



City of Kingston Public Safety/General Government Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, July 24, 2019
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Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: July 24, 2019

Submitted by: Elisa Tinti

Submitting Department: Common Council

Item Type: Informational Purposes

Agenda Section:

Subject:

Speed Limit Reduction

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[Public Safety communication 7-2-19.pdf](#)

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From: Scott-Childress, Reynolds
Sent: Monday, July 01, 2019 8:42 AM
To: Noble, James; Jim Noble
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: July Communication re Speed Limits
Attachments: Resolution to Reduce Default Speed Limit 2019-07-01.docx

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Attached is a communication calling on the State of New York to allow the City of Kingston to establish a City-wide speed limit of 25 miles per hour. Please assign it to the committee best suited to consider it for further action.

Best wishes,
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Reynolds J. Scott-Childress
Alderman, Ward 3, City of Kingston
(845) 616-3687 mobile

A Resolution Supporting the Reduction of the City-wide Default Speed Limit From 30 Miles Per Hour to 25 Miles Per Hour

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To: Noble, James; Tinti, Elisa; Sills, Dee
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Attachments: Procedure for installation of Traffic Control Devices in the City of Kingston.docx

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Submitting Department: Common Council

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Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20190716114805.pdf](#)

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Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 1:01 PM
To: Jim Noble; Noble, James; Schabot, Steven; STEVEN SCHABOT; Tinti, Elisa
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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, James
Sent: Thursday, July 04, 2019 6:45 PM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Fwd: Handicap sign

Hi Elisa

Please add this communication to the PS Committee. Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Davis, Tony" <tdavis@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: July 4, 2019 at 1:00:55 PM EDT
To: Jim Noble <jnoble39@aol.com>, "Noble, James" <jnoble@kingston-ny.gov>, "Schabot, Steven" <sschabot@kingston-ny.gov>, STEVEN SCHABOT <sschabot@hvc.rr.com>, "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
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2 Hour Parking Sign

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Attachments:

[20190617104819.pdf](#)

Tinti, Elisa

From: Worthington, Rita
Sent: Thursday, June 13, 2019 2:18 PM
To: Noble, James; Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Norman, Edward; Bergquist, Diane; Timbrouck, Lynsey
Subject: FW: 190 Fair St

Good Afternoon:

Unfortunately, I have not received a response back to my email of June 4th (See Below). I received another call from Linda Sumber, wife of Dr. Sumber who has a practice at 185 Fair Street. As indicated in my June 4th email, the 2-hour parking signs were removed without their knowledge.

Apparently, the practice is losing patients because there is no place to park. There is a handicapped parking sign, however because it is not designated, uptown business patrons are using it.

I am asking that this matter be placed on the June 26th Public Safety agenda as well as to be provided with a reason on why the signs were taken down. The request is that signs be placed across the street from the practice indicating 2-hour parking, Monday through Friday from 8:30 am - 5 pm.

I would appreciate a response.

Thank you.
 Rita M. Worthington
 Ward 4

From: Worthington, Rita
Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2019 12:34 PM
To: Norman, Edward; Bergquist, Diane
Subject: FW: 190 Fair St

Hi Ed and Diane:

I received a call from a Linda Sumber regarding two 2-hour parking signs that were removed at 190 Fair Street, in front of their practice. Please see Lynsey Timbrouck's email to me below.

Can you tell me why they were removed. I don't recall anything coming before council on this.

Please advise, so I can bet back to Ms. Sumber.

Thank you.
 Rita M. Worthington
 Ward 4

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Submitting Department: Mayor

Item Type: Proposed Resolution

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Subject:

Memorializing Resolution

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20190507095026.pdf](#)

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
 420 Broadway
 Kingston, NY 12401
 845-334-3902
www.kingston-ny.gov

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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Submitting Department: Public Works

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Handicap Parking 38 VanDeusen

Suggested Action:

Attachments:

[20190603101703.pdf](#)

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From: Bergquist, Diane
Sent: Wednesday, May 22, 2019 2:58 PM
To: Koop, Douglas; Morell, Jeffrey; Schabot, Steven; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Worthington, Rita
Cc: Noble, Steve; Tinti, Elisa; Norman, Edward; Coon, Ryan; Simon, Mike
Subject: handicap parking at 38 Van Deusen
Attachments: 38 Van Deusen St. Handicap Paring.pdf

There is still a problem with placing handicap parking at the 38 Van Deusen St. residence. There is no parking on that side of the road. It would have to be changed by an amended resolution to 35 Van Deusen across from the address listed in the attached resolution.

Diane Bergquist
Safety Officer
(845) 481-7307
(845) 331-0295 Fax
(845) 224-6070 Cell

RESOLUTION 93 of 2019

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO TRAFFIC ON THE
PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ADDING HANDICAP
PARKING ON VAN DEUSEN STREET

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Gov. Committee: Aldermen:
Schabot, Scott-Childress, Worthington, Koop

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and the needs of residents, parking on the street must be regulated

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, DOES ORDAIN AND ENACT THE FOLLOWING:

SECTION 1. ARTICLE 7, SECTION 390-57, "HANDICAP PARKING" is hereby amended
by ADDING the following:

Handicap Parking (and signage) at 38 Van Deusen Street.

- NO Parking
on even side
- \$35 charge to
in front
of someone
elses house

SECTION-2. All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION-3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 8 day of

May, 2019

Elisa Tinti

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Approved by the Mayor this 8 day of

May, 2019

Steven T. Noble

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on May 7, 2019