

Regular Meeting

These minutes are for the regular meeting of the Beacon City Council, held in the Municipal Center at One Municipal Plaza on August 5, 2019. Please note that the video recording of this meeting is available at <https://vimeo.com/352259118>

Council Members Present:

Lee Kyriacou, At Large
George Mansfield, At Large
Terry Nelson, Ward One
Jodi McCredo, Ward Three
Amber Grant, Ward Four
Randy Casale, Mayor

Council Members Absent:

John Rembert, Ward Two

Also Present:

Anthony Ruggiero, City Administrator
Nick Ward Willis, City Attorney

A moment of silence was observed for those who serve and have served in the US military. A second moment of silence was observed for the victims of the mass shootings in El Paso, Texas on August 3, 2019 and in Dayton, Ohio on August 4, 2019. Mayor Casale said that we need to come together to denounce white supremacy, hate, and terrorism.

First Opportunity for Public Comments: Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak up to three minutes on any subject matter other than those which are the topic of a public hearing tonight.

Speakers:

Theresa Kraft

Ms. Kraft discussed preserving our historic landscapes and structures. Cultural assets, history and charm are all being lost in Beacon. Developments are smothering Beacon. Parking throughout the city is a disaster. Every resident has felt the burden. The west end of Main Street parking has been reduced and cars are parking on the grass precariously close to the MTA tracks, the same place where tourists are walking. Council focused too much time for smaller items on the agenda last week. The Council did not discuss the building moratorium. The Noise Ordinance discussion favored the profiteers and restaurant owners and not the residents.

Ms. Kraft asked if the bar at the bottom of Verplank violates the rules of second egress fire exits? If the Council cannot resolve the noise ordinance in a timely manner, maybe the residents should call New York State. You must protect the resident's quality of life. This is our investment. If you're not part of the solution for a better Beacon, you are a part of the problem. Do not say you are going to vote no on a pending resolution and then vote yes. That is unacceptable.

Joanna Fallert

Dutchess County was rated a D for air quality by the American Lung Association. This affects people with asthma, bronchitis, allergies, and people who have impaired immune systems. The laws we currently have by the Clean Air Act acknowledge that certain segments of the population are especially vulnerable; infants, unborn children, elderly, and people with chronic heart and lung disease. Your constituents are among those vulnerable populations. I beg you not to add to the air pollution in Beacon. Danskammer is not alone. We have Cricket Valley and the Competitive Power Ventures Plant that are contributing methane to the atmosphere. We have just a dozen years or so left. We have to radically change the way we live. You have to think global and act local. I hope you oppose Danskammer tonight.

Joe Lowebrown

Mr. Lowebrown spoke on the Resolution Commenting on the Proposed Danskammer Buildout. It should say "Resolution Condemning the Danskammer Buildout." We now have the Hudson Valley Black Triangle of Cricket Valley, CPV and Danskammer. As a teacher from New York City Public Schools for 31 years, I've seen the result of what happens when kids breathe in polluted air. I think that in changing this resolution to "condemning" here are some things you might want to consider. Climate migration is happening in Africa and the Middle East. People get crazy as a result of climate change. There is no food, there's no water, they can't grow anything on their land, they migrate. Europe is up in arms because of nationalism. We are starting to see this on our southern border. The Joint Chiefs of Staff have said that climate change is our number one existential threat to our very existence. In this part of New York, we pay a higher cost for energy so these plants can be profitable. The Danskammer buildout is nothing more than rich people's efforts to make money at our expense.

Wayne Kocher

Mr. Kocher stated that he spent 31 years for three different railroads. Life expectancy was 64 years old at the last railroad he worked for. You don't want any part of this Danskammer project. We don't want to go back to the coal mining days. I know a family with a girl who has to take a steroid nebulizer everyday to breathe. Don't let the Danskammer buildout happen. The money isn't worth it. Clean water, clean air and clean food is key. The tides are rising. We have to go for conservation. You don't need the areas around here to be lit up the way they are. We don't need electric if we don't waste electric. We can do better than this and I hope you do.

