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Parks and Recreation Department
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Steven T. Noble, Mayor



Lynsey Timbrouck, Director

March 30, 2023

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

Re: NYSERDA Carbon Neutral Project Approvals

Dear President Shaut,

This is a request for placement on the agenda of the next appropriate Committee, expected to be the Finance Committee, to request approvals to expend the funds, to authorize a bond ordinance, and to make a determination of environmental significance for the NYSERDA Carbon Neutral Project.

Municipal Buildings Energy Efficiency Upgrades, City of Kingston was awarded and is funded through NYSERDA's Carbon Neutral Community Economic Development Program. The City of Kingston will transform two of its most important historic buildings into a clean energy hub. Kingston City Hall and the Andy Murphy Neighborhood Center anchor midtown and will showcase solar systems, heat pumps, and a thermal energy network. The pre-war buildings need envelope upgrades and new heat systems. They will be converted to run entirely on electricity, bring more solar power and vehicle charging on-site, and add stormwater and thermal infrastructure for the community.

Under this Agreement, the City will complete the following:

- Component 1; Electric Vehicle Charging Equipment
- Component 2; Photovoltaics
- Component 3; Building Efficiency Upgrades; and
- Component 4; Ground Source Heat Pumps

The first request is to expend funds in the first instance for the NYSERDA Carbon Neutral Community Economic Development Program's Municipal Buildings Energy Efficiency Upgrades, City of Kingston Project. The City was awarded \$1,810,000.00 in grant funding, with a required match of \$1,220,000.00, expected through a combination of in-kind donation, force account, bond, and private contributions.

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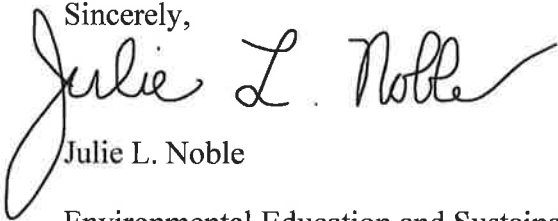
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Second, I am requesting authorization of a bond ordinance in the amount of \$3,030,000 to fund the NYSERDA Carbon Neutral Community Economic Development Program's Municipal Buildings Energy Efficiency Upgrades, City of Kingston Project.

Third, I am requesting that the Council make a determination of environmental significance. We have reviewed the Scope of Work, and have determined that the project is an Unlisted Action, and are in the process of completing the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) using the NYSERDA Programmatic Type II Standards, which supersede the State Regulations. I am requesting that the Common Council approve the SEAF and adopt a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance. I have worked with and conferred with the NYSERDA rep in this process.

Thank you for your consideration. A copy of the completed SEAF as well as a Draft Resolution will be shared with the Committee for review, in advance of the meeting.

Sincerely,



Julie L. Noble

Environmental Education and Sustainability Coordinator

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March 28, 2023

Dear President Shaut:

As you may know, Parks and Recreation was recently awarded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding for park improvements at several locations. I would like to request authorization to spend in the first instance in the amount of \$246,425 for CDBG funded projects, administered by the City. A Capital account has previously been established to manage a variety of projects, reimbursable by CDBG funding.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lynsey Timbrouck
Director, Kingston Parks and Recreation

cc: John Tuey, Comptroller, City of Kingston


THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

**FINANCE AND AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/>	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/>	TRANSFER <input type="checkbox"/>
AUTHORIZATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	BUDGET MODIFICATION <input type="checkbox"/>	BONDING REQUEST <input type="checkbox"/>
CLAIMS <input type="checkbox"/>	ZONING <input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER <input type="checkbox"/>

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation DATE: 3/28/2023

Description: Requesting authorization to spend in the first instance in the amount of \$246,425 for CDBG funded projects, administered by the City. A Capital account has previously been established to manage a variety of projects, reimbursable by CDBG funding.

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: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3, Chairman		
Tony Davis, Ward 5		
Michael Olivieri, Ward 7		
Steve Schabot, Ward 8		
Michele Hirsch, Ward 9		

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Baker, Daniel
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2023 11:10 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa; Noble, Steve; Verspoor, Roy; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Graves-Poller, Barbara
Subject: Communication - Assessor's Office - Tax Certiorari - Waltrust

Madam President,

I would like to discuss with the Finance and Audit Committee a current Article 7/Tax Certiorari proceeding against the City of Kingston.

The discussion would be in reference to the property located at 316 Broadway.

Respectfully,

Daniel Baker
City of Kingston
Assessor
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