



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 23, 2019 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- 8 Present 1 Absent (Councilmember Flowers)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

CCM May 6, 2019						
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	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Finney	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

III. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.

NONE

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.

**Constantine Kazolias-47 Noxon Street
William Smith-42 Columbia Street
Sale Maiello-132 Thompson Street
Brian Doyle-CEO Family Services
Warren Jones-32 North Clover Street
Laurie Sandow-South Grand Avenue
Darrett Roberts-148 Franklin Street**

Ken Stier-Verrazano Blvd

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairwoman Finney- At this point I'm going to depart very briefly from the printed agenda, a matter of extreme public interest is the performance of the Confederate Railroad here in the city on Friday. Briefly Mr. Mayor will describe the city's public safety initiatives and protocols and I'll have a very short follow up thereafter.

Mr. Mayor thank you Madam Chair.

Mayor Rolison: I know there was considerable discussion at the last common council meeting as we would in any event that generates public interest pro or con with the potential for a lot of folks being present. The police department and myself, we had a meeting with the security individuals from the Chance, to talk about what they were going to be doing that night. I can tell you that our Department deployed extra resources. There was no unusual activity, and the event went on as planned and a common orderly fashion.

Chairwoman Finney: Yes. Thank you. And I'd like to make two points here that the city has basically two areas of authority in responding to something like this use of white supremacy symbols. The first is a public safety protocols which the mayor address and if I may Mr. Mayor you're somewhat understated the extent of the city's efforts in this regard. I know you were having conversation for weeks before this event. So if there is a concern about public safety the city is able to regulate the activity. The second area where the city can exercise or government can exercise some regulation has to do with the use of public assets or public benefits. In this case the use of the city parking lots, and a state issued liquor license to support actually the private use of the flag, which is almost universally recognized as a white supremacy symbol. At this time there are not sufficiently clear or extensive regulations or laws in the state liquor protocol or as to the use of public assets to regulate this activity in the absence of any public safety issues. So if there's no public safety issues, the fact that we don't like it is not quite enough at this time to prevent the use of what is a white supremacy symbol, to sell beer or to sell music. And that is a further discussion which I hope to be involved in to expand the municipalities authority in this regard because I do think we all agree should not be using beer to support white supremacy, or white supremacy to sell beer just that we don't have the clear authority to do anything about it. In the absence of a public safety threat so.

Now we move to our regularly scheduled public participation.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rolison- Thank you Madam Chair. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those in attendance at the 9/11 ceremony here that was held at City Hall. Also, I want to thank the participation of two members of the county staff. That was Mark Covello, who is Director of Veterans Affairs, who spoke and also Glen Markey, who is the commissioner of OCIS, who is a veteran himself, and so was Mark. Mark is a Purple Heart recipient.

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Lieutenant Colonel Markey served in Iraq and actually presented the city with a flag that has been presented to many other municipalities from the battlefield, and we're really honored to have that, and I want to thank our colleague and friend, and a Navy veteran councilperson McNamara for participating in that particular part of the event. And later that evening the Exempts Fire Association held their annual 9/11 ceremony at their location on Mansion Street. It was a very moving candlelight vigil, and I want to thank them for inviting us to be able to attend that.

We had had two recent appointments to note. The first one is because Sarah Wilson, who was the Chairperson of the Arts Commission stepped down, and is now a member of the Corporation Counsel's office. I had an appointment to the Arts Commission, and I think probably for the first time, at least that's what I'm being told is we, I had the opportunity to appoint a student who just graduated as Salutatorian from Poughkeepsie High School, this past June. Her name is Victoria Horner. She is a student at Vassar College, and she is now on the Arts Commission, and I think it's great, and I hope people have the opportunity to do more of that.

Also Tom Lawrence, and by extension the Poughkeepsie Library District has now become the City Historian, and we're excited for it. And Tom is also a member of the Arts Commission, and I know he looks forward to working at that, and working with the HDLPC to coordinate the city's history.

I know Brian Doyle was here earlier, and he spoke about the grand opening of Family Partnerships new gymnasium and green space, which was on Friday. And then later that evening was the first night of Friday Night Lights at the middle school, and I know the coordinator of that program, Ms. Cherry may have something to say about that as well, but it was really great to see all of the students and family members, and volunteers at the middle school, where there were all kinds of activities, and just like it was when it was Friday Night Lights, and then Thursday Night Lights, and then Friday Night Lights again, everybody's having a really good time there.