Sandra Kissa

Ms. Kissa came from Newburgh to discuss the Danskammer issue. Every time a body of voters takes an action it has a ripple effect. I am here to attempt to engage you so you vote no on this Danskammer expansion. You already have heard

reasons why it is unwise. It is not in line with our state's policy. It is possible that by the time this would be built, it would be mute. The goal is to move to complete renewables by 2050. If you vote against this unwise, 1955 project, you are setting an example for other communities in the Hudson Valley. Please consider that there is an impact beyond the City of Beacon.

As we speak, Greenland is melting at an unbelievable rate. This is probably affecting sea level rise, other things are happening as well; fires, storms, etc. She told the Council members that what they do is important beyond this room.

Jana Burger

Ms. Burger is on the Board of the New York Public Interest Group Board. She came to the meeting to recommend the Council vote against the proposed Danskammer buildout. Allowing the power plant to go through is going backwards in the fight against climate change. It would further exacerbate the climate crises. Danskammer is proposing to be permitted through 2053. This exceeds the NY State goal to turn on 100% carbon free electricity by 2040. The negative impacts would disproportionately impact lower class citizens. It would include public health risks for asthma and other health risks. There would be expected sea level rise. This would be an enormous threat to nearby waters if there were any spills of dangerous stores of material on the site. NY State does not need Danskammer to meet its' energy needs. NYPIRG urges the Council to pass this resolution. New York State must follow through on its climate goals.

Charles Davenport

Mr. Davenport watched the July 29th Council meeting. The Danskammer representatives went to great pains to make it clear this was a complicated issue. Mr. Davenport said he can make it simple. Dutchess County has 5,000 cases of pediatric asthma, 22,000 case of adult asthma, and 13,000 cases of COPD. It's not complicated, polluted air is bad and more polluted air is worse. The DEC gets involved with poisonous stuff and they are involved in this. There were two lies that Danskammer espoused last week. The Iroquois Pipeline does have fracked gas. The representative went through great pains to debunk the NYSO study saying that we don't need Danskammer. The New England Independent System Operator also says we don't need Danskammer. Natural gas plants in the area are going bankrupt. Let's stop this plant.

Tamsin Hollo

Ms. Hollo spoke out against the proposed Danskammer buildout. One thing that no one has brought up is that Danskammer is a limited liability company. We have to keep that in mind when thinking about the benefits of this plant to this area. They have a limited liability to this community. They are here to make money. In Newburgh we are dealing with a lot of cumulative health effects. She asked that the Council oppose Danskammer.

Tania Seager

Ms. Seager is against fracking and wants to stop the Danskammer plant. Speaking to the Council, she said that in the past you have done a little too much expansion in Beacon. This is your chance to redeem yourselves and realize the responsibility you have. You will make a statement that will really help the Hudson Valley if you vote against the Danskammer proposal.

Toni Hacker

Ms. Hacker spoke out against Danskammer.

She also spoke about the construction on South Elm Street and Main Street. The driveways in her neighborhood are being blocked. The traffic is left to do whatever it wants to do. The traffic direction is reversed. There are no flaggers. You can't see beyond the construction blockades. Residents in the area have been living with the construction for two years. Residents in the neighborhood been good about that but the construction has started on South Elm Street with vehicles blocking driveways. The driveways were taped over without any notification. As if residents don't need to go to work. What about elderly neighbors? What if something happened to them? The neighborhood residents are hoping that the City can step in. They hope to start to get some notification for when there is going to be construction. That would be a really great first step. Also, the power is being turned out without any notification. There is no air conditioning when that happens. It's becoming a little much and it feels lawless and wild. There have been car accidents in the corridor because of the construction.

Mayor Casale

Mayor Casale responded to Ms. Hacker and said that Central Hudson has been blocking driveways and he is not happy about it.

City Administrator Anthony Ruggiero

Mr. Ruggiero told Ms. Hacker that the City is aware and has put Central Hudson on notice.

Benjamin Harnatt

The street lights on South Elm are out and have been all week with no notice. There has been two years of noise. It starts before 7 am sometimes. Trucks are blocking driveways. There have been accidents on the corner of North Elm.

Community Segment:

John Penny spoke about the upcoming 2020 Census. He explained that 95 percent of people will complete the census by filling out a form that is mailed to their homes. He urged people to fill it out, the form takes 10 – 15 minutes. If you do not fill it out, a census worker may visit your home and you will be asked to fill it out then. You do not have to answer every question on the

census. To see Mr. Penny's entire presentation please visit this link
<http://agenda.cityofbeacon.org/CoverSheet.aspx?ItemID=7121&MeetingID=387>

Public Hearings:

No. 1:

Public Hearing Public Hearing Regarding Moratorium with Respect to Land Use Approvals for Residential, Commercial, and Mixed-Use Developments - It is Anticipated Council Will Adjourn to August 19, 2019

Motion to adjourn the Public Hearing until August 19, 2019

- Motion by Council person Mansfield
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Motion passes 6-0

City Attorney Nick Ward-Willis said that the Moratorium Public Hearing was adjourned because the public gave their input however, it hasn't been workshopped yet. Once the proposed local law is workshopped on August 12th, the Council will reopen the Public Hearing on August 19th to continue to receive public input.

No. 2:

Public Hearing Regarding Local Law to Amend Chapter 211, Article III, Sections 14.1 and 15, Subsection B of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding Parking on Van Nydeck Avenue and Sargent Avenue

Nick Ward Willis, City Attorney,

Mr. Ward-Willis explained why the language is changing in the law. The Traffic Safety Committee received resident input and decided to make the roadways safer, particularly to improve line of sight.

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Motion passes 6-0

Council person Mansfield

Mr. Mansfield asked how this new law would impact the people dropping their kids off for soccer.

Mayor Casale

The Mayor said that people can drop their kids off in the parking lot and that is safer anyway.

Council Member Reports:Amber Grant:

Ms. Grant said that the farmer's market is looking for 5-10 more people to join their committee. The committee helps steer the market and advise the Market Manager. If anyone is interested, please reach out to Paloma Wake at market@commongroundfarm.org. She thanked all of the people who came and spoke out against Danskammer and she looks forward to continuing the discussion.

John Rembert: (absent)Lee Kyriacou:

Mr. Kyriacou thanked everyone for coming. He noted that there are four items on the agenda that will take only five minutes after comments, so don't go away. He said the Council will get to the meatier topics at the bottom of the agenda.

George Mansfield:

Mr. Mansfield thanked everyone who came out to the meeting and reminded people that there is a second public comment section at the end of the meeting.

Jodi McCredo:

Ms. McCredo thanked everyone who came out to speak. She reminded people that all of the Council members' emails are on the city website at cityofbeacon.org. She apologized to those who weren't able to speak on the Moratorium.

Ms. McCredo mentioned that she wants to take parking off of one side of Main Street to improve the safety of the street. Doing so would widen the driving lanes and add a dedicated bike lane. She asked residents to please provide their feedback on this proposal. She made it clear that this community is for all of us.

Terry Nelson:

Mr. Nelson said that he appreciates the feedback from residents and thanked everyone who came out and spoke. He asked if there was a timetable for the paving project on Verplank Avenue.

Mayor Casale said the paving project will start around August 20th.

Mayor Casale:

Mayor Casale thanked everyone who came to speak. He reminded the public that there is a free Citizen Preparedness Corps Training on August 8th at 6:30 pm at Lewis Tompkins Hose.

The Mayor entered the following letters into the minutes. The first is a letter from Danskammer Energy LLC, the second from Manna Jo Greene and the third from Nikki Chung of Scenic Hudson.

Letter #1: From Danskammer Energy LLC. to Mayor Casale and City Council

August 5, 2019

Mayor Casale and Beacon City Council Members,

We would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak at your meeting last Monday night. We appreciate your effort to understand the complex issues surrounding our repowering project, its impact on the grid, and how Beacon can demonstrate leadership in the climate change fight. Both the Hudson Valley Building and Construction Trades and Danskammer Energy would like to correct several inaccuracies in your proposed resolution as well as misconceptions presented by Monday night's speakers.

