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Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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Dear President Noble,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you and the Common Council my 2020 Recommended Budget. A few key items that I wish to draw your attention to in my 2020 Recommended Budget include:

- 0% tax increase
- The tax levy remains at \$17,650,940 for the **fifth** year in a row
- 0% increase in sewer rates
- No layoffs
- 12 full-time positions added or expanded including a full-time bilingual Clerk, a full-time Director of Arts & Cultural Affairs, three positions at DPW including a Tree Maintenance Technician
- Major infrastructure projects will be completed or underway in 2020
- Low Fiscal Stress Score (6.7 out of 100)
- Appropriate funding in contingency for non-recurring costs (such as retroactive raises for employees)

In addition to added capacity in several key departments, the 2020 Recommended Budget includes a variety of exciting capital projects including Wi-Fi in our Kingston parks, essential DPW equipment, and a new fire engine. In the Parks and Recreation capital plan, \$150,000 has been set aside for improvements to Block and Loughran Parks as well as the construction of a skatepark at Hasbrouck Park.

For the first time in a decade, we are proposing to decrease spending. In this Recommended Budget, we are cutting spending while still being able to add services and expand capacity.

I look forward to working with you and the Common Council to discuss my Recommended Budget further. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
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**City of Kingston
Capital Plan - 2020 Budget**

<u>Department</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
Police Department	Axon Officer Safety System	\$ 55,000	
Police Department	Ballistic Vests	<u>\$ 108,500</u>	\$ 163,500
Fire Department	Engine 2	\$ 540,000	
Fire Department	Gear Washing Extractors	<u>\$ 14,500</u>	\$ 554,500
IT Department	Computer Servers and Equipment	<u>\$ 120,000</u>	\$ 120,000
Department of Public Works	4 X 4 1 Ton Dump Truck with Plow	\$ 62,000	
Department of Public Works	Heavy Duty Flatbed Mechanics Truck	\$ 65,000	
Department of Public Works	Skid Steer with Milling Attachment	\$ 75,000	
Department of Public Works	Truck Chassis Sweeper	\$ 117,000	
Department of Public Works	52 Foot Bucket Truck	\$ 155,000	
Department of Public Works	6 Wheel 2WD Dump Truck with Plow/Spreader	<u>\$ 180,000</u>	\$ 654,000
Parks and Recreation	Utility Vehicle	\$ 16,000	
Parks and Recreation	Utility Van	<u>\$ 25,000</u>	\$ 41,000
Totals			<u>\$ 1,533,000</u>