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Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 8:48 AM
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Cc: Morell, Jeffrey; Koop, Douglas; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Worthington, Rita; Tallerman, Donald; Davis, Tony; O'Reilly, Patrick; Schabot, Steven; Hirsch, Michele
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Written Public Comment for October 5, 2021 Common Council Meeting

Greetings...

Please accept my written comments for tonight's Common Council meeting. I am requesting that they be part of the proceedings. I have also taken the liberty of sending them to the aldermen in advance of tonight's meeting. Thank you.

Council President and Aldermen:

Regarding Resolution No. 188—Requesting a Reserved Parking Spot on Post Street. Please help me understand why the owner of 14 Post Street and business have not been identified and how long has this doctor's office existed at this location? Post Street has had its share of inconveniences by tenants and residents for years due to the unavailability of off-street parking. Simply stated, a lone business should not be granted special parking privileges at 14 Post Street.

Regarding the late resolution for funding the Traffic Safety Campaign Marking Consultant which increased to \$45,000—How is the \$45,000 going to be utilized to educate and capture the attention of the first-time visitor to our City when they are trying to navigate from the Thruway around the Roundabout traffic circle to 587 Interchange aka Col. Chandler Drive to the newly designed traffic circle to Broadway? Has NYS DOT installed new signage before drivers enter the mouth of the new circle?

What is the actual breakdown of the requested \$45,000? Paying a consultant to design brochures, flyers and then what? Spending \$7,000 for a mailer to all households is not going to solve the problem either. The request for proposals stated this campaign would raise awareness of traffic laws/practices, recent traffic pattern and road design changes and educate drivers on how to use the newly installed infrastructure. It was also clear how extensive the production and planning of this campaign would be.

Haven't the City taxpayers paid enough at this reconfigured intersection to bond for the replacement of water and sewer lines, which was not in the design plan?

The traffic safety campaign should be NYS DOT's responsibility and if they don't want to take the lead, then by all means let the County pay for the design and mail flyers to all households, pay for the PSA radio spots in the Hudson Valley and beyond and wrap the county busses to gain exposure of safety campaign. County Executive Ryan has already gone on record stating he will urge the Traffic Safety Board to increase their safety efforts and he stated Ulster County stands ready to assist the city in our traffic safety campaign. Has he been asked?

Frankly, it's not just the City's responsibility to try to educate the drivers and bicyclists on how to navigate through the intersections. It was a bad idea to waste \$35,000 when first proposed by your mayor several months ago. And it still is. Money isn't going to fix the problem.

Thank you for your courtesies.

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From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Tuesday, October 05, 2021 7:45 AM
To: Alderman
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Support for Sojourner Truth Day

This was intended for the full council...

From: Emily Puthoff [mailto:emilyputhoff@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 4, 2021 2:49 PM
To: Schabot, Steven <sschabot@kingston-ny.gov>; Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Support for Sojourner Truth Day

Hello Alderman Schabot and Kingston Common Council,

We are writing to urge you to vote in support of the resolution making Sojourner Truth Day a permanent recognition on November 26th each year in the City of Kingston. We are inspired by our Kingston Youth stewarding this initiative to rightfully and justly honor Sojourner Truth in our city. We urge you to support their efforts.

bee well,
Emily Puthoff + Elena Snizek
Ward 8

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