First, regarding paragraph number four, the current plant is in operation. It is not the largest source of air pollution in the Hudson Valley and while it could have been one of the largest in the 1970's when it burned coal, it burns natural gas today.

Second, regarding paragraphs seven and eight, we burn natural gas supplied by Central Hudson as our primary fuel. It is identical to the natural gas used in homes and buildings throughout the region. It is not specifically "tracked gas". Our operations have no impact on the State's policy on oil and gas drilling other than we will use 50% less natural gas than most competing plants.

Regarding paragraph twelve, when built, the new Danskammer facility should be one of the most efficient and lowest emitting power plants in New York State. When it runs, it will be supplanting older, higher emitting facilities leading we believe to lower levels of air pollution in the region. This is one of the issues being studied by independent consultants as part of the Article 10 process.

We'd also like to address the state's energy objectives under the new CLCPA legislation as mentioned in paragraph 12. Governor Andrew Cuomo said in a radio interview on July 19th that the new legislation does not block fossil fuel projects. He said "You cannot end fossil fuels until you have an alternative.

You can't stop society... until we have an alternative that is achievable from a market point of view and accessible." The Governor knows that less than 5% of the state's energy is currently from wind and solar, we have maxed out on hydropower, and even when renewables are built, we will need back-up power to manage their intermittency. This point is clear in the CLCPA legislation which refers only to renewable targets. Provisions 3 and 4 in the Act say the Climate Commission "may

temporarily suspend or modify the obligations..." if it "makes a finding that the program impedes the provision of safe and adequate electric service."

The Public Service Commission will review our application and all of the data collected regarding emissions, water and air impact, need for the facility, etc. It will make the expert determination about whether we are a necessary component of the grid. If our project isn't needed, we won't get permitted. If we do not comply with all environmental laws, the State will not allow us to move forward.

Additionally, the resolution refers to living wage and not prevailing wage in paragraph 13. We would like the Council to acknowledge that the Building Trades is committed to providing prevailing wages to its members. It is also important to note that Danskammer made a commitment to the Building Trades to pay prevailing wages and committed to a Project Labor Agreement for the project.

Finally, one of the biggest points made the other night by Scenic Hudson and others is that NYISO has stated that new power plants are not needed to protect reliability once Indian Point closes. That is correct. We do not need additional generation in the Lower Hudson Valley. Danskammer is not additional generation. All NYISO analyses on reliability include Danskammer's current 511 megawatt facility. We have never argued that the lights would go out if we don't repower our facility. What we have argued is that regional power needs will increase in the future and Danskammer will be called on to run more often. This is true whether we repower or continue our current operations.

Interestingly, NYISO announced last week that when 3,300 megawatts of old, dirty oil plants are shut down by 2025, it believes there will be risks to reliability then and that "replacement resources would be required".

Danskammer and the Building Trades feel the City should enter into party status for the Article 10 proceedings and wait for all the studies to be completed before taking a position on the project. We believe that this would be the best way for the City's voice to be heard. If you would like to review the data, we can provide you with that information in a matter of months -within 90 days. We would ask that you table your resolution until you have had a chance to review the Article 10 conclusions, as the City of Newburgh has. If the Council decides to move forward with a resolution, we would ask that it correct its inaccuracies to present an accurate picture of the project

We thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.

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Letter # 2: From Manna Jo Greene to Mayor Casale and the City Council

Mayor Casale and City Council Members:

On tonight's agenda for Monday, August 5, the City of Beacon City Council will be voting on a very important resolution regarding the proposed Danskammer expansion on the Hudson River. On behalf of Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, we hope that you appreciate that it's urgent to stop investing in more fossil fuel infrastructure, and to transition instead to a renewable energy

economy with storage and efficiency. We urge the City of Beacon to join a growing list of towns and cities that oppose the expansion of this plant from a peaker facility that runs < 5% of the year to a year-round facility that will operate 60 - 70% of the time.

