



City of Kingston Laws and Rules Committee
Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, March 21, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Scott-Childress Re: Firearm Violence
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Mayor Noble Re: Bicycle Code
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Chief Brown, Fire Re: UC Hazard Mitigation Plan
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Winnie, Carly

From: James Noble <jnoble39@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 05, 2018 11:16 PM
To: Winnie, Carly
Subject: Fwd: Communication re Firearm Violence
Attachments: Mem'g Resolution re Firearms Draft.docx

Carly Please refer this communication to the L&R Committee. Thank You. Jim
Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Scott-Childress, Reynolds" <rscott-childress@kingston-ny.gov>
Date: March 4, 2018 at 11:41:13 PM EST
To: "Noble, James" <jnoble@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: James Noble <jnoble39@aol.com>, "Winnie, Carly" <cwinnie@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Communication re Firearm Violence

Dear Jim,

In light of recent horrific mass shootings and the continuing unlawful use of firearms in violent crimes I ask that the Common Council consider the attached memorializing resolution. Because the issue is very much before the public at this moment, I hope we can consider it at the first possible chance--perhaps tomorrow evening's Laws and Rules Committee meeting?

Best wishes,
Rennie

Reynolds J. Scott-Childress
Alderman, Ward 3, City of Kingston
(845) 616-3687 mobile

A Memorializing Resolution Calling on State and Federal Elected Officials to Act Now to Eradicate the Use of Firearms in Mass Shootings and Unlawful Acts of Violence

Whereas too many children in U.S. schools, too many adults in places of worship and entertainment, and too many victims of crime have died from mass shootings and the unlawful use of firearms;

Whereas the safety of the children in Kingston City schools and schools across the country is of great concern to us all;

Whereas our friends, neighbors, and citizens across the nation should not have to worry for their safety while attending houses of worship;

Whereas no American should fear death or injury by firearms while attending public entertainments;

Whereas the number of mass shootings in schools has continued unabated and has tragically risen over the past decade;

Whereas mass shootings are but one aspect of the terrible toll of firearm violence in the United States;

Whereas Americans use guns to commit on average 12,000 murders per year;

Whereas 20,000 Americans on average annually commit suicide with a firearm;

Whereas states with higher rates of gun possession also experience higher rates of overall homicide;

Whereas the possession of a gun by the man in a domestic violence situation increases the risk of his killing the woman by 500 percent;

Whereas the number of firearm-related deaths in the United States is vastly higher than in other countries (for example, 700 percent higher than in Canada and over 9000 percent higher than in Great Britain);

Whereas guns do not kill people, but people with guns kill people;

Whereas determining in advance who might commit violence, particularly mass shootings, is extremely difficult if not impossible;

Whereas violence perpetrated with firearms has for too long been at epidemic proportions;

Whereas much firearm violence is the result of the availability of firearms rather than due to premeditated actions;

Whereas much firearm violence is the result of spontaneous responses to anger and fear (and not to mental illness);

Whereas Firearm Ownership-Advocacy Groups (FOGs) have irresponsibly pushed to make the use of firearms an accepted response to anger and fear;

Whereas FOGs have recklessly advocated the use of firearms as a simplistic answer to an array of social problems;

Whereas the recent *Heller* decision by the Supreme Court gives Constitutional protection only to the ownership of certain types of firearms;

Whereas the Supreme Court has recognized the authority and the duty of government to protect the lives of all Americans through the regulation of the ownership and use of firearms;

Whereas other nations have instituted rigorous, fair, and effective regulations and procedures to significantly curtail the violent use of firearms;

Whereas the sensible firearm protection laws of New York State have resulted in our state having one of the lowest rates of gun violence in the nation;

Whereas New York State's rate will always be too high so long as any firearm violence is committed;

Whereas some New York State senators have voted against common-sense measures such as banning bump stocks, improving background checks, and funding research into the epidemiology of firearm violence;

Whereas our representative in the US Congress has voted to water down New York State's highly effective concealed carry regulations;

Therefore, we the Common Council and Mayor of the City of Kingston, call on our State and federal elected officials, including Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, State Senator George Amedore, Governor Andrew Cuomo, U.S. Representative John Faso, and U.S. Senators Kirstin Gillibrand and Charles Schumer to

- expand current state and federal procedures for the safe registration, licensing, and possession of firearms;
- establish insurance protections that ensure that the owners of firearms used in both intentional and accidental firearm death and injury are financially responsible for such events;
- refuse campaign contributions from all FOGs and return any such contributions they have received in the past;
- develop legal procedures by duly appointed legal officials for the removal of firearms from individuals deemed to pose a threat to themselves, their domestic partners, or others;
- increase funding available for school and other programs that increase empathy and community involvement, such as that of Rachel's Challenge whose mission is to make "schools safer, more connected places where bullying and violence are replaced with kindness and respect";
- prevent our public schools from becoming armed camps rather than places of nurture, learning, and community building;
- ban the production, sale, and possession of all classes of weapons that do not serve the specific uses of personal protection and sport shooting;
- repeal the Dickey amendment which prohibits the federal Centers for Disease and Prevention Control from studying the epidemic of firearm violence;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I, Steve Noble, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Kingston have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the City of Kingston, New York to be affixed at ____ this ____th day of March 2018.

CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

Steven T. Noble
Mayor



March 2, 2018

Honorable James Noble, President
City of Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, N.Y. 12401

Dear President Noble,

After speaking with numerous community organizations and bike enthusiasts it has come to my attention that we have an outdated piece of code, titled Chapter 160: Bicycles. This code focuses on bicycle ownership and mandates bicycle registration. This code is not followed nor enforced here in the City and I believe it is time to remove this chapter of the code. It was introduced as Local Law Number 3 of 1984. I would ask that this matter please be forwarded to the appropriate committee for discussion.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Noble", is written over a horizontal line.

Steve Noble
Mayor

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Kingston Fire Department
mbrown@kingston-ny.gov

Mark Brown, Fire Chief



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

March 5, 2018

President Noble
Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: UC Hazard Mitigation Plan

Dear President Noble;

I respectfully request that the attached resolution be referred to the appropriate committee for consideration.

This resolution is necessary in order to adopt a Hazard Mitigation plan, as required by FEMA. The purpose of this plan is for local governments to recognize hazards in our jurisdictional area; after identifying hazards, organize plans to correct them. In doing this we become eligible for grants and funding to correct identified problems.

Sincerely,

Mark Brown
Fire Chief

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK,
ADOPTING THE ULSTER COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Sponsored By:
Aldermen:

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston with the assistance of URS Corp, AECOM, has gathered information and prepared the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston is a local unit of government that has afforded the citizens an opportunity to comment and provide input in the Plan and the actions in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston has reviewed the Plan and affirms that the Plan will be updated no less than every five years;

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

SECTION 1: That the City of Kingston hereby adopts Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan as this jurisdiction's Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan, and

SECTION 2: That the City of Kingston resolves to execute the actions as outlined in the Ulster County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

SECTION 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2018

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2018

Carly Winnie, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on