

RESOLUTION #29 of 2017

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK,  
ESTABLISHING THE LIVE WELL KINGSTON COMMISSION

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee  
Aldermen Schabot, Noble, Dawson, Davis, Brown

WHEREAS, the City passed a resolution endorsing the Live Well Kingston Coalition in 2013, recognizing its importance to the overall health of the residents of Kingston; and

WHEREAS, in Ulster County, New York, communities face high obesity rates, residents suffer from chronic disease, and health care expenditures are increasing; and

WHEREAS, New York ranks highest among states for medical expenditures attributable to obesity, totaling \$11.8 billion in 2012, and preventing obesity has the potential to save hundreds of millions of dollars annually; and

WHEREAS, County Executive Michael P. Hein has issued a challenge to Ulster County to become the healthiest county in New York State; and

WHEREAS, in the City of Kingston, New York, leaders seek to improve citizens' lives by promoting health opportunities for healthy living and addressing social detriments of health; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston has supported active living and healthy eating in the past by passing Complete Streets and Community Garden resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the city pledged the participation of City staff member(s) on the Live Well Kingston Leadership Team to support the work of the Coalition and the Live Well Kingston Focus Teams;

WHEREAS, Live Well Kingston was established to bring partners and residents together to facilitate policy, environmental, and systems changes that result in a healthy and active community, with the vision of creating a community environment that promotes and supports healthier lifestyle choices.

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

**Creation of the Commission**

Section 1. That there is hereby created and established in and for the City of Kingston (hereinafter "the City") a commission to be known as the "Live Well Kingston Commission," (hereinafter "the Commission") which shall have all the powers and be subject to all responsibilities given to, imposed on or required of such Commission under the appropriate laws of the State of New York, and as otherwise set forth herein.

**Purpose of the Commission**

Section 2. That the Commission's purpose is to facilitate policy, environmental, and systems changes that result in a healthy and active community, through partnership and collaboration, by:

1. Educating and engaging in initiatives to promote healthier lifestyle choices;
2. Conducting research, facilitating action, and undertaking initiatives that improve the City's physical environment, cultivate a culture of health and expand available opportunities for residents to lead healthier lives;
3. Advising the Common Council and serving as a collaborative partner to elected officials, staff, boards, committees and commissions on issues and topics related to healthy living;
4. Promoting access to healthy food, physical activity, quality health and wellness services, quality-of-life amenities, and other resources that are necessary for healthy living; and
5. Coordinating and facilitating the acquisition of grants and other in-kind resources by the Commission, the City, or any other partner(s) in order to support the purposes above.

### **Powers and Duties of the Commission**

Section 3. That in the fulfillment of its purpose, the Commission shall be afforded the following powers:

1. To prepare applications in coordination and approval of the City of Kingston, or to assist the City or other partners in preparation of applications, for grants related to the purposes described herein, including the power to provide support or endorsement of applications by other organizations for grants related to the purposes described herein, and through the City or another partner to submit such grants; and
2. To foster policy changes that advance the purposes described herein, and to promote and advance messages about healthy living to the public via any such media and format as may be determined to be effective by the Commission, subject to the City's approval of content and to any applicable local, state or federal laws or regulations; and
3. To prepare and present annual action plans for the Commission and its members, which action plans may also be incorporated into Ulster County's Community Health Improvement Plan and the Community Service Plan of the local hospital; and
4. To prepare and submit to the Mayor annually, by September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, a recommended budget of expenditures for its operations in pursuit of the purposes described herein, which budget may be approved, in whole or in part, or added to or subtracted from as determined by the Mayor and the Common Council, and shall clearly show proposed allocated costs of and proposed expenditures for the Commission's programs and activities and shall reference the contents of the Commission's annual action plans as justification for all such costs and expenditures; and
5. To adopt rules of procedure of the conduct of all business within its jurisdiction and consistent herewith, such rules thereafter being and continuing in effect except as modified, changed, or amended by the Commission; and
6. Any other such powers or duties as may be given to, imposed on or required of the Commission under the appropriate laws of the State of New York or the City of Kingston.

Section 4. That in accordance with its purposes, and to ensure the proper exercise of its powers, the Commission shall uphold the following duties:

1. To create and/or update annually the action plans of the Commission and its Focus Teams;

2. To meet at least once every two months to conduct such business and discuss such matters as may be necessary to facilitate the implementation of its annual action plans; and
3. To provide a report on its efforts, progress and outcomes to the Mayor and the Common Council at least once per year following the date of its establishment.

## **Membership and Officers**

Section 5. That the Commission shall be composed of eleven (11) voting members, each appointed by the Mayor, who are committed to a community environment that promotes and supports healthy living, and who collectively represent different sectors of the community and reflect the diversity of the community.

Section 6. That the term of office for voting members shall be two (2) years, and each voting member may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms, except that the voting members of such Commission first appointed shall be appointed for such terms that the first term of half the voting members shall be one (1) year. 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.

Section 7. That the Commission may, at its discretion, establish other classes of membership, except that only voting members as defined above shall have the power to vote on matters before the Commission.

Section 8. That the Mayor shall designate a person to serve in the capacity of coordinator for Live Well Kingston, whose duties shall include the provision of support to the voting members in executing the tasks and activities identified in the annual action plan.

Section 9. That the Commission shall, at an annual meeting to be held during the first two months of each year, elect by a majority of its voting members individuals to serve in the following offices: Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer. All officers shall be voting members unless the position of Chair is held by virtue of an individual's appointment as coordinator, in which case the Chair shall have no vote.

Submitted to the Mayor this \_\_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

Approved by the Mayor this \_\_\_\_  
day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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CARLY WINNIE, CITY CLERK

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STEVEN T. NOBLE, MAYOR

Adopted by Council February 7, 2017