The Town of Rosendale, the Village of New Paltz and the Town of New Paltz, the Village of Cold Spring and the Town of Phillipstown have all passed strong resolutions in opposition to the Danskammer Expansion. The Town of Lloyd, Town of Esopus, City of Kingston, and the Village of Saugerties are each considering strong municipal resolutions at their upcoming Council meetings. The City of Newburgh is intervenor, but and their intervenor resolution indicates opposition. If Beacon passes a resolution in opposition to the expansion, it will send a strong message to Governor Cuomo and the Public Service Commission, who is overseeing this proceeding, that they needs to take climate change seriously and ensure communities along the Hudson are heard. We also urge that you seek intervenor status, but that you not wait to vote on the Danskammer resolution before you tonight.

With 1,700 MW of offshore wind recently announced by Governor Cuomo and 1,250 MW of grid improvements to remove major transmission bottlenecks coming on line by 2023, there is clearly no need for this facility -- even with Indian Point scheduled to close in 2020 and 2021. There are clearly better alternatives that do not worsen the air pollution that harms our communities or add to the burden of greenhouse gas emissions that exacerbates the global climate crisis.

Many thanks for considering these comments.

Manna

Letter #3: From Nikki Chung of Scenic Hudson

All,

We would like to thank you again for having us on Monday for our presentation on the Danksammer proposal.

In response to Bill Reid's statement about the release of the 2019 NYISO report (which is based on the 2018 Reliability Needs Assessment), the Comprehensive Reliability Plan (CRP) does caution that there could be potential risks to reliability if all 3300 MW of oil-fired facilities in NYC/Long Island shut down in 2023. It emphasizes throughout the report that its conclusion in the 2018 Reliability Needs Assessment that there are no anticipated reliability needs over the ten-year study period remains valid. NYISO has well-established protocols in place to evaluate any power plant closures once they are announced to ensure reliability is not jeopardized.

Here is a direct quote of the conclusion of NYISO's press release on the report:

“Conclusion

The CRP baseline analysis found no reliability needs for the forecasted system conditions over the ten- year study period. The scenario analyses conducted, however, highlight that risks to reliability exist. In the event that there is a potential loss of resources due to a proposed generator retirement or mothballing, the NYISO will administer its Generator Deactivation Process for generator deactivation notices that it receives. If necessary, the NYISO will seek solutions to address any reliability needs identified through that process.”

As you are gearing up to vote on the resolution this Monday (8/5), should you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best, Nikki

N.K. Chung

Environmental Outreach Organizer

Scenic Hudson, Inc.

Resolutions, Ordinances and Local Laws:

1. A Resolution Adopting Local Law to Amend Chapter 211, Article III, Sections 14.1 and 15, Subsection B of the Code of the City of Beacon Regarding Parking on Van Nydeck Avenue and Sargent Avenue

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

2. A Resolution Approving the Appointment of a Conservation Advisory Committee Member

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

3. A Resolution to Set Public Hearing Regarding 248 Tioronda Avenue for August 19, 2019

- Motion by Council person Grant

- Second by Council person Mansfield
- Resolution Passes 6 – 0

4. A Resolution to Set Public Hearing for September 3, 2019 Designating 35 Properties as Landmarks Pursuant to the City of Beacon Chapter Code Chapter 134, Historic Preservation and Amend the Historic District Landmark Overlay Map and Zoning Map

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person Mansfield
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

5. A Resolution Commenting on the Proposed Danskammer Buildout

- Motion by Council person McCredo
- Second by Council person Grant
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

Nick Ward-Willis, City Attorney

Mr. Ward-Willis read the resolution which can be found below:

RESOLUTION REGARDING DANSKAMMER POWER PLANT PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, Danskammer Energy, LLC (“Danskammer”), seeks a permit through the State’s Article 10 power plant siting process to build and operate a new gas-fired power plant with a potential generating capacity of 525-575 megawatts on the shores of the Hudson River in the Town of Newburgh, referred to as the Facility Repowering Project, and

