



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 8, 2019 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- All Present

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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.

Robert Scores-Bobby's Towing

Diamond Mima

Laurie Sandow- South Grand Avenue

V. CHAIRWOMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairwoman Finney- I have a few comments before we get to the appointments. This evening we are appointing a number of volunteers to city boards, the Waterfront Advisory Commission, the Board of Ethics and the Arts Commission, and I'd like to take this occasion to thank everyone who has applied, everyone who is serving. The more time I spend in city government, the clearer it is to me that without the participation with the members of the community, many opportunities and many challenges for the city would not be as fully addressed as they are with the help of these volunteers. So, I know I speak for all up here when I express my thanks for your time and your skills, and your commitment.

Over the summer break we will continue to work on city issues even though we are not meeting. I'm going to be nailing down the opportunities in the rent control legislation for the City of Poughkeepsie. Spoiler alert. I don't think there are many. I've started talking to a few people about the possibility of an aging in place initiative, to make sure that those residents who need some help to stay in their homes, are able to access the services that are available, and to identify those additional services that the city could provide, possibly through volunteer organizations or maybe with grants or some other opportunity like that.

We will be looking at the real estate investment proposals still before the city government, and adding our comments as warranted. And when we return in August we will be looking at acting on the Pelton Manor- Wheaton Park appeal. We expect to get that done sometime before early October.

So those are my comments this evening and after this evening we will still be working and thinking of all of you.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Rolison- We had a quick turn around since the last meeting, but we had a lot of great things happening here in the city. I'll just highlight a few of them tonight for all.

We had an extremely successful fourth July at the waterfront. Thousands of people came in to the city to watch really great fireworks display, and I want to thank the Department of Public Works for working hard down at the Park area, and getting that ready, and also the Police Department that deployed quite a bit of manpower to make sure everybody was safe and got home safe. Also, want to thank the MTA police, who also provided manpower in and around the event, and they've been doing that on their own for us when we have these large events in and around the waterfront, in the train station.

Then the next day we had the first Friday at Easton Park. Again, I want you know special thanks to the Department of Public Works who worked very hard all week, and prior to that, but really the week before on getting Eastman Park ready for about a thousand plus people that came down, and again the Police Department was there as well. And we also had despite the high heat and humidity, and it was hot down there, a lot of a lot of folks came out. And what's interesting too is that there are people that are coming to these events from outside the City of Poughkeepsie, which is great because they're getting to come in and see the City of Poughkeepsie which maybe they might normally not have done if there weren't these types of events for them to take part in.

There was a really great spirited game. It was the first time we've had a what's called, A Heroes Softball Game" between the Police Department and Fire Department. Very spirited. Very competitive. The Fire Department did pull out the win. And they received a trophy for that. Also which was going on during the First Friday event. Our resident muralist Boogie Rez and her husband TC, along with help from people that were at the first Friday completed a mural of three of our hometown heroes and that being, Police Officer Detective John Falcone, Firefighter Tim Gunther, and U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Corey Ingram and it really was really quite a

sight to see how all three of those different murals started to really look like those three fine individuals that unfortunately we lost protecting not only this community, but this country.

Because of the heat and humidity, we did open a cooling shelter at 505 Main Street. The Public Safety Building on July 5th. We will continue to do that as needed. And I don't know, I didn't have a chance to talk to the fire chief today. I don't know how many people took advantage of it. I do know that 132,000 + people did take advantage of the two city pools between Thursday and Sunday. That's a lot of people come into the pool, so that that that is you know again its great asset that we have both of those pools.

And again I don't think I said this the other night but I want to thank the Common Council for the budget resolution and also the additional monies that are going to go into the youth program.

Thank you Madam Chair.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

R E S O L U T I O N (R-19-59)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN FINNEY

WHEREAS, there currently exists vacancies on the Waterfront Advisory Committee which the Common Council is desirous of filling; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Section 18 ½-5(b) the Common Council shall appoint three members to the Waterfront Advisory Committee and shall further appoint the committee chair; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has solicited members of the community who are interested in serving on such board, and has interviewed those who have submitted their names; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Poughkeepsie and its citizens that the Waterfront Advisory Board should have a full complement of members in order to properly conduct the business required of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the following individuals to the Waterfront Advisory Committee for a two (2) year term:

Comelia Harris (Exp.: March 5, 2021)

Harvey Flad (Exp.: March 5, 2021)
Terriciana Brown (Ex.: March 5, 2021)

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby appoints the following member as Chair:

Europa McGovern

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

R 9-59						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Finney	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. A motion was made by Councilmember Randall Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Lorraine Johnson to receive and print.

RESOLUTION
(R-19-61)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN FINNEY

WHEREAS, in accordance with City Charter §6.08 and Administrative Code §15.05, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is authorized to make appointments of City residents to serve on the City of Poughkeepsie Board of Ethics; and

WHEREAS, all appoints to the Board of Ethics are currently vacant; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Poughkeepsie and its citizens that the Board of Ethics should have a full complement of members in order to properly conduct the business required of the Board;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the following individual to the Board of Ethics for a two (2) year term:

Michael Harris

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

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R 19-61						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Finney	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

3. A motion was made by Councilmember Randall Johnson and seconded by Councilmember Lorraine Johnson to receive and print.

RESOLUTION
(R-19-62)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL CHAIR FINNEY

WHEREAS, by Executive Order EO-16-1 the Mayor established the City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (the, “Arts Commission”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the executive order, the Common Council has authority to appoint three members to the Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Poughkeepsie and its citizens that the Arts Commission should have a full complement of members in order to properly conduct the business required of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of making appointments to the Arts Commission; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby makes the following appointments with a term to expire as indicated, and contingent upon the signing of the oath of office:

Liz Dahmen

Term Expires: 7/31/22

Azia Zhane Brown

Term Expires: 7/31/22

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER RANDALL JOHNSON

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	Councilmember Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Finney	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **FROM REBUILDING TOGETHER**, a communication regarding the 2019 Home Repair Application.
2. **FROM HUDSON RIVER HOUSING**, a communication regarding the Community Impact Survey.
3. A communication regarding the Water/sewer contract with Veolia.
4. **FROM LATONYA PETERSON**, a notice of property damage sustained on June 21, 2019. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**

X. NEW BUSINESS:

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and Councilmember Petsas to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Dated: October 17, 2019

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

Respectfully submitted,

Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain