because I've been trying to get this issue on the agenda for months and somehow my communications always get lost.

Have a great rest of the week,

Jeffrey

Jeffrey Ventura Morell
 Alderman, Ward 1, City of Kingston
 (845) 663-2665

From: Morell, Jeffrey
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2019 7:03 PM
To: Schabot, Steven; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Koop, Douglas; Worthington, Rita; Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Public Safety

Hello all,

I won't be able to make it to the Public Safety committee meeting this Wednesday due to a previous work commitment, I apologize for the inconvenience.

I have one item on the agenda however (agenda item 2.a. Merilina Ave. Safety Issue), so I wanted to let you all know the backstory:

- Several constituents have contacted me regarding a safety concern on Merilina Ave., by Edson Elementary School. That intersection is quite narrow and there are no sidewalks, so when cars park in front of the properties at 93 and 95 Merilina, it leaves

no space for kids and parents to walk except in the middle of the road, having to maneuver between school busses and incoming traffic.

- I spoke to Police Chief Tinti about this, per Diane Bergquist's suggestion, and as a result the School Resource Officer has been telling people not to park on that side of the street. That seems to have helped the situation, I'm asking this committee to make the area in front of 93 and 95 Merilina Ave. a "No Parking between 7am and 4pm" zone so that

- a) children and parents going to and from school have a place to walk by the side of the road; and
- b) to make official what the School Resource Officer has already been enforcing for months.

- I made several attempts to reach out to Safety Officer, Diane Bergquist for additional comment and to see if she had any further input, but didn't hear back from her.

Thank you,

Jeffrey

Jeffrey Ventura Morell
Alderman, Ward 1, City of Kingston
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Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, James
Sent: Saturday, March 30, 2019 3:21 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Fwd: Merilina Ave.

Hi Elisa

Please add this communication to next months PS Committee . Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Morell, Jeffrey" <ward1@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: March 30, 2019 at 12:12:53 AM EDT
To: "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>, "Noble, James" <jnoble@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Merilina Ave.

Mr. Presiednt,

Please add Merilina Ave. to next month's Public Safety agenda.

Several constituents have contacted me regarding safety concerns at the end of Merilina ave. by the entrance to Edson Elementary School. The street is very narrow at that intersection and there are no sidewalks; so when cars park on both sides of the street during school in/out times, it leaves no room for kids and parents to walk on the side of the road, forcing them to instead walk in the middle of the street.

I have consulted with Safety Officer, Diane Bergquist and once I have her recommendations, I'll forward them to be added to this communication.

Thank you,

Jeffrey