WHEREAS, Danskammer has filed a Preliminary Scoping Statement with the Siting Board, which informs the Siting Board, other public agencies, and communities about the project, including a description of the proposed facility, potential environmental and health impacts, proposed studies to evaluate those impacts, proposed mitigation measures and reasonable alternatives to the project; and

WHEREAS, a number of communities in the Hudson Valley have already passed resolutions regarding the proposed plant, some supporting and others opposing, while other communities may have deferred taking a position, or have taken no position to date; and

WHEREAS, the City Council received requests from residents and others to take a position on the proposed plant, and has received materials and oral presentations from representatives of Danskammer, Scenic Hudson, Laborers’ International, and Food & Water Watch, written comments from Green Beacon Coalition and others, and public comments from residents; and

WHEREAS, gas-powered plants emit pollutants that harm local air quality and public health; the Hudson Valley has ongoing air quality issues, as evidenced, e.g., by Dutchess County’s “D” ozone rating by the American Lung Association; and

WHEREAS, the existing power plant located at the site is an older higher-polluting facility, currently operating as a “peaker” facility that is used only during periods of peak electric demand (less than 5% of the year); when the existing plant operated as a “base load” facility, its environmental impact on the Hudson Valley was much greater than at present; and

WHEREAS, the proposed new power plant would produce electricity at a lower environmental impact per kilowatt hour, including use of an air-cooled condensing system, but is expected to operate year-round as a base load facility and if built would have a decades-long lifespan; as a base load facility, the proposed power plant would emit more pollutants than the current plant does as a peaker facility, but less pollutants than the current plant when it was a base load facility; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 Reliability Needs Assessment of the New York Independent System Operator (dated October 2018), found no statewide gap in power generation or transmission capacity in the next decade, notwithstanding the impending closing of the Indian Point nuclear power plants, although this may be dependent on operating existing peaker facilities at higher percentages; and

WHEREAS, two new power plants in the Hudson Valley have recently been built, partly in response to Federal incentives to provide capacity for the New York metropolitan region, as opposed to providing capacity to serve only the Hudson Valley; and

WHEREAS, New York State recently passed the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which sets targets of 70% renewable electricity by 2030, 100% carbon-free electricity by 2040, and net zero carbon emissions economy-wide by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the proposed power if constructed is expected to employ hundreds of local workers at prevailing wages under a project labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the property taxes and other financial payments from the proposed plant will not benefit Beacon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon based on the information currently before it, opposes the construction of a new power plant on the Hudson River in the Mid-Hudson Valley; noting that the Council will fully and objectively take into account any new and additional information provided by way of the full formal Article 10 application process; and further noting that for a positive recommendation, such additional information would have to demonstrate the statewide necessity of such additional power generation capacity, as well as the statewide inability to provide any alternative timely sources with lesser impacts on air quality and economic harm in less populated areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon urges Governor Cuomo and the Power Plant Siting Board convened under Article 10 of the State Public Service Law to take into account the concerns and position stated herein when considering Danskammer’s

proposal to build and operate a new facility; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Beacon urges Governor Cuomo and New York State to focus additional economic development resources into the Hudson Valley to provide prevailing wage jobs for the construction and operation of clean power generation, brownfield clean-up, or other appropriate economic development projects in the Hudson Valley; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk of the City of Beacon is directed to submit this statement to the Public Service Commission and to send a copy of this resolution to Governor Andrew Cuomo.

Council person Kyriacou

Mr. Kyriacou proposed an amendment to the resolution which would read “Therefore be it further resolved that the City Council of the City of Beacon supports the City of Beacon entering into party-status for the projects’ Article 10 proceedings.”

Entering into party status gives the City of Beacon greater access to information as the Danksommer buildout proposal works its way through the approval process. He continued, stating that one of the core arguments in favor of the plant was a demonstration of necessity, and the Council does not see the need.

Motion to amend by Council person Kyriacou

Second by Council person Grant

Motion passes 6 - 0

Council person Nelson

Mr. Nelson clarified to the public that the City Council is passing this resolution to tell New York State that they are against the proposed buildout.

