



City of Kingston Public Safety/General Government Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, September 27, 2017

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OLD BUSINESS

Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 229

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Common Council

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

CAC Member/Climate Smart Kingston Commissioner Re: Updates from Conservation Advisory Council and Climate Smart Kingston

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

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Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 230

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Common Council

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

Alderman Koop Re: Removal of Handicap Parking on Smith Avenue

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

- [Removal of Handicap Signage Smith Ave.pdf](#)

Winnie, Carly

From: Noble, James
Sent: Saturday, August 12, 2017 10:42 AM
To: Winnie, Carly
Subject: Re: Removal of Handicapped Parking Signs

Carly I believe September's meeting will be okay. Thanks Jim

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 11, 2017, at 9:19 AM, Winnie, Carly <cwinnie@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Jim,

Do you want this added to the August meeting?

From: Noble, James
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2017 7:38 PM
To: Winnie, Carly <cwinnie@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Fwd: Removal of Handicapped Parking Signs

Please add to the PS Committee. Thank you Jim

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Noble, Steve" <SNoble@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: August 5, 2017 at 3:40:02 PM EDT
To: "Koop, Douglas" <dkoop@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: "Tuey, John" <jtuey@kingston-ny.gov>, "Tinti, Egidio" <etinti@kingston-ny.gov>, "Chenier, Joseph" <jchenier@kingston-ny.gov>, "Noble, James" <jnoble@kingston-ny.gov>, "josecabrera1329@gmail.com" <josecabrera1329@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Removal of Handicapped Parking Signs

This needs to be a common council action. You can submit a letter to the president so it can be relayed to the appropriate committee. (public safety). The council can than change the city code which will allow DPW to remove the signage.

-Steve

Steven T. Noble
Mayor, City of Kingston
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
845-334-3902
www.kingston-ny.gov

On Aug 5, 2017, at 3:02 PM, Koop, Douglas <dkoop@kingston-ny.gov> wrote:

Jose Cabrera, 224 Smith Avenue, has informed that Handicapped Parking Signs spanning 232-234 Smith Avenue were installed for Barbara Strong, formerly of 232 Smith Avenue. Three neighborhood residents informed me that Ms. Strong moved out about two years ago, so the handicapped parking spot, which can actually accommodate 2-3 vehicles, is no longer being utilized for its designated purpose.

Normally, the spot is empty. However, in the evening parking crunch drivers occasionally park in the spot, for which they have been awarded parking tickets.

I'm not sure whose desk this request should land on, but can these signs be removed? Please advise.

Thanks,
Doug

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 231

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Common Council

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

Alderman Mills Re: Block by Block/Mayor's Task Force

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

- [20170905094754.pdf](#)

Winnie, Carly

From: Jnoble <jnoble39@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 02, 2017 10:32 AM
To: Winnie, Carly
Subject: Fwd: Block by block / mayor task force

Carly, please add to the PS Committee . Thank you. Jim

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Maryann Mills <mmills1299@aol.com>
Date: August 1, 2017 at 8:31:44 PM EDT
To: James Noble <JNOBLE39@aol.com>, James Noble <jnoble@kingston-ny.gov>, cwinnie@kingston-ny.gov, Dee Sills <dsills@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Block by block / mayor task force

Jim

Please refer the subject of block by block initiative and the previous initiative of the mayors task force to the appropriate committee for discussion.

Thank you

Maryann

Sent from my iPhone

Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 232

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Engineering

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

A. Adin, Engineering Re: Proposed Address Change on North Street

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

- [20170905095323.pdf](#)

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City of Kingston

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE CITY ENGINEER



September 1, 2017

James Noble, President
City of Kingston Common Council
City Clerk's Office
City Hall
420 Broadway
Kingston, New York 12401

RE: Proposed Address Changes: North Street

Dear President Noble:

This Office was recently contacted by *Historic Kingston Waterfront, LLC*, the owner of three (3) vacant properties on North Street regarding a request to change their existing property addresses (see attached map).

Because the range of available numbers in this area is limited, it would also be necessary to alter and re-number the addresses of two (2) nearby properties owned by *Rondout Land Corp.* and *Barney Millens*. I previously sent a letter of inquiry to the owner(s) but they have not yet responded.

For purposes of public safety and emergency response it is important in the present as well in the future if these parcels were to be developed be numbered in a logical numerical order. Imprecise and confusing terms currently in use such as "*Head of North Street*" or "*Land, North Street*" make finding the sites difficult and confusing.

It is therefore proposed that the subject properties be renumbered as shown on the attached map.

Therefore, pursuant to Resolutions #193 of 1998 and #105 of 1999, "...the Common Council shall review and approve all street number assignments and reassignments for all parcels within the City of Kingston..." it respectfully requested that the Common Council take this matter under consideration.

