

**AGENDA SPECIAL FINANCE/AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**JULY 12, 2021**

- 1. Transfer- Elmendorf Street Bridge**
- 2. Scope of Work- Peaceful Guardian Project Proposal**
- 3. Refrigerant-Fee Schedule**
- 4. EV Charging- Fee Schedule**

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John M. Schultheis, P.E., City Engineer



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Andrea Shaut., Alderman-At-Large, President of the Common Council  
Kingston City Hall  
420 Broadway  
Kingston, New York 12401

June 17, 2021

RE: Elmendorf Street Bridge

Dear President Shaut:

The Council has previously authorized the project and funding totaling \$800,000. We proceeded with design and bidding, and on June 15, 2021, we received five bids for the project.

The low bidder was A. Colarusso and Son, however, based on the bid amount, the project cannot be awarded within the approved funding.

The total budget, including design, construction, and construction administration / inspection is now estimated at \$1,040,000, an increase of \$240,000.00 over the previously authorized amount of \$800,000. My request is for this additional \$240,000 in funding by bonding so that the project may be awarded to the low bidder.

Time is of the essence for this project to avoid delaying the project beyond the 2021 construction season. Therefore I request a special meeting of the finance and audit committee for the purpose of considering this request.

Respectfully,

John M. Schultheis, P.E.  
City Engineer

Cc: Steve Noble, Mayor  
Ed Norman, Superintendent, DPW  
John Tuey, Comptroller

# CITY OF KINGSTON

## Office of the Mayor

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Steven T. Noble  
Mayor

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April 29, 2021

Honorable Andrea Shaut  
President/Alderman-at-Large  
Kingston Common Council  
420 Broadway  
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Peaceful Guardian Project Proposal

Dear President Shaut,

Over the last month, Majority Leader Scott-Childress and I have been working to formulate next steps related to our police reform work here in the City of Kingston. I am excited to present a proposed scope of work that I believe will move forward two very important pieces of our strategy and aligns with the most immediate community needs.

The proposal creates a one year and a five years implementation plan, with program costs, so that the Mayor's Office, Police Department, and Common Council can be guided by an implementation plan crafted with the community and based on our Re-Envision Public Safety Task-force report and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Policing Model put forth by the Obama Administration.

I have attached the proposed plan for your review and would ask that the Peaceful Guardian Project, Majority Leader Scott-Childress and I have an opportunity to present this proposed concept at the appropriate committee meeting.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble  
Mayor



**SCOPE OF WORK  
FOR  
Five-Year Police Reform Strategy  
City of Kingston**

**Intention**

From September 2020 through April 1, 2021, the City of Kingston conducted an in-depth examination of possible racial disparities within the policies and practices of the Kingston Police Department. Having completed that analysis through its community-based task force, the next step is to develop and implement a five- year strategic plan based on those findings. The goal of the five-year plan is to operationalize task force recommendations in a phased manner prioritized based on the potential for positive impact, a sensitivity to police and community culture as well as an appreciation for organizational complexity.

It is the firm intention of the Peaceful Guardians team that the planning process itself serve as a conduit for building greater trust between law enforcement and segments of the Kingston community. To that end, every phase of the planning will be fully transparent to the public and will welcome feedback from all quarters. Also, to build trust, it is imperative that key stakeholders from many different Kingston constituencies have input into the plan; from those opposed to and in favor of current police practices to police officers themselves and their representatives. In addition, this strategic plan must uniquely reflect the specific needs and aspirations of the City of Kingston. While there may be many similar issues confronting communities across the country, this strategic plan must and will address the unique opportunities and challenges confronting neighborhoods in the City of Kingston. A critical component of this customization will be carefully designed surveys that accurately reflect what's happening in these communities. And finally, stakeholders must view this strategic plan as a living document that should be adjusted from year to year based on changing circumstances in the city and the country.

- Agencies should strive to be as diverse as possible with respect to race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and sexual orientation.
- Agencies should use residency incentive programs to encourage officers to reside in public housing to improve citizen-police exchanges and public safety.
- Agencies should work to build trust in immigrant communities and decouple immigration enforcement from local policing

## **Pillar 4:**

### **SUMMARY OF COMMUNITY POLICING AND CRIME REDUCTION**

These recommendations focus on building positive partnerships with community members to both increase police legitimacy and enhance public safety and resilience to crime. The key themes are:

- Collaborating with multiple individuals and organizations to “co-produce” public safety.
- Infusing community policing throughout the police organization.
- Ensuring all members of society—particularly those who are vulnerable—are treated with dignity and respect.
- Reducing the marginalization of at-risk youth and ensuring youth have a voice in community processes.
- Reducing law enforcement involvement in school discipline and enhancing school, community, and youth-led responses.

### **Deliverables from the Peaceful Guardians Project**

- Present a one-year 2021-22 law enforcement implementation plan by September 15, 2021.
- Present a five-year 2021-26 law enforcement strategic plan by December 15, 2021.
- Provide monthly progress updates to designated City of Kingston government representatives beginning in July 2021 until the strategic plan is completed.
- Conduct regular meetings with key stakeholders and community members in Kingston.
- Write monthly progress updates for key stakeholders until the strategic plan is completed.
- Assign Lester Strong as the lead manager in developing both the one-year and five-year plans.



## Budget

**June/September** **\$10,000**

- Conduct a series of meetings with a range of Kingston constituents and stakeholders
- Write monthly reports for feedback.
- Conduct ongoing research and data analysis
- Write/Edit 2021-22 Implementation Plan
- Complete 2021-22 Implementation Plan by September 15, 2021
- Assign staff to implement the above functions.

**October/December** **\$10,000**

- Conduct series of meetings with a range of Kingston constituents and stakeholders
- Write monthly reports for feedback.
- Conduct ongoing research and data analysis
- Write/Edit 2021-26 Strategic Plan
- Complete 2021-26 Strategic Plan by December 15, 2021
- Assign staff to implement the above functions.

- **Total Cost:** **\$20,000\***

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL**

**LAWS & RULES  
COMMITTEE REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Office of Sustainability

DATE: May 25, 2021

Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordinance to amend the City Code and Fee schedule to change all instances of the brand name "Freon" to the substance name "refrigerant"

Signature: *Julie L Noble*

Motion by \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_

Action Required: \_\_\_\_\_

SEQRA Decision:

Type I Action \_\_\_\_\_

Type II Action \_\_\_\_\_

Unlisted Action \_\_\_\_\_

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditioned Negative Declaration: \_\_\_\_\_

Seek Lead Agency Status: \_\_\_\_\_

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Jeffrey Ventura Morell, Chairman		
Patrick O'Reilly Ward 7		
Rennie Scott-Childress, Ward 3		
Don Tallerman, Ward 5		
Rita Worthington, Ward 4		

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City to prohibit parking at designated EV Charging Stations unless charging a plug-in electric vehicle at said station.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston authorizes the amendment of Section 390-56, Article VII, by adding "H. No parking at designated EV Charging Stations unless charging a plug-in electric vehicle at said station"

SECTION 2. That Section 390-82 "Penalties for Offenses" Subsection B be amended to include violation: "Parking at an EV Charging Station by a Non-Charging Vehicle" with an initial fine of \$20 and a fine of \$40 after 15 days.

SECTION 3. All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.