There was a really well attended cleanup at Pershing Avenue Park. I saw Councilperson Flowers, Johnson and Salem were there, and it was organized by Scenic Hudson. And there were probably at least 100 people that were cleaning the park, and it was nice to hear that morning from many of the volunteers who said, "hey the park was pretty clean when they got there", which was good. So kudos to everybody that's been keeping that clean. Not only individuals at the Department of Public Works who clean it every day, but also the individuals who have been using that park, it's been a very well attended Park throughout the summer season.

Also on Saturday we had our First Annual Reggae Festival at Waryas Park. I hope that again returns next year. Department of Public Works we're getting ready for fall leaf equipment and is getting prepped and ready to go. It's not going to be out probably in the short term because the leaves are just starting to turn a little bit. Just a bit of an update on stump grinding. We have apparently addressed over 300 stumps citywide, and the goal of the Department of Public Works is to get all of them. I know we've had some trees taken down recently, so that

list sort of kind of moves around a little bit, but DPW is making a concerted effort to get as many, if not all the stumps up in the city, and it was something probably that hadn't been done in years.

I want to give the Council a brief update on the Central Hudson cleanup of the MGP Peace Site, which is at the end of Dutchess Avenue, and there's been Crane equipment that's been moved in, and there's some areas now that have been boomed and what this is, is that years and years ago there was a gas plant at the end of the Dutchess Avenue, and coal tar was a byproduct of the gas operations at that time. Several years ago, Central Hudson took on an extensive project to identify coal tar deposits within the river. Which they did, and the Department of Environmental Conservation, along with others in Central Hudson had put together a remediation project for those deposits. And this is obviously a tightly controlled and regulated process that requires a DEC permit to do that. As a member of the Joint Water Board, along with the Water Board, City Administrator Nelson, and Councilperson Natasha Cherry, who is also on the Joint Water Board, along with members of the Town of Poughkeepsie, who were members of the Joint Water Board, we have been working for several months with Central Hudson on our concerns with the MGP remediation project. We have had discussions with various organization, State Health, County Health and the DEC. The Hudson 7, which is a consortium of drinking water communities along the Hudson has also been involved in this discussion. And as of Friday, the DEC has held off on granting the permit to Central Hudson to start that remediation project so further study can be made on addressing the concerns of that project, and as it relates to the water intake for our joint water plant, which is just upriver from that location.

I'll end tonight with something that we're very proud of here in the city of Poughkeepsie, and that has been our partnership in the adoption of dogs. And it started about eleven months ago or so, with the ASPCA coming in on Thursdays. And then a another organization, a pet rescue organization called Incredible Pups Pet Rescue comes in on Tuesdays, and they come into City Hall and other parts of the city workforce, and we take pictures with the dogs and give the information on where they can be rescued and they have. And it's been really you know it's been very gratifying to see the amount of people that have just come forward. And many city employees have adopted these dogs. But on Saturday, the firefighters down at Clover Street now are fostering a dog. And they have the dog they got it on Saturday. It's a dog named Nicholas. And he came from Incredible Pups, and there is a project called The Lola Project, which is part of this and they're advocating benefits for service dogs, and it is the hope that Nicholas will become a service dog and go to a military and first responders as a service dog. And the firemen are just thrilled, they've been talking about this for a while and we were finally with Incredible Pups Pet Rescue to have them foster Nicholas. And I understand that he may be getting adopted sooner than later too. Because there's been such an interest just about this particular dog. And that's my remarks for tonight.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Petsas and seconded by Councilmember Lorraine Johnson to receive and print.**

Councilmember Cherry made a motion to amend the date to “January 1, 2020”,
Councilmember Lorraine Johnson seconded the motion.

RESOLUTION

R-19-72

**A RESOLUTION SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE O-19-10
AMENDING ZONING TEXT SECTION 19-3.19, CENTRAL URBAN DENSITY
RESIDENCE DISTRICT (R-4A), PERMITTING NEIGHBORHOOD SCALED
COMMERCIAL USES.**

SPONSORED BY COUNCILMEMBER SALEM:

WHEREAS, the current zoning text for R-4A is prohibitive in commercial use to the detriment of the Union Street Historic District, its surrounding neighborhood, and current residents; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie Planning Department has recommended additional commercial uses that are best suited to fit within the boundaries of the district in order to remove barriers to entry;