I thank you in advance for your anticipated timely attention to this request and if you should have any additional questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Adin
Engineering Technician

Cc: Ward 8 Alderman Steven Schabot

Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 233

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Common Council

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

Alderman Scott-Childress Re: Speeding

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

- [Communication Re Speeding.pdf](#)

Winnie, Carly

From: Scott-Childress, Reynolds
Sent: Tuesday, August 29, 2017 2:18 PM
To: Noble, James
Cc: Winnie, Carly; Noble, Steve; Sills, Dee
Subject: Communication re Speeding for September Common Council

Dear Jim,

Please make this communication (set below my signature) available for the Common Council's consideration.

Best wishes, Rennie

August 29, 2017

James Noble

Kingston Common Council Alderman at Large

City Hall

Kingston, NY 12401

Dear Mr. President:

Many Kingston residents are deeply concerned at the seemingly increasing number of speeding vehicles not only on our major thoroughfares but also on our residential streets. Many of the streets in Kingston are narrow. Others quickly narrow when drivers park their vehicles along one or both sides of the street. These many situations become exceedingly dangerous when vehicles travel them at our current limit of 30 miles per hour (mph). When automobiles speed through our streets they create an intolerable situation. A lower speed limit throughout the City of Kingston could significantly reduce these dangers.

Lower rates of speed closely correlate with improved outcomes in traffic incidents, particularly those involving pedestrians. Even a 5-mph reduction in speed has a significant effect. As Lena Groeger points out in a [recent article](#):

[O]nce cars reach a certain speed (just above 20 mph), they rapidly become more deadly.... [A] person is about 70 percent more likely to be killed if they're struck by a vehicle traveling at 30 mph versus 25 mph.

In a [recent study](#) of vehicular speeds and increasing rates of injury and damage caused by automobile accidents, researchers at the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety discovered that

[T]he average risk of severe injury for a pedestrian struck by a vehicle reaches 10% at an impact speed of 16 mph, 25% at 23 mph, 50% at 31 mph, 75% at 39 mph, and 90% at 46 mph. The average risk of death for a pedestrian reaches 10% at an impact speed of 23 mph, 25% at 32 mph, 50% at 42 mph, 75% at 50 mph, and 90% at 58 mph. Risks vary significantly by age. For example, the average risk of severe injury or death for a 70-year-old pedestrian struck by a car travelling at 25 mph is similar to the risk for a 30-year-old pedestrian struck at 35 mph.

Kingston is fortunately experiencing increases in business, new residents, and tourist and commercial visitors. However, this boon to our community economy raises vehicular risks. Moreover, other changes should make us wary of the potential for serious accidents if we maintain our current 30 mph speed limit. For example, we are encouraging more residents to walk for health and more residents to bicycle to reduce pollution. We are also experiencing relevant demographic changes: both an increasingly aging population and growing numbers of children. Before these numbers get much higher, before we find ourselves grieving a rash of serious and even fatal accidents, it is imperative that the Common Council reconsider Kingston's citywide speed limit.

I propose we reduce the citywide speed limit to 25 miles per hour (excluding those roads that are set at a higher limit by state or federal requirements).

Sincerely yours,

Reynolds J. Scott-Childress

Ward 3 Alderman

845-616-3687

ward3@kingston-ny.gov

See for more:

Lena Groeger, Unsafe at Many Speeds (ProPublica, May 25, 2016). Available online at <https://www.propublica.org/article/unsafe-at-many-speeds>

Brian C. Teft, Impact Speed and a Pedestrian's Risk of Severe Injury or Death (AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, September 2011). Available online at <https://www.aaafoundation.org/sites/default/files/2011PedestrianRiskVsSpeed.pdf>

Public Safety/General Government Committee Agenda Item Report

Agenda Item No. 256

Submitted by: Lynn Johnson

Submitting Department: Common Council

Meeting Date: September 27, 2017

SUBJECT

Alderman Schabot Re: Handicapped sign/zone request: Marie Green; #4149441; exp. 12/19

Recommendation:

ATTACHMENTS

- [RE Handicapped parking Green.txt](#)

From: STEVEN SCHABOT <SSCHABOT@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 1:33 PM
To: Johnson, Lynn
Subject: RE: Handicapped parking

Yes, please.

That's usually the only documentation we have for handicapped parking requests.

From: Johnson, Lynn [mailto:ljohnson@kingston-ny.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 11:24 AM
To: STEVEN SCHABOT <SSCHABOT@hvc.rr.com>; 'James Noble' <jnoble39@aol.com>
Cc: Bill Carey <kingstoncarey5@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: Handicapped parking

Steve,

Do you want this on the Sept. 27 Public Safety agenda? Is there any more documentation? Thanks! Lynn

Lynn Johnson
Legislative Assistant
Phone: 845-334-3966

From: STEVEN SCHABOT [mailto:SSCHABOT@hvc.rr.com]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 4:10 PM
To: 'James Noble' <jnoble39@aol.com>
Cc: Bill Carey <kingstoncarey5@yahoo.com>; Johnson, Lynn <ljohnson@kingston-ny.gov>

Subject: Handicapped parking

Jim
Handicapped sign/zone request:

Marie Green; #4149441; exp. 12/19

Thanks
Steve