

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ASSURING THAT THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE TASK FORCE MOVES THE PLANS OF THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN FORWARD

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Aldermen: Carey, Seche, Mills, Schabot

WHEREAS, the City passed the Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Pledge in 2009, which called for the formation of a Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Task Force; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force stewarded the completion of Kingston's Climate Action Plan and subsequently has been tasked with implementing the recommendations set forth in the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Kingston has designated the Environmental Educator of the City of Kingston as the "Climate Smart Community Coordinator".

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 recognizes the importance of mitigating and adapting to Climate Change and it supports community engagement and involvement in addressing this critical environmental issue.

SECTION 2. That the Climate Smart and Green Jobs Community Task Force now officially be established as "Climate Smart Kingston", a commission led by the City of Kingston and appointed by the Mayor to address Climate Change, implementing the goals and initiatives of Kingston's Climate Action Plan, working directly with relevant staff, policy experts and community stakeholders to achieve these goals.

SECTION 3. That the Climate Smart Kingston Commission is hereby created to serve as a resource on resiliency, adaptation, and mitigation, through research, actions, and initiatives towards a more sustainable city via coordination of this group with City staff, and local non-profits and civic organizations.

SECTION 4. That it is the intent of the Climate Smart Kingston Commission to implement the Action Plan including comprehensive policies and programs for the City of Kingston to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, enhance operational and energy efficiencies, reduce energy costs, support local job growth and adapt to a changing climate while improving quality of life, saving taxpayer dollars and promoting social justice.

SECTION 5. This Climate Smart Community Coordinator will serve as the Climate Smart Kingston Commission chair to ensure that there is a single point person to serve as a liaison among the governing body, chief executive and Climate Smart Kingston Commission Members.

SECTION 6. That said Climate Smart Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) voting members, appointed by the Mayor with the approval of Common Council, who are interested in achieving a Climate Smart community and who want to explore opportunities and find collaborative approaches and solutions for resiliency, adaptation and mitigation, and could include representatives from the following:

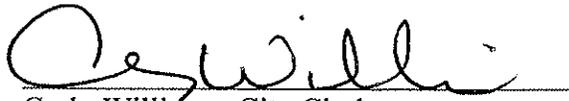
Non-profit organizations, county, state and local government agencies; community organizations; business community; media; educational organizations; clergy/faith based organizations; citizens; developers/investors; and property owners, plus three (3) non-voting members at large of whom at least one is under the age of 21, where there shall be seven (7) non-voting ex-officio members, or their designees, consisting of the: City Planner, City Engineer, Office of Economic Development, DPW Director, Recreation Director, one (1) Alderman, and a representative from a state legislative body such as the State Senate District office and the voting Commission members will serve for two (2) year terms and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment, except that a vacancy occurring other than by an expiration of term shall be filled only for the remainder of the unexpired term, and this group will form rules of procedure as they deem necessary.

SECTION 7. That the Climate Smart Kingston Commission will serve as a resource and a collaborative partner for City elected officials, municipal staff and the City's Boards, Committees and Commissions on matters germane to Climate adaptation, mitigation, resiliency, and sustainability and report on matters within its purview to the Mayor and the City Council at least once per year following the date of passage of this resolution with progress made toward a greener and more livable city.

SECTION 8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 4th day of
June, 2014

Approved by the Mayor this 5th day of
June, 2014


Carly Williams, City Clerk


Shayne R. Gallo, Mayor

Adopted by Council on June 3, 2014.