NOW, THEREFORE

RESOLVED, that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Ordinance at City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., on October 21, 2019; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this introductory local law shall be forwarded by the Clerk to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Dutchess County Planning Department for their comments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Chamberlain publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

R 19-72						
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**RESOLUTION FIXING THE COMPENSATION FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL
(R19-69)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCNAMARA

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Charter, the Common Council is empowered to fix the compensation for council members, with due consideration given to the recommendations, as may be made, by the Salary Review Commission; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.01 of the Charter, the council member elected at-large shall be compensated at no less than 1.5 times the level of a council member elected to represent a ward; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 4.02 of the Charter, the Salary Review Commission is directed to review and recommend the salary for elected officials, and to deliver a report by January 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Salary Review Commission has communicated the following recommendations to the Common Council for the compensation to be fixed for council members;

Council Member: \$15,000 annually

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, after due consideration of the recommendations made by the Salary Review Commission, the Common Council hereby fixes the compensation for council members at the following:

Council Member: \$15,000 annually

Council Member At-Large: \$22,500 annually

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

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**R E S O L U T I O N
(R19-70)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN FINNEY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Finance is, or will be, in receipt of a donation in the amount of \$2,000 from a donor known to him but who would otherwise like to remain anonymous; and

WHEREAS, that the donor desires that the gift be used in furtherance of the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Chief of Police has identified an immediate need for the donation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2.05(j) of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie the Common Council must accept any gift on behalf of the city; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby accepts the gift from a donor known to the Commissioner of Finance in the amount of \$2,000 which gift shall be utilized in furtherance of the Police Department; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance shall express the Common Council's deep appreciation to the donor on behalf of the city.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

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**RESOLUTION
(R19-71)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MCNAMARA

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WHEREAS, the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie (the “City”) and City of Poughkeepsie Police Benevolent Association (“PBA”) expires on December 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City and the PBA have negotiated on and settled upon certain financial terms and conditions as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto and made a part hereof, and

WHEREAS, the PBA’s membership has ratified the terms of the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement is subject to ratification by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Common Council to authorize and approve the financial terms of the settlement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that this resolution constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and 6 NYCRR Part 617,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize and approve the proposed settlement of the collective bargaining negotiations between the City and the PBA for a successor agreement for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020, containing the financial terms substantially in the same form and substance as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto as Schedule “A”; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a successor agreement with the PBA, containing financial terms substantially in the same form and substance as set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect immediately.

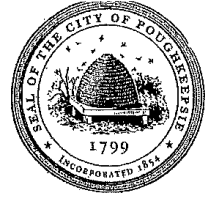
SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS

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VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. FROM COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE BRADY,** a communication regarding the Vehicle Leasing Program.



2020 Vehicle Leasing Program

SITUATION

- **Current vehicle inventory negatively impacts the overall budget and operations.**
 - Average age of non-CDL vehicles ~11 years old.
 - 66% of the Police Fleet is 10 years or older.
 - Older vehicles can be unreliable and have higher fuel and maintenance costs.
 - Status quo vehicle replacement policy: reactive, creates unpredictable capital needs.

OBJECTIVES

- **Enhance city services by providing reliable cost efficient vehicles.**
- **Drive down total cost of ownership.**
 - Make fleet maintenance costs more predictable year-over-year.
 - Significantly reduce overall fuel costs through more fuel efficient vehicles.
 - Reduce vehicle downtime.
 - Shorten the current vehicle life cycle through best practice five year leasing agreements that reduce the impacts of vehicle use to the General Funds.
 - Leverage the city's buying power through open-ended leases that maximize cash flow and potential equity at time of resale.
 - Reduce capital budget and smooth year-over-year expenses for capital purchases.
 - Free up equity from the salvage value of the current vehicle inventory.
- **Promote sustainability by reducing carbon emissions emitted through increased fuel efficiency.**
 - Take incremental steps toward achieving NY Climate Smart Communities Certification.
 - 20%-40% or more potential improvement in the annual tons of carbon emissions emitted for a positive impact on the environment.
- **Access fleet management services and industry data.**
 - Analyze lease-end valuation, maximize resale value, conduct quarterly evaluation of costs and perform best practice reviews.
 - Access monthly reporting, tracking, and real-time industry data.

City of Poughkeepsie - Police - Fleet Profile

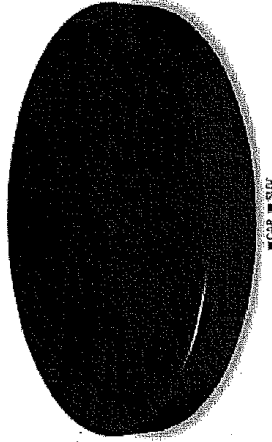
Fleet Profile

Vehicle Type	# of Type	Average Age (years)	Average Annual Mileage
Mid-size Sedan	4	16.8	14,200
Full-size Sedan	31	13.2	13,900
Mid Size SUV 4x4	15	3.5	14,200
Full Size SUV 4x4	2	11.2	12,000
Luxury SUV 4x4	1	12.7	15,000
Totals/Averages	53	10.7	14,000

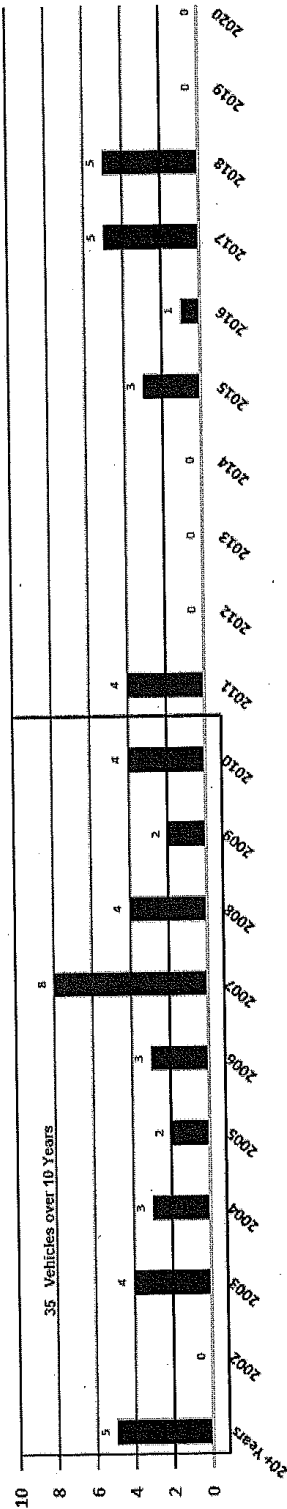
Key Objectives

- * Lower the Age of the Fleet - 65% of the Fleet is currently over 10 Years Old
- * Goal is to reduce operating cost - New Vehicles have a significantly lower maintenance and fuel cost
- * Maintain a manageable vehicle budget - Goal is a sustainable replacement plan that drives down Total Cost of Ownership

Vehicle Types

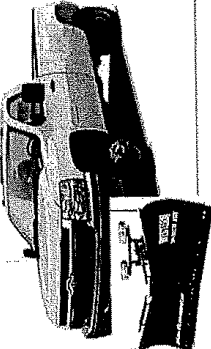
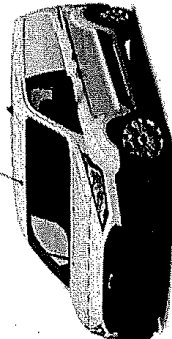


Model Year Analysis



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Vehicle	2020 Nissan LEAF S 4dr Hatchback	2020 Chevrolet Bolt LT 4dr Wagon
Estimated Monthly Pmt	\$450	\$550
Open-End Lease Term	60 Months	60 Months
Annual Mileage (est)	10,000	10,000

<u>Water Treatment Vehicles (est: 1 Truck+ 1 Van)</u>			
			
Vehicle	2020 Chevrolet Silverado 3500HD LT 4x4 Regular Cab 8 ft box 141.6 in. WB DRW w/ \$6,500	2020 Ford Transit Connect XL Cargo Van	
Estimated Monthly Pmt	\$750	\$420	
Open-End Lease Term	60 Months	60 Months	
Annual Mileage (est)	10,000	10,000	

Vehicle	2020 Ford Explorer Base 4X4	2020 Dodge Durango 4X4
Estimated Monthly Payment	\$550	\$500
Open-End Lease Term	60 Months	60 Months
Annual Mileage (est)	15,000	15,000
Vehicle	2020 Chevrolet Colorado Ext. Cab 4X4	
Estimated Monthly Payment	\$485	
Open-End Lease Term	60 Months	
Annual Mileage (est)	15,000	

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- 3. FROM THE JAMES FIRM, LLC**, a notice of intent for The Palace Catering, located at 194 Washington Street to obtain a liquor license.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and Councilmember Petsas to adjourn the meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Dated: October 31, 2019

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on September 23, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

**Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain**