



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 18, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is Monday, September 18, 2023, and the time is 6:30 pm.

- I. **ROLL CALL:** 6 Present, 3 Absent (Chairwoman Brown, Councilmember Deichler & Councilmember Johnson absent.)
- II. **REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

Common Council Meeting – August 28, 2023

Common Council Meeting – August 30, 2023

Common Council Special Informational Meeting – September 5, 2023

Common Council Meeting – September 5, 2023

Motion to accept the minutes: Councilmember Menist, Seconded by Councilmember Flowers

CCM & Spec. Info. Minutes of August 28, August 30 and September 5, 2023 - VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒

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

-NONE-

Presentation of Mayoral Proclamations by Mayor Nelson and Councilmember Flowers to:

**Semaj Amir Higgs
Taier Dancy
William Long, Jr.**

For their efforts in organizing a basketball tournament and for their dedication to improving their community.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- 1. Naomi Brooks - South Grand Ave. ***
- 2. Marta Knapp – 10 South Clinton**
- 3. Laura Forman – 66 Washington St.**
- 4. Ken Stickle – 118 Catharine St**
- 5. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave ***
- 6. Jamar Cummings – Maple Street**
- 7. Sophie Keel – Rosendale, NY**
- 8. Elizabeth O’Raffity – Mill Street (The Growing Stenz Foundation)**
- 9. William Sean – Beechwood Ave.**
- 10. Warren Jones – Clover St.**

***Submitted written comments**

I'll begin tonight's comments with a series of citations:

James Madison once said:

"A popular Government, without popular information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a Prologue to a Farce or a Tragedy; or, perhaps both."

Frederick Douglass is known for this extract from one of his finest speeches:

"Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one's thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the right which they first of all strike down. They know its power."

Indira Gandhi recounted:

"My grandfather once told me that there were two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition."

And at the conclusion of Coco Gauff's magical run to the 2023 US Open title, she said:

"...I mean, there are people struggling to feed their families, people who don't know where their next meal is going to come from, people who have to pay their bills...That's real pressure, that's real hardship, that's real life. I'm in a very privileged position, I'm getting paid to do what I love and getting support to do what I love. That's something that I don't take for granted."

At the last Council and Informational meetings, both Corporation Counsel Valk, as well as Councilmembers, neatly avoided answers to a series of questions, including the question regarding Council responsiveness or non-responsiveness and whether Corporation Counsel Valk followed up when she got no reply to her correspondence about the Pelton litigation. We've witnessed Valk at these meetings, as well as previously, enter false statements into the webcast record. Both Valk and Finance Commissioner Martinez—contrary to anything ever communicated to me—expressed that my FOIL requests were burdens to a certain City employee, justifying the City's delayed responses and obligation failures under law.

We saw Finance Commissioner Martinez avoid answering the question about the missing \$10k that the FOIL response did not reflect in the totals provided for each councilmember's allocation and use of ARPA funding; also never mentioning that three members of the Common Council sat on the task force making decisions about fellow councilmember use of the funds qualified under ARPA. [According to the City's ARP website <https://cityofpoughkeepsiearp.org/process/#task>], the task force was composed of the following, plus an unnamed facilitator: • Marc Nelson, MPA, City Administrator • Brian Martinez, Ph.D, Commissioner of Finance • Nathan Shook, Councilmember • Yvonne Flowers, MPA, Councilmember • Natasha Cherry, Councilmember • William Brady, Community Member and City Resident.]

We saw Councilmember Nedra Thompson run out to the vestibule to call her sister (and/or Diamond), instructing them to “get here as soon as possible”—a conversation so loud that it was overheard by several members of public sitting in Council Chambers, and which required Chairwoman Brown to call out to Ms. Thompson because of her disruption.

And we had Council Chairwoman Brown—known for her own anti-semitic use of the word “shystie”, as well as asserting First Amendment rights in defense of both Gus Kazolias' anti-immigrant rant, and her own invitation for council colleague's attacks on various members of the public. Yet, despite herself establishing on the record that she has fellow councilmembers who are poorly prepared to understand financial issues, she launched into a tirade against the use of the word edumacated—cartoon character Popeye's own self-descriptor. Brown was so intent on her grandstanding that she even issued orders to the police presence to “Remove her” (meaning remove Laurie Sandow), while adjourning the meeting without a proper motion or vote.

I could go on, but of course I can't—because we have a Council that can barely tolerate just three minutes of comment from any member of the public—a measly total of 72 minutes a year for those stalwart public members who show up and speak at every meeting, and have not yet thrown up their hands in disgust or been chased off by Council hostility.

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Naomi Brooks, S. Grand Avenue

Good evening. I moved into an apartment in Poughkeepsie on July 5, 2013. It was an incredibly hot day, and the movers and I gulped gallons of water from my sink. A routine water sample collected by the city on July 8 tested positive for E. coli bacteria. The city waited an additional 3 days to inform residents with a boil before using alert.

I bring this old story up as a baseline for my suspicion about water quality, and subsequently about wastewater/waste management policies that impact our city.

You've heard many residents comment with their worries about our aging lead pipes. The same agency that is saying our water has no evidence of lead is the one doing the testing, and they decide where within the city to draw their samples. That does not inspire the kind of confidence you may get from a third party test.

Now we hear that the county legislature has approved a plan for waste management using our aging existing incinerator and considering a new incinerator facility. Across the USA, there are only 66 remaining incinerators, and ours is among the most polluting in the nation. In 2020, our county incinerator produced over 53,000 tons of toxic ash. Data from 2018 provided to the Department of Environmental Conservation showed that the incinerator produced more than two tons of dioxins, said to be 140,000 times more toxic than mercury, and over 270,000 pounds of nitrogen oxides, thought to trigger strokes and breathing problems. It also puts 100,000 tons of carbon dioxide emissions into the air each year.* Where is this county incinerator located? Just over 5 miles from where we are sitting tonight.

And, the Poughkeepsie Journal recently posted a legal notice (September 17, 2023) from the DEC to renew their permit to receive and discharge domestic and industrial wastewater as well as stormwater, and to discharge it into the Hudson River. Where is this facility located? Under two miles from where we are sitting tonight.

Above and below ground, in our pipes, in our river, in the air we breathe, we have aging infrastructure, antiquated methods being continued when safer alternatives are available, and a city and county system that is downplaying the hazards of this game of roulette that has us all in a fragile and perilous place.

Citizens rightly have a baseline expectation of clean safe water and working sewers, and a city that does not pollute the air and the river with its practices. It is shocking, and shameful. Please help change this.

* statistics in this paragraph taken from 9/8/23 article in The Daily Catch, a non-profit digital newspaper mainly serving Red Hook and Rhinebeck

V. VICE CHAIRMAN COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- NONE -

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Nelson: Just a couple of quick announcements. As a member of the public commented on, the city has been conducting some public outreach on our DRI application. And, just to set the record straight, I think I want the council and the council and the public to be aware that, you know, this is a wonderful opportunity for the City of Poughkeepsie, up to \$10 million.

The DRI, for those who aren't familiar with it, the Downtown Revitalization Initiative, what you do when you put your best foot forward in applying for that grant is you demonstrate to the state's economic development folks that these are the projects that are shovel ready and they're happening in the city. Those aren't necessarily city projects. We're not funding them. We didn't design them. They are in all cases that I'm aware of on private property, not on city property. So in terms of the vision for those individual properties, the vision isn't ours and we obviously as local government authority, we don't have the ability to go to a property owner and say, you know, we want you to do *this* specific thing. Our planning board has limited jurisdiction over approval.

So, our challenge when we apply for the DRI, and we have done it now, I think, in all of the last six or seven years is to, as I said before, put our best foot forward. And our best foot is the foot of the whole community. It's not just the foot of local government, the people sitting up here, your elected, but it's all of us together.

And when I say that, you know, I think we've got a better chance of getting the DRI. One of the reasons I feel so optimistic about it is because of what we saw here tonight, because it wasn't just those three young men that we were recognizing. As I tried to say briefly, we are recognizing the efforts of many of our colleagues up here and of our entire community.

And I've been here for now seven and a half years, and I'm seeing more and more of that, more and more uplifting things, more and more community events, more and more events in our park, more and more people attending events, whether it was the Cal Rock Park concerts that that were you see an attendance spike or whether it's the wonderful activation of College Hill Park. You know, we are working hard as a community with our council colleagues to reactivate this community. And let's not forget we all suffered through two and a half years of COVID together. So, I just wanted to address that because I have an optimistic view of DRI. You know, it hurts us as a community when other communities are chosen, and we have a competitive spirit here. So, let's get it. And we're doing everything we can. [The] Comment period for public comment is there please email our development team with any thoughts and we really want to hear from you.

In addition to that, we're doing, as I announced previously, I let the council know our engineering department is kicking off the Grand Avenue Improvement project, which is something that, you know, for many of you know how many years it's been in the making for this and the potholes and the sinkholes and the and the trouble down in in Grand Avenue. So, I just wanted to announce that on October 2nd, Chair, there will be a meeting here in the council chambers just before the council meeting. What I asked our engineering folks to do is schedule it that way in the hopes that we could get more public engagement. If people are coming to the council meeting a little early. If you could do that, it starts at 5:30 and we'll be talking about that engineering project that is set to go into the design phase next spring.

