



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

The Council Meeting was conducted using videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is Tuesday, January 19, 2021, and the time is 6:30 pm.

Effective immediately and based upon notices and health advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the Coronavirus, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council will not hold in-person meetings. Until further notice, all future City Council meetings (including public hearings) will be held via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Due to public health and safety concerns, the public will not be permitted to attend at the remote locations where the City Council members will be situated. The public, however, will be able to fully observe the video conference meeting by using the registration link that was posted with our meeting notice and the meeting will be available for viewing at a later date and available on our website.

I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered, wherever we are, on the traditional territory of the Lenape people and this territory was a critical resting place along a popular trade route for people of the Lenape Nation and other cultures as is evidenced in the earliest derivation of the name 'Poughkeepsie' with an indigenous string of words, U-puku-ipi-sing, that, when translated, means 'reed-covered lodge by the little water place' or resting place.

Let's all recite the pledge of allegiance.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- All Present (Councilmember L. Johnson arrived after "roll call")

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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CCM Minutes						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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

ADD:

VII: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

7. Resolution R21-21, approval to enter into a retainer agreement with Lamb & Barnosky, LLP as conflict counsel.

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

Brian Robinson – 143 Montgomery St
 Kevin VanWagner – President of City of Poughkeepsie PBA
 Darrett Roberts – Franklin St
 Eva Woods Peiró, Professor-Hispanic Studies
 Jackie Emslie-17 Corlies Ave
 Nick Garin
 Matthew Brill-Carlet – 30 N. Clover St
 Sean Fitzgerald
 Jarah Clarke
 Marina Tarkos - CPPD
 Daniel Horton-CPPD
 Joe Ciardi – CPPD
 Chris Libolt - CPPD
 Kris Tal
 Elijah Appelson
 Katherine Hite – 80 N. Water St.
 Nolan Holmes – Academy St
 Jeffrey Schneider
 Bill Rubin – 18 Eagle Lane
 Larry Trepel
 Matthew Carroll – 29 Taylor Ave
 Laurie Sandow – South Grand Ave

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Laurie Sandow comments, Common Council meeting, January 19, 2021 — Pg. 1 of 2

There are Councilmembers in front of tonight's meeting who were dead set against the revised Charter when it was first introduced. But once in power, these same Councilmembers use the Charter to grab power, and to sow conflict and division between themselves, the administration, and the public. Sitting right next to them are Councilmembers who claim to disagree with this self-serving majority, yet—win or lose—they never put their opposition on the floor and to a vote, claiming they don't have enough votes. On the day following the commemoration of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday, I ask you—what progress would ANY movement for social justice have achieved if it did not rise to action long before it had the votes?

4th Ward councilmember Sarah Brannen's own website states:

"If elected, my other main priority will be to ensure city government is transparent, effective, and financially sustainable. ... Democracy only thrives when there is informed participation. That means transparency and inclusion are vital to making government work for the people of Poughkeepsie." She continues, "Moreover, it will require collaboration among Councilmembers and with the current administration to move initiatives forward and I look forward to working in partnership with other elected officials to achieve results. With my extensive experience in building consensus in local government ... I will be able to establish productive partnerships to have a positive impact." I will, "Improve transparency & inclusion of residents in government decisions." What has Brannen *actually* done? The exact opposite, blocking access and/or comments on her social media and being non-responsive or even fraudulent in response to Freedom of Information requests.

In 1913, future Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis wrote, "Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants". Week after week, this council proves that operating without sunlight—that is, without transparency—produces a council body that is deeply infected and stinks to high heaven. Councilmembers who make deals behind closed doors; councilmembers who don't reveal their conflicts of interest. A council whose members feed tidbits of information only to selected, preferred pipelines in order to stack public comments, while hoping their pipeline-chow is sufficient to silence criticism and keep their cult from biting the hands that feed them.

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Over and over, week after week I find myself making the same comments, and reading the Council its own rules. At the December 7, 2020, council meeting I addressed the Council and Council Chair's lawbreaking of Rule 15.e. But tonight's agenda shows that the Council plans to break that rule once again with the sale resolutions of 61 Academy and 204 Church. Rule 15 reads:

"The legislation described below shall be read and laid over until the next meeting of the Common Council. This rule shall apply to: ... (e) Resolutions appropriating money, amending the budget, or approving the execution of contracts, unless consent for its immediate adoption is approved by the Finance Committee or by majority vote of the Common Council."

Was there a Finance Committee meeting about the 61 Academy and 204 Church Street sale resolutions on tonight's agenda? No, of course not. Were there public hearings? Has there been full disclosure? No, of course not. Instead we're about to watch a continuation of the gentrifying and art-washing strategy set in place when Natalie Quinn introduced the Innovation District, and this Council voted in its favor. Icing the cake tonight is yet another last-minute resolution [R21-21] which was neither posted nor otherwise provided to the public prior to the meeting's start—a clear violation of Open Meetings Law. Yet, before tonight is over, and certainly by the next meeting, we'll all be treated to another Council dog and pony show about the Council's devotion to diversity, equity, inclusion and transparency.

Isis Benitez – S. Cherry St.
Sven Thiessen – 57 Cannon St
Jonathan Geuss - CPPD
Evan Coon - CPPD
Kim Levering – 29 Taylor Ave

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Flynn, Deanne

From: Dory Marcinelli <dcmarcinelli@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 12:19 PM
To: DG_Common Council Members
Cc: Flynn, Deanne; cppdPBA@gmail.com
Subject: CPPD MOU

I am writing to encourage the Common Council to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the PBA that will be voted upon at the January 19, 2021 Common Council meeting.

As we should all be aware by now, the COVID pandemic has wreaked havoc with the finances of all municipalities. The City of Poughkeepsie had been on pace to reduce the deficit caused by previous administrations and the current financial situation remains strained at the very least. The members of the PBA negotiated in good faith over much of 2020 to do their part to reduce the financial strain. As such, they agreed to a zero pay raise increase for 2021 as part of a negotiated contract that is up for vote.

In spite of efforts to falsely portray this negotiated labor agreement as anything other than what it is, the members of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department remain professional and at the forefront of positive police initiatives. Body-worn cameras, de-escalation training; implicit bias training; partnerships with Mental Health America to address the needs of those facing mental health challenges in ways other than resulting arrests, have not only been agreed upon but were part of the training programs long before required legislation. The PBA has and will continue to work with the City government to address the needs in our community.

As a resident, I am concerned with the safety of all in our community. The City stands to lose many seasoned police officers to retirement and risks losing other officers to higher paying jobs in other communities. The MOU offers stability and incentive for the members as well as for the City of Poughkeepsie.

This MOU should be passed by all common council members who have certainly had ample time to review the details and who should have the best interest of residents and employees at the heart of their politics.

Dorothy Marcinelli
31 Miller Rd Poughkeepsie NY 12603

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DeLuca, Donna

From: Flynn, Deanne
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:46 AM
To: Chris Santoro; DG_Common Council Members; cppdpba@gmail.com
Cc: DeLuca, Donna
Subject: RE: Question

Hi Chris:

Are you wishing to speak at Monday's night meeting, or did you want to have this message received by the council members?

Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
(845) 451-4225
(845) 451-4239 (fax)

From: Chris Santoro [<mailto:chris.santoro55@gmail.com>]
Sent: Saturday, January 16, 2021 11:29 AM
To: DG_Common Council Members <CommonCouncilMembers@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>; cppdpba@gmail.com; Flynn, Deanne <DFlynn@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>
Subject: Question

Hi

I have a question for you all that I would like answers to. When did our board become so entitled? Your shallow opinion does not represent the population your crazy left insane policies are going to put an end to this city.

Why do you have such a hate for the police department. Is it because you are under investigation? Maybe if you didn't break the law the police wouldn't be involved in your life.