Council person Grant

Ms. Grant seconded Council person Kyriacou’s motion to amend the resolution. She said that she doesn’t want to see the Hudson Valley become the gas power plant region in the state. She continued by stating that the resolution speaks to the lack of proof of necessity for the plant.

Council person McCredo

Ms. McCredo told the public that the City Council is not the decision-maker in this process. They can however take a roll in the process.

6. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a New York State Consolidated Funding Application on Behalf of the City of Beacon

- Motion by Council person Nelson
- Second by Council person Grant
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

7. A Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for a New York State Climate Smart Communities Grant

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

8. A Resolution Approving the Transfer of Funds for Summer Youth Employment

- Motion by Council person Mansfield
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Resolution passes 6 – 0

Mayor Casale

The Mayor said that the funding in this resolution is short of what the recipients were asking for. In addition to the funding being approved today, Mayor Casale proposed to include the funding in next year's budget and allow the Dutchess County Workforce Investment Board to administer the allocation of funds for youth employment in Beacon. The City of Beacon could essentially provide funds for the board but will not run the program.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve council minutes from July 1, 2019 and July 15, 2019

- Motion by Council person Grant
- Second by Council person McCredo
- Motion passes 6-0

Second Opportunity for Public Comments: Each speaker may have one opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any subject matter on which the Council can take action.

Speakers:

Louis Amoroso Jr.

Mr. Amoroso Sr. discussed parking on Main Street. He stated that all of the parking spots on Main Street are illegal. The Traffic Safety Board should determine what a legal parking spot should be. Then, our own City employees should repaint the parking spots based on the Traffic Safety Committee recommendation. There should be just one straight line eight feet off the curb and let people park there. As it is, there are a lot of cars over the line. He thinks that there are 50 cars parked on Main street right now that are parked illegally.

Tina Bernstein

Ms. Bernstein said that she appreciated the Mayor's comments regarding fighting hate. She said she understands that the City of Beacon has limited jurisdiction around gun control, but the Council should express their opinion to the state legislators.

Charles Kelly

Mr. Kelly spoke about the moratorium and the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program. He said there was a dispute about the viewshed protection. All of the viewsheds from Bayview Avenue should be protected. The Council should take action now. Once we lose a viewshed, we can never get it back.

Gail Moran

Ms. Moran discussed conservation and said that people should use less energy.

Nicole Wooten

Ms. Wooten is a member of the Conservation Advisory Committee. They meet the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in the Classroom on the lower level of City Hall and all are welcome to attend. Ms. Wooten made four points. They can be found below.

1. The CAC welcomed new member Eleanor Peck
2. The new Climate Smart Communities Task Force Mission is in progress
3. The Hudson River Estuary Program has the draft of the Natural Resources Inventory
4. She thanked the Council for passing the Danskammer buildout resolution

Arthur Camins

Mr. Camins said that the proposed moratorium resolution has a start date of June 1, 2019. He thinks that is inappropriate. It should be a year long moratorium and should start when the resolution is passed.

Sergei Krasikov

Mr. Krasikov thanked the Council for passing the Resolution Commenting on the Proposed Danskammer Buildout. He went on to discuss bicycling in the City and asked that there be an education campaign to teach motorists how to drive with cyclists. Secondly, there should be dedicated bike lanes.

Stosh Yankowski

Mr. Yankowski thanked the Council for the opportunity to speak. He discussed the dangers of electromagnetic radiation. Further, he talked about the moratorium. He said he doesn't want to see anymore four-story buildings. Mr. Yankowski wants to see a moratorium, however eliminate the Fishkill Creek zoning from the moratorium in order to protect a project that is planned to bring multiple jobs. We should add as many items as we can to the resolution in order to extend the moratorium.

Adjournment:

- Motion by Council person Mansfield
- Second by Council person Nelson
- Motion passes 6-0

Next Workshop: August 12, 2019

Next Meeting: August 19, 2019