

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 2, 2016

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT JAMES NOBLE WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND A MOMENT OF SILENCE.

ROLL CALL PRESENT:

ALDERMAN ECKERT
ALDERMAN KOOP
ALDERMAN WILL
ALDERMAN DAWSON
ALDERMAN DAVIS
ALDERMAN MILLS
ALDERMAN SCHABOT
ALDERMAN BROWN

ABSENT:
ALDERMAN CAREY

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING AND APPROVE AS PREPARED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE WAS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS WAS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN SCHABOT, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN KOOP, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 30 MINUTES

JOSEPH DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST., KINGSTON SPOKE OF AN ETHICS VIOLATION THAT OCCURRED LESS THAN A WEEK AFTER A FORMAL REPRIMAND BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NOBLE. HE HAD TO PERSONALLY FILE CHARGES. STATES THERE IS CORRUPTION AND THAT (2) NEWSPAPERS DO NOT DO THEIR CIVIL DUTY, THEY DO THEIR OWN DUTY.

ROB WALTERS, SPOKE ABOUT KINGSTON'S TOWING POLICY. STATED THAT MANY VEHICLES ARE TOWED BY VENDORS OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS WHICH ADDS TO THE COST OF RETRIEVAL WITH HIGH FEES. SOME AS FAR AWAY AS KERHONKSON. WONDERS WHY WE DON'T DO OUR OWN TOWING.

CONSTANCE WRIGHT, 49 MAIN ST., KINGSTON SUPPORTS FUNDING FOR A PART-TIME ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR. HAS ALWAYS BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE WORK THEY DO WITH CHILDREN WHO SOMEDAY MAY BECOME THE STEWARDS OF OUR ENVIRONMENT.

ELLEN DIFALCO, 66 GLEN ST., KINGSTON SPOKE IN REFERENCE TO RESOLUTIONS #23, 24, 30 AND 31 STATING THAT THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AT THIS TIME. IT COMES DOWN TO VALUE VS WORTH AND ASSET VS LIABILITY. WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF A \$1.1 MILLION DOLLAR LOSS IN REVENUE BY THE CITY IT WOULD BE FISCALLY IRRESPONSIBLE.

CLARK RICHTERS, 3 GARRAGHAN DR., KINGSTON SPOKE ABOUT THE LACK OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. THERE SHOULD BE LUNCH COVERAGE FOR CITIBUS DRIVERS. BUS MAPS AND BETTER SIGNAGE WOULD ALSO BE HELPFUL. HE IS ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMING CHANGES TO TIME WARNER CABLE INVOLVING DIGITAL SERVICE AND THE COST.

CLAIMS:

#15-45	PROPERTY DAMAGE
#15-46	AUTO DAMAGE
#15-47	PROPERTY DAMAGE
#16-01	PROPERTY DAMAGE
#16-02	PROPERTY DAMAGE
#16-03	AUTO DAMAGE
#16-04	PROPERTY DAMAGE
#16-05	PERSONAL INJURY

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. FIRST AVE. RESIDENTS	RE: PROBLEMS CONCERNING 95 FIRST AVENUE	PS
2. M. WILTSHIRE, DPW	RE: AMENDMENT TO RESOLUTION #21 OF 2016	FIN
3. D. BAKER, ASSESSOR	RE: BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW MEMBERSHIP	PS
4. J. DECICCO, CIVIL SERVICE	RE: BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST	FIN
5. S. CAHILL, CITY PLANNER	RE: 2016 BUDGET MODIFICATION REQUEST-SHADE TREES	FIN
6. M. SCHUPP, DPW	RE: 2016 BONDING FOR DPW VEHICLES	FIN
7. ALDERMAN BROWN	RE: COMMERCIAL VEHICLES	PS
8. ALDERMAN MILLS	RE: FEE SCHEDULE	FIN
9. REBECCA MARTING	RE: AGENDA REQUEST-RIVERKEEPER	PS
10. ALDERMAN CAREY	RE: PARKING METERS ON GRAND ST.	PS
11. ALDERMAN WILL	RE: SALES TAX REVENUE-SHARING AGREEMENT	FIN
12. J. TUEY, COMPTROLLER	RE: BUDGET MODIFICATIONS REQUESTS-VARIOUS	FIN
13. MAYOR NOBLE	RE: SAFE STAFFING FOR QUALITY CONTROL ACT	L&R
14. ALDERMAN WILL	RE: DISASTER EVACUATION & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	PS
15. MAYOR NOBLE	RE: O&W RAIL TRAIL COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES	PS
16. MAYOR NOBLE	RE: REALLOCATION OF ANIMAL CONTROL BUDGET	FIN
17. PRESIDENT NOBLE	RE: ETHICS LEGISLATION REVISION	PS

A MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE SECOND READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS AND PAY THE SAME WAS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN WILL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DAVIS, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #23 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 MAYOR'S OFFICE BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KIIP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 6 YES 2 NO ALDERMEN MILLS AND BROWN VOTING AGAINST.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #24 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2016 PARKS AND RECREATION BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMAN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT, BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 5 YES 3 NO ALDERMEN DAWSON, MILS, BROWN VOTING AGAINST.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #25 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #26 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY SEWER BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #27 OF 2016 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FTO ALLOCATE FUNDS FROM THE RECREATION TRUST FUND TO COVER THE COST OF MOLD REMEDIATION AT ANDRETTA POOL AND HASBROUCK PARK STONE BUILDING SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KIIP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #28 OF 2016 REPEALING HANDICAP PARKING ON GERMAN STREET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, ECKERT, DAWSON, DAVIS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #29 OF 2016 REPEALING HANDICAP PARKING ON DOWNS STREET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN SCHABOT, ECKER, DAWSON, DAVIS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #30 OF 2016 REQUESTING A BUDGETARY TRASFER IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KIIP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 6 YES 2 NO ALDERMEN DAWSON AND BROWN VOTING AGAINST

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #31 OF 2016 REQUESING A BUDGETARY TRANSFER IN CORPORATIONS COUNSEL'S BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMAN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #32 OF 2016 REQUESING A BUDGETARY TRANSFER IN THE CENTRAL COMMUNICATIONS BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 6 YES 2 NO ALDERMEN MILLS AND BROWN VOTING AGAINST

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #33 OF 2016 REQUESTING A BUDGETARY TRANSFER IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #34 OF 2016 REQUESING A BUDGETARY TRANSFER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #35 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING AND ADOPTING A BOND ORDINANCE IN THE SUM OF \$300,000 TO PAY FOR CONTINUING COSTS OF EMERGENCY OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REPAIR OF WASHINGTON AVENUE TUNNEL SANITARY SEWER BLOCKAGE SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCHABOT, WILL, DAVIS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

RESOLUTION #36 OF 2016

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL #300,000 OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE WASHINGTON AVENUE TUNNEL REMEDIATION, IN AND FOR SAID CITY. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #37 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING AND APPROPRIATING A MINIMUM 20% LOCAL MATCH AS REQUIRED BY THE ENGINEERING PLANNING GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE HASBROUCK CSO SEWERSHED 1/1 STUDY PROJECT. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCHABOT, WILL, DAVIS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #38 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NYS ENVIRONMENTAL FACILITIES CORPORATION SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCHABOT, WILL, DAVIS AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #39 OF 2016 ACCEPTING THE 2014 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT PREPARED BY SEDORE AND COMPANY SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, WILL, DAVIS, SCHABOT AND BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #40 OF 2016 AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM IN THE CITY OF KINGSTON SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN WILL, ECKERT, CAREY, MILLS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #41 OF 2016 APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH VERIZON NEW YORK, INC. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN KOOP, SCHABOT, WILL, DAVIS AND BROWN CARRIED ON ROLL CALL 8-0

LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2016 LOCAL LAW OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK EXTENDING AND IMPOSING THE SIX MONTH BILLBOARD MORATORIUM ON THE ERECTION OF BILLBOARDS WITH THE CITY OF KINGSTON CARRIED ON ROLL CALL 8-0.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED IN MEMORY OF:

RON DIAMON, RETIRED FIREFIGHTER OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON

EDWARD LEVINE, RETIRED ASSESSOR OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON

ANNA MCGOWAN, LONGTIME KINGSTON RESIDENT AND BUSINESS OWNER.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS OFFERED BY ALDERMAN BROWN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN ECKERT, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE 8-0

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

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CITY CLERK