You have zero law enforcement experience yet you stand on your throne and think you are holier than thee.

Time to get off your high horse and do what is right for the people. Are you in fear that you will not be re-elected so you are raming your leftist liberal garbage down our throat? Stop this nonsense right now. Stand up for our police and stop sucking off the tax payers back.

Thanks

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~~DeLuca, Donna~~

From: Flynn, Deanne
Sent: Monday, January 18, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Kristin Paraszti; DG_Common Council Members; cppdpba@gmail.com
Cc: DeLuca, Donna
Subject: RE: City of Poughkeepsie Police

Hi Kristin:

Are you wishing to speak at Tuesday night's meeting, or were you wishing to just have this message circulated?

Deanne L. Flynn
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-----Original Message-----

From: Kristin Paraszti [<mailto:kristin3p@icloud.com>]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2021 7:00 PM
To: DG_Common Council Members <CommonCouncilMembers@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>; Flynn, Deanne <DFlynn@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>; cppdpba@gmail.com
Subject: City of Poughkeepsie Police

My name is Kristin Paraszti and I have worked in the city of Poughkeepsie for 15 years. I have always been impressed by the service and professionalism of your Police department and now I am even more impressed with their transparency and willingness to listen to the concerns of the community. You owe it to everyone who lives and works in Poughkeepsie, to vote to pass their contract so they can continue their hard work without the uncertainty and distraction of working without a contract. Many municipalities would feel privileged to have a police department like the City of Poughkeepsie Police. Fight to retain these officers or your loss will be another department's gain.

Kristin Paraszti

Sent from my iPhone

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DeLuca, Donna

From: Newburgh LGBTQ Center [thenewburghcenter@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:25 PM
To: DeLuca, Donna
Subject: Fwd: The Newburgh LGBTQAI+ Centers Response to tonights public hearing
Attachments: Newburg LGBTQ Center Letter CPPC.pdf

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From: Newburgh LGBTQ Center <thenewburghcenter@gmail.com>
Date: Tue, Jan 19, 2021 at 5:22 PM
Subject: The Newburgh LGBTQAI+ Centers Response to tonights public hearing
To: <dflynn@cityofpoughkeepsie.com>

Hello, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council,

Newburgh LGBTQ+ center, representing members in the City of Poughkeepsie, calls on the City Council to reject the police union contract and wait until there is a firm plan to meet the requirements of Executive Order 203 to vote.

Please see Attached letter condemning the efforts of tonight's vote.

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"No Pride for some of us without Liberation for All of Us!" - Marsha P. Johnson

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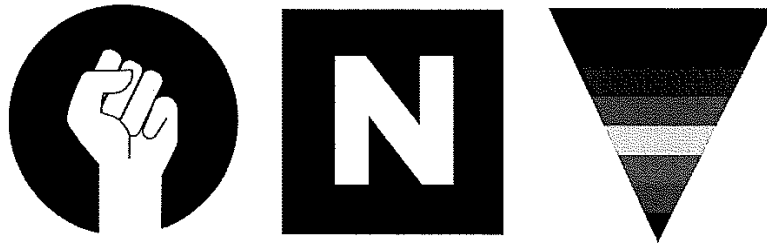
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NEWBURGH LGBTQ+ CENTER

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Newburgh LGBTQ+ center, representing members in the City of Poughkeepsie, calls on the City Council to reject the police union contract and wait until there is a firm plan to meet the requirements of Executive Order 203 to vote.

Until a plan is in place by the city that addresses community complaints and demands relating to police brutality, systemic racism and inequity, gender violence and racial discrimination, we will oppose collective bargaining for law enforcement. Approving the proposed CBA as it is now would be an act of solidifying a lack of commitment to public safety as surfaced by the residents in the city of Poughkeepsie. We also recognize that until the police department is defunded, and crucial resources go towards services that actually keep the Black, trans, poor, and disabled community safe, no true justice can be served and no real safety will be felt by the Poughkeepsie community. We believe that rewriting the police contract is needed to take into account community demands and new laws and local legislation since the last contract was negotiated. We need you to stand with us in being critical of any and all budgets or contracts that give more money and power to the police department at the expense of actual working class people.

While unions are important organizations for empowering the working class to advocate for better working conditions, the police are not working class. The police “were created to protect the new form of wage-labor capitalism that emerged in the mid- to late-19th century from the threat posed by that system’s offspring, the working class.” Police use racial profiling and violence to target marginalized communities, uphold the expansion of class based systems of domination that cater to values which exploit and undermine the lives of the average city of Poughkeepsie residents. Unions has a deep history of replicating systemic oppression we experience in our broader society, often discriminating against Black, Indigenous and people of color, along with women and people living with disabilities. Signing a contract that would prohibit resources being reallocated to crucial supports,

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primarily mental health is working against the mission of safety and equity for our community.

Police union contracts help police avoid accountability. The following are ways in which the Poughkeepsie Police Benevolent Association CBA will block accountability in the 2021 contract, with information taken from "Overview of Proposed City of Poughkeepsie Police Benevolent Association Collective Bargaining Agreement"

1. Disqualify misconduct complaints
 - a. sets a time limit for proceedings that begin to run when the misconduct is alleged to have been committed, not when a complaint is received, though either way this time limit in itself could easily and deliberately be manipulated to clear officers of wrongdoing regardless of the facts of the case.
2. "blue wall of silence"
 - a. This is a rule that the police will not testify against each other when an officer commits wrongdoing
 - b. "Failure to notify a superior officer that an employee of the Department is continuously violating a rule or order of the Department," carries a lesser penalty than raising concern of corruption and misconduct with common council members and city officials
3. officers cannot be compelled for testimony
 - a. conflicts with the currently proposed CRB legislation and NYS civil practice law and rules section 2302(a)
4. There is no external oversight
5. Police misconduct costs taxpayer money
 - a. this CBA sets up the city for a host of legal complications, including imminent breach of contract, which could take the form of lengthy and costly litigation costing taxpayers money, freedom, and rights
 - b. laying the groundwork for lengthy and expensive legal battles with the PBA over potential "breaches of contract."

The following problems in the CBA, in addition to blocking accountability, are unacceptable:

1. It is undemocratic.
 - a. policing affects all residents of Poughkeepsie, therefore residents MUST have decision making power over the police. The new proposed CBA is for five years. It does not make any changes or progress in regards to racial justice reform.
2. It gives a harmful amount of power to the police.

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- a. “Police contracts have evolved since the 1960s to become the number one impediment to reining in abusive officers, strengthening civilian oversight, and ensuring meaningful police reform”
3. It fails to reflect numerous NYS and local laws, recommendations, and community demands.
 - a. the Right to Know Act
 - b. the recommendations of the city’s Procedural Justice Committee and the county’s Police Reform Collaborative.
 - c. Newburgh LGBTQ+ center’s statement on defunding the Poughkeepsie police
4. the contract will allow for continued racism without consequences:
 - a. use of racial slurs⁴, unlawful or unnecessary use or display of a weapon⁵, and failure to report the discharge of a weapon⁶, among other things, are discretionary matters, meaning that an infraction of these rules and/or laws does not necessitate a penalty

The Newburgh LGBTQ+ center urges the Common Council to vote down the new proposed five-year contract with the Poughkeepsie PBA. The City must end collective bargaining for public safety employees and outline a plan to defund and dismantle the police department. Anything less would be a betrayal of the community you seek to represent.

