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Steven T. Noble, Mayor

July 30, 2021

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

RE: Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) Upgrades

Dear President Shaut:

A design project has been underway since 2018 to design extensive improvements at the WWTP. The primary purpose of the project is to bring treated effluent into compliance with permit limits imposed by the NYSDEC in 2016. The permit imposed lowered ammonia concentration limits on the effluent in order to protect water quality in the Rondout Creek.

In 2018, a resolution approved bonding in the amount \$1,200,000 for the design phase of the project. Also at that time, an EFC grant (WIIA grant 5374-08-00) was awarded to the city that will offset up to \$1,975,000 of the project cost. However, certain items are needed in order to finalize the finance agreement with EFC relative to this and to allow reimbursement of the City's costs by the grant. Further, we expect to qualify for no-interest financing of the City's share of the project cost which are not reimbursed by grants.

At this time, I am requesting the Common Council declare intent to be SEQR lead agency to allow us to begin a coordinated review. The project as designed is expected to be a Type 1 action under SEQR. Following the coordinated review (30-day period), I plan to return to council to request a resolution that will finalize the City's obligations under SEQR.

I plan to attend the meeting of the committee so that I may answer any questions that arise.

Respectfully,

John M. Schultheis, P.E.
City Engineer

Cc: Steve Noble, Mayor
Ed Norman, Superintendent, Department of Public Works

1THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____	TRANSFER _____
AUTHORIZATION <u>x</u> _____	BUDGET MODIFICATION _____	BONDING REQUEST _____
CLAIMS _____	ZONING _____	OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: <u>Engineering</u> _____	DATE: <u>August 2, 2021</u> _____
Description:	
<p>A resolution declaring intent by the Common Council of the City of Kingston New York to seek lead agency and directing staff to start the coordinated environmental review under State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR, 6 NY CRR 617)</p>	
Estimated Financial Impact: \$0	Signature _____

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: xx _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3, Chairman		
Don Tallerman, Ward 5		
Anthony Davis, Ward 6		
Michele Hirsch, Ward 9		
Steven Schabot, Ward 8		

RESOLUTION ___ of 2021

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, DECLARING INTENT TO SEEK LEAD AGENCY UNDER STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW (SEQR) FOR A PROJECT AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

Sponsored by: Finance and Audit Committee Aldermen: Koop, Scott-Childress, Davis, Schabot, Hirsch

WHEREAS, the City intends to construct certain improvements at the wastewater treatment plant, including replacement of the outfall to the Rondout Creek, and

WHEREAS, the project is expected to be a Type 1 action under SEQR (6 CRR NY 617) and a Full Environmental Assessment form, dated July 19, 2021 has been prepared summarizing the project impacts, and

WHEREAS, the City intends to seek lead agency status under SEQR and to conduct a coordinated review of the interested agencies for the purpose of making a determination of the environmental impact and significance of the project

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 hereby declares intent to be lead agency under SEQR (6 CRR-NY 617) for the project

SECTION 2. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston hereby directs the coordinated review of the project by interested agencies to commence

SECTION 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this _____ day
of _____ 2021

Approved by the Mayor this _____ day
of _____ 2021

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2021