Finally, I would like to just comment briefly, Chair, for a minute or less about the tax cap override, because, you know, we did hear 11 or 12 comments from the public, all of which were accurate, all of which were not falling on deaf ears. Believe me, I know. Every single member of the council was going to wrestle with what they decide to do with the administration's budget when we submit it to them. But I want to just let the community know what the three or four primary reasons are that are forcing us to ask for a tax cap override.

Number one, as I think we all know, our ARPA money where we got \$20 million from the federal government for COVID relief a few years ago is winding down. We used millions of dollars of that ARPA money to help take pressure off general fund and we used millions more to do things that were never general fund expenses.

We put \$10 million into parks, pools and things like that that will endure to the benefit of the community for the next 20, 30 years, right? The useful life on pool houses and pool equipment is, I think 15 or 20 years, so we were very smart with what we did. Our council colleagues supported it. The ARPA task force approved every expenditure, but what we did do was we used some of that money to, as I said, take pressure off the general fund and that money is going away. So, what we're looking at very simply, number one is if we don't break the tax cap, we've got significant cuts. And some of those cuts were things that we all worked hard as a community to settle on and agree on. And I think there would be a lot of pain if we backed away from that now.

The second thing I want to mention is we've been under the tax cap for six straight years. That's a fact. There was the last time the tax cap was broken was when I was finance commissioner, just hired, started in September of 2016 as finance commissioner.

I had less than six weeks to put a budget together, and that was a budget that required a very painful tax increase for an incoming mayor, a new administration to wrestle with that and the community, you know, paid it - we paid that price. But here we are years later and our deficit is almost down. Our bond rating is back. We got federal assistance.

And I think as I sit here today, seven years older, a little balder, I think that as painful as it was, I hate to think for one minute what we would be looking at right now as a community if we hadn't broken the tax cap in 2017.

And what I said then to Mayor Rollison was, if you do this now, you will not have to break the tax cap for the rest of your administration. We've got to do it now or we will not be able to deliver the services to the community that the community demands and deserves.

And I am here as the outgoing mayor telling you, with no agenda of my own. I'm telling you as members of the public and I pay taxes, too, that if we don't do this, the cuts will be significant and you're just going to have to do it next year.

Finally, and thanks for the extra time, Chair, inflation has been at its highest point in decades. So when members of the public talk to us about the Central Hudson bill, I get a Central Hudson bill too, all of our bills, every single person in this room, every single person up here are facing the same stresses. We have different income levels, that's true. But we are facing the same general rates of inflation. The city's getting hit with that too. Our Central Hudson bills are up, our labor costs are up, the cost of insurance is up. I think that people, respectfully, when you come to the public eye and you talk about the cost overruns, please keep in the back of your mind. It doesn't have to be in the forefront - but in the back of your mind - but the city that you love and we all live in is facing the same kind of bills. The bills come in and the city has a choice. You're asking your elected leaders to make that choice. Pay the bills or not, and the cuts would be very significant.

So lastly, what we did last week we asked the council to consider an override without giving them the budget. Councilmember Menist is absolutely right. Councilmembers who have that opinion that, "Well, I want to wait till I see the budget". [They are] Absolutely right. I've got no argument with that. What I'm saying, though, is that the minute my team understands [that] they have to break the tax cap, we have a duty to inform the legislative branch, right. And that's what we've done at the public hearing. I doubt the council's going to vote on it tonight, but I know that as mayor, I let the community know, our finance director is letting the community know that we have to break the tax cap or the cuts will be significant.

So I want to just end with this: I intend to deliver a budget that breaks the tax cap. And if a council that's their authority, wants to make the cuts to get us under that 2%, God bless them. And I certainly would not veto those cuts if that's their decision. My commitment to you is that I will not use my veto power to override your council, but I'm not going to do the cuts myself because I believe those services, particularly public safety, are absolutely imperative to the city. We're down to 79 cops.

Thank you, Mr. Chair.

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

During Vice Chairman Shook's Unfinished Business & Announcements Mr. Johnson was asked to come up and speak.

Councilmember Menist made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

After Mr. Johnson finished speaking, Councilmember Menist made a motion to resume the rules, seconded by Vice Chairman Shook.

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

1. REPORT FROM THE SALARY REVIEW COMMISSION

Councilmember Thompson made a motion to accept the Consent Agenda, seconded by Councilmember Flowers.

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. R-23-65**, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on the Local Law Amending Chapter 6 “Building and Utility Codes,” Article I “Building Code” to Address Corporate Fines

**RESOLUTION
(R23-65)**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES,” ARTICLE I “BUILDING CODE” TO ADDRESS CORPORATE FINES

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN:

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES,” ARTICLE I “BUILDING CODE” TO ADDRESS CORPORATE FINES” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:15 pm

in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk 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 FLOWERS

R-23-65 - VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒

2. R-23-66, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing on the Local Law Amending Chapter 6 “Building and Utility Codes,” Article III “Plumbing Code”

**RESOLUTION
(R-23-66)**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES,” ARTICLE III “PLUMBING CODE”

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN_____ :

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 6 “BUILDING AND UTILITY CODES,” ARTICLE III “PLUMBING CODE” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk 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 FLOWERS

R-23-66 VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒

3. R-23-67, Resolution Appointing Angela DeFelice to the City of Poughkeepsie Land Bank Board

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-23-67)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN_____:

WHEREAS, pursuant to the by-laws of the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank (the DCP Land Bank), two members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has previously appointed Angela DeFelice to serve on the DCP Land Bank and now wishes to reappoint her.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby reappoints Angela DeFelice to the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank for a term of three (3) years.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS

R-23-67 - VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒

4. **R-23-68**, Resolution Amending the 2023 Budget to Fund Fire Emergency Purchase and Repair

R E S O L U T I O N
(R-23-68)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN_____:

WHEREAS, the Common Council by resolution R-22-93 adopted a budget for the fiscal year 2023 (the “2023 Budget”); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to amend the 2023 Budget to reallocate \$65,000 from DPW – Street/Parking Lot Paving Misc. to be used as funding for Fire Equipment – Emergency Purchase and Repair.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2023 Budget adopted by the Common Council as Resolution R-22-93 is amended as shown on Schedule A, annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS

R-23-68 - VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairwoman Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **First Read:** O-23-XX, Ordinance Amending ‘No Parking Monday’ on Charles St.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-269
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-23-##)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LONG:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: §13-189.2 is hereby amended by the following removal:

Section 13-189.2 -Parking Prohibited Between 9:00 A.M. Noon on Mondays.

Upon the removal of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall no longer be designated as No Parking Monday between Monday 9:00 a.m. to Noon and are to be utilized only for the purpose set forth in this Article:

Charles St., North side,;

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

2. *First Read:* O-23-XX, Ordinance Regarding Charles St. Handicap Amendment

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-269
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-23-##)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LONG:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: §13-269 is hereby amended by the following addition:

Section 13-269 -Handicapped parking areas designated.

Upon the erection of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as handicapped parking areas and are to be utilized only for the purpose set forth in this Article:

CHARLES ST., North side, beginning 100 feet West of its intersection with North Bridge St., and continuing West for a distance of 15 feet, for one parking space.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

3. *First Read:* O-23-XX, Ordinance Amending the North Bridge St. Loading Zone

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-269
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-23-##)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LONG:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: §13-211.1 is hereby amended by the following removal:

Section 13-211.1 ~~General Vehicle Loading Zone.~~

Upon the removal of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall no longer be designated as General Vehicle Loading Zone and are to be utilized only for the purpose set forth in this Article:

NORTH BRIDGE ST., West side, beginning 40 feet north of Mill Street to a point 40 feet northerly therefrom;

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

4. ***First Read:*** O-23-XX, Ordinance Amending the Spruce St. Permit Parking

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-269
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-23-##)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LONG:

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

SECTION 1: §13-126 is hereby amended by the following addition:

Section 13-126 -Permits For Public Permit System

Upon the installation of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as part of the Public Permit System – District 2 and are to be utilized only for the purpose set forth in this Article:

Spruce St., Both sides, beginning west of its intersection with Albany St.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

A motion was made to defer the below communication/petition to Corporation Counsel by Councilmember Menist and was seconded by Councilmember Flowers

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **FROM JAVON HUNTER, a notice of personal injury sustained on July 31, 2023.**

2. **FROM JADA JAMES, a notice of personal injury sustained on July 31, 2023.**
3. **FROM KEOSHA SMITH, a notice of personal injury sustained on July 31, 2023**
4. **FROM ELVER MALDONADO, a notice of personal injury sustained on July 31, 2023.**
5. **FROM WANDA STREIT, a notice of property damage sustained on August 28, 2023.**

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 PM.

Dated: September 21, 2023

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, September 18, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. DeLuca
Deputy City Chamberlain