

CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 5, 2015

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

ROLL CALL: PRESENT
ALDERMAN DUNN
ALDERMAN SECHE
ALDERMAN WILL
ALDERMAN DAWSON
ALDERMAN CAREY
ALDERMAN BALL
ALDERMAN MILLS
ALDERMAN SCHABOT
ALDERMAN BROWN

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

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE GENERAL BILLS. OFFERED BY ALDERMAN BALL, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN DUNN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SPEAKING: 30 MINUTES

KATHRYN MCCULLOUGH, INVOLVED IN MANY PRESERVATION ORGANIZATIONS. WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SAME LEVEL OF PRESERVATION ACTIVITIES IN KINGSTON THAT IS BEING DONE IN WESTERN NEW YORK. WANTS A MORATORIUM ON DEMOLITION UNTIL A PLAN IS DEVELOPED. FEELS AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF CITIZENS WANT PRESERVATION.

GEORGE DONSKOJ, HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION, WANTS DEMOLITION SUBJECT BROUGHT OUT TO THE PUBLIC MORE.

BILL KNOWLES, HURLEY AVE., KINGSTON, PRESIDENT OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM LOCATED IN THE OLD WILTWYCK FIREHOUSE, WHICH IS LISTED AS A POINT OF INTEREST BY THE STATE PRESERVATION COUNCIL. THEY ARE WILLING TO ASSUME UTILITY BILLS THEY CURRENTLY HAVE 19 ACTIVE MEMBERS.

TONY PAGLIARO, GRANT CT., MEMBER OF VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM. THEY HAVE \$10,000 IN BUDGET FOR EXPENSES, \$2,310.00 HEATING; \$768.02 LIGHTING. THEY WANT TO TAKE OVER COSTS, BUT NEED SUPPORT OF CITY.

CASSANDRA DASSIE, RONDOUT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER. CENTER WAS BUILT IN THE EARLY 1970'S AS A PLACE FOR CHILDREN TO GO, HAVE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT. ALONG WITH THE HODGE CENTER THEY SERVE THE COMMUNITIES YOUTH AND HAVE EMPLOYEES FROM PARKS & RECREATION. THERE SHOULD BE NO FIGHT OVER FUNDING FOR EITHER CENTERS, BOTH DESERVE EQUALITY.

JAMES RICHTER, 55 VANBUREN ST., KINGSTON. HAS BEEN AN ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMUNITY PARK IN HIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR 11 YEARS. THERE STILL IS NO LIGHTING INSTALLED. HE CALLED KEVIN GILFEATHER ABOUT REPAIRS/REPLACEMENT OF GATE AND FENCING THAT IS BROKEN. STATED HE WAS UNAWARE OF THAT ISSUE AND THE FENCE WAS FIXED. FOUND HOWEVER THE BENCH WAS INSTALLED IMPROPERLY, GATE NOT REPAIRED, PLAYGROUND NOT SAFE OR CLEAN FOR CHILDREN. WANTS ACCOUNTABILITY. WAS TOLD THE WORK ORDER HAD BEEN ISSUED TO INSTALL STREET LIGHT. STATED HE IS NOT A RACIST AS MANY HAVE ACCUSED HIM OF BEING.

ANDY CHAMP-DORAN, REFERRING TO LOCAL LAW #1, BELIEVES DISCLOSURE FORM IS OKAY, BUT WANTS MORE DISCLOSURE, NOT LESS. CHAPTER #49 OF LOCAL LAW #2 OF 2012, PROCEDURALLY LACKING. FEELS ALL FORMS SHOULD BE COLLECTED AND SENT TO ETHICS BOARD. ONCE IN CITY RECORDS, FOIL REQUESTS SHOULD BE HANDLED BY SOMEONE. HOW ARE COMPLAINTS HANDLED? CORPORATION COUNSEL? CODIFY PENALTIES FOR ETHICS VIOLATION, AND REDO PARTS OF LAW THAT NEED IT.

NATHANIEL MERY, 451 ABEEL ST. PROPERTY PROSPECTIVE BUYER. HOPES TO HAVE RENOVATION COMPLETE BY JULY 2016 AND BE LIVING THERE. HE HAS PLENTY OF BACKGROUND IN CONSTRUCTION.

JENNIFER SCHWATS-BERKY, 35 HONE ST., KINGSTON. MEMBER OF HERITAGE AREA COMMISSION. THE CITY NEEDS A DEFINITIVE POLICY FOR NEGLECTED PROPERTIES. SEVERAL INCENTIVE AVAILABLE.

BRENNA ROBINSON, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR. REMINDS EVERYONE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS THAT ARE IMPOSED ON THEM, AND THE GRANT FUNDING TO VARIOUS ORGANIZATIONS HAS BEEN A LONG PROCESS WITH MUCH INPUT. THEIR PROPOSAL IS A SOUND ONE.

CLARK RICHTERS, IS IN FAVOR OF THE VOLUNTEER FIREMAN'S MUSEUM CONTINUING. FEELS IT IS A GREAT TOURIST ATTRACTION.

CLAIMS:

#15-14 PROPERTY DAMAGE
#15-15 PERSONAL INJURY
#15-16 SEWER BACKUP

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. K. GILFEATHER, PARKS & REC.	RE: AUTHORIZATION TO EXPEND FUNDING	FIN
2. MAYOR GALLO	RE: APPOINTMENT TO WATER BOARD	COPY
3. MAYOR GALLO	RE: COMPLETE STREETS ADVISORY BOARD	PS
4. MAYOR GALLO	RE: APPOINTMENT TO CONSERVATION ADV. COUNCIL	COPY
5. M. SCHUPP, DPW	RE: 2006 FORD-URGENT	FIN
6. ALDERMAN MILLS	RE: ENERGY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION	FIN
7. R. SWENSON, ENGINEER	RE: EAST CHESTER ST. & FLATBUSH UPGRADE BIDS	FIN
8. R. SWENSON, ENGINEER	RE: VARIOUS STORMWATER PROJECTS	FIN
9. MAYOR GALLO	RE: UPTOWN PARKING GARAGE	FIN
10. J. TUEY, COMPTROLLER	RE: CITY OF KINGSTON GASB REPORT	FIN
11. R. SWENSON, ENGINEER	RE: UPTOWN PARKING GARAGE STAIRS & ACCESS	FIN
12. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL	RE: 451 ABEEL ST. OFFER	FIN
13. G. SWANZEY, ECONOMIC DEV.	RE: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANT	FIN
14. J. TUEY, COMPTROLLER	RE: REFINANCING OF 2005 AND 2006 BONDS	FIN
15. ALDERMAN DUNN	RE: SIDEWALK ON LUCAS AVENUE	PS
16. ALDERMAN CAREY	RE: PARKING ON GREENKILL	PS
17. ALDERMAN CAREY	RE: TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT JOHN & WALL STREETS	PS
18. ALDERMAN CAREY	RE: TRAFFIC LIGHTS AT ST. JAMES AND WALL STREETS	PS
19. ELIZABETH CAHILL	RE: ACCIDENT INVOLVING CITY PLOW	FIN

20. ALDERMAN MILLS	RE: FUND BALANCE	FIN
21. ALDERMAN MILLS	RE: SIGNALIZATON-FLATBUSH AND EAST CHESTER ST.	FIN
22. ALDERMAN DUNN	RE: KINGSTON POINT BMX CONTRACT	L&R
23. RISELY & MORIELLO	RE: ZONING PETITION	L&R
24. ALDERMAN DUNN	RE: INTERSECTION OF LAFAYETTE AND LUCAS AVE.	PS
25. ALDERMAN DUNN	RE: ETHICS DECLOSURE FORMS	L&R
26. R. SWENSON, ENGINEER	RE: TWALLFSKILL CREEK RESTORATION	FIN
27. B. ROBINSON, COMM. DEV.	RE: LAND BANK CREATION	L&R
28. A. ZWEBEN, CORP. COUNSEL	RE: RE-ZONE 20 CEDAR ST.	L&R

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

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #100 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO A STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT REGARDING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 164-174 FLATBUSH AVENUE, SBL. NO. 48.74-3-26.110. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, BALL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #101 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE 2015 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BUDGET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, BALL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL BY VOICE. 8 YES, 1 NO. ALDERMAN DUNN VOTING NO.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #102 OF 2015 SUPPORTING SOLARIZE HUDSON VALLEY AND SOLARIZE KINGSTON CAMPAIGN. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #103 OF 2015 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON PINE GROVE AVENUE. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #104 OF 2015 ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON TENBROECK AVENUE. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #105 OF 2015 REPEALING HANDICAP PARKING ON FAIR STREET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN, CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT/PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #106 OF 2015 ALTERING TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT THE INTERSECTION OF WALL AND NORTH FRONT STREETS. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #107 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING PAUL VOSBURGH, ARCHITECT, THE ANDY MURPHY MIDTOWN RECREATION CENTER ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAID CONTRACT. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, BALL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #108 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$36,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF ENGINEERING AND DESIGN FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MIDTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #109 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 22 SOUTH FARRELLY STREET, TAX MAP NO. 48.82-6-66 AND RECOMMENDING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, BALL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #110 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE IMPLEMENTATION, AND FUNDING IN THE FIRST INSTANCE 100% OF THE FEDERAL AID AND STATE "MARCHISELLI" PROGRAM AID ELIGIBLE COSTS, OF A TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL AID PROJECT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 4 WITH THE NYSDOT FOR THE WASHINGTON AVENUE RESIGNALIZATION PROJECT. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, WILL, BALL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #111 OF 2015 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF THE SUM OF \$24,000.00 FOR DEMOLITION OF A BUILDING AT 463 ABEEL STREET. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN MILLS, DUNN, BALL, BROWN. MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION TO REMOVE 451 ABEEL STREET AND CHANGE TOTAL TO \$24,000. OFFERED BY ALDERMAN MILLS, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SECHE. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE, 8 YES, 1 NO. RESOLUTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE AS AMENDED.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #112 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$24,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE DEMOLITION AND SITE STABILIZATION OF CITY OWNED BUILDING. MOTION TO AMEND BOND ORDINANCE TO \$24,000 AND REMOVE 451 ABEEL STREET. OFFERED BY ALDERMAN DUNN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN SECHE. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE. RESOLUTION #112 CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE AS AMENDED. 8 YES, 1 NO. ALDERMAN WILL VOTING NO.

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #113 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE KINGSTON ARTS COMMISSION. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN WILL, DAWSON, SECHE, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #114 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A NEW TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.
SEE PAGE #122 FOR RESOLUTION #114 OF 2015.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #115 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$50,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE PURCHASE OF A TRUCK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

LAWS & RULES/CABLE COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #117 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE AMENDMENT OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMPLETE STREETS POLICY. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN WILL, DAWSON, SECHE, SCHABOT, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #118 OF 2015 SUPPORTING THE PROPOSAL TO PROCEED WITH WORK AT THE SITE OF THE OLD PARKING GARAGE IN UPTOWN KINGSTON AND REFER TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FUNDING. SPONSORED BY CAREY, SECHE, MILLS, WILL, BROWN. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE. 8 YES, 1 NO. ALDERMAN DUNN VOTING NO.

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #119 OF 2015 APPROVING A MEMORIALIZING RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT'S EFFORTS TO HIRE A CONSULTANT TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY TO DETERMINE WHETHER A PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENT (PLA) IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE KINGSTON SCHOOL DISTRICT AND DISTRICT TAXPAYERS. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #120 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 451 ABEEL STREET, TAX MAP NO. 56.50-1-6.100 AND RECOMMENDING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #121 OF 2015 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF AN ADDITIONAL \$1,000,000 BONDS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, ULSTER COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY PART OF THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION AND CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IN AND FOR SAID CITY. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION #122 OF 2015 APPROVING THE FY 2015 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDDBG) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND REALLOCATION OF PRIOR YEARS FUNDING. SPONSORED BY ALDERMEN BROWN, DUNN, DAWSON, MILLS. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

MAYOR'S VETO OF PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2015. OVERRIDE VOTE, 6 YES, 3 NO. LAW PASSED.

MEETING ADJOURNED IN HONOR OF THE FOLLOWING: JIM MADDEN, FORMER ALDERMAN, MILO BUSH, STEVE WITKOWSKI, BOBBI HASTINGS, MR. DARWAK. MOTION TO ADJOURN OFFERED BY ALDERMAN BROWN, SECONDED BY ALDERMAN CAREY. CARRIED ON ROLL CALL BY VOICE.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

CARLY WILLIAMS

CITY CLERK