Sources and Further reading:

ENJAN Talking Points on the Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) with the Poughkeepsie Police Force

Overview of Proposed City of Poughkeepsie Police Benevolent Association Collective Bargaining Agreement

<https://abolishpoliceunions.com/>

<https://newrepublic.com/article/157918/no-cop-unions>

Additional facts:

The average pay of police officers in the City of Poughkeepsie in 2017-18 was \$95,318. This is higher than the average salary in Poughkeepsie (\$67,000) and higher than the average pay of general government employees in the City of Poughkeepsie in 2017-18 (\$51,552). Christopher Libolt J, the VP of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Benevolent Association made \$135,047 in 2018. This salary is 109 percent higher than average and 114 percent higher than median salary in City Of Poughkeepsie.

V. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

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This weekend, there was a horrific fire set at a historic home on South Clinton Street house known by many as the Halloween House or the House of the Netherworld, which was for a long time a gathering place for members of the Church of Satan. There were two people in the house when this fire was set. Luckily, [they] were able to escape unharmed.

Thank you to our city of Poughkeepsie police, our fire department, for getting that fire out, minimizing the injuries, minimizing the damages. This was a fire that was set by arson. There is an investigation ongoing. And so if anyone - actually anyone- in the community has any information, you're asked to call eight 845-451-7577. Again, with any information that you might have, there is a person who committed this hateful crime who is still out in the community. And we're lucky that nobody was injured in this horrific fire.

To say that this is a unique time in our history would be an understatement between the ongoing social unrest. We're experiencing a global pandemic at a scale that none of us have ever experienced. I, personally, have never experienced in my lifetime racial inequities.

We are the storming of our capital, which was a traumatic event to witness. And now we are entering a phase with a incoming president who is not being welcomed with open arms onto the White House.

And I just want to reiterate the fact that, yes, a lot of these are national issues. However, these issues land on community here in the city of Poughkeepsie. They impact the way that we live our day to day lives. And they are having a series of critical impacts on members of our community that are suffering through them, all of us collectively. And so we have to continue.

You know, we just celebrated Martin Luther King Junior's anniversary. He would have been 92 yesterday, and, at the time of his assassination, he was not a popular fellow because he was fighting against some of these issues that we're still fighting for: for racial justice, for a less widening gap of income inequality, and so that members of our community across every single spectrum have the support that they need and feel empowered and feel as if they're being lifted up.

And so I just I did a lot of thinking about what Martin Luther King Jr. stood for and what he stood for the time of his assassination and what the world looked like in the world didn't look much different than it does right now. And that's saying something about the kind of progress that we've been able to make or not.

And so I would like to remind us all that something and one of the tenets that he preached was to lead with love and to create a caring community, which I know we are, specifically here in the city. And so I wanted to impart that onto you and my thoughts of that specific situation.

And in all the things that we're we're handling together as a community, including the coronavirus pandemic, I want to shout out that a number of resources are available on the city of Poughkeepsie website, www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

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If you feel that you have had contact with somebody who has the coronavirus, you want to figure out where to get all that information is posted on there, as well as resources that can point you in the direction of food access organizations like Dutchess Outreach, of rent relief, thanks to Hudson River housing and a number of other kinds of relief that is available for individuals, families, small businesses that are in need of those kinds of services. In addition to, now, vaccination information, which you can get on the county website, vaccinations are being distributed throughout Dutchess County. They're in very high demand and there is a list of eligible, phased community members. If you're wondering if you're eligible at this time, hop on to the county website and you'll be able to figure out if you are eligible.

The only thing that I would say is to remain patient. As the doses come in, the appointments are filling up within minutes. And, so just.. you can remain vigilant to that information by going on to the county website. Or, if you go on to the New York State vaccination website, you can sign up for text alerts so you can figure out, you know, when to check, if you're eligible, when vaccination dosage are coming in so that we can all remain safe. And again, maintain distance, wear a mask, and then I wanted to end, before I pass to committee member for a presentation, in congratulating our City Chamberlain - or our *former* City Chamberlain , Deanne on her new place of employment, Dutchess County. They got a good one.

Deanne, I personally want to thank you for your service over the years for the City of Poughkeepsie and, specifically your companionship, friendship, our colleagueship. I wouldn't be been able to do anything that I did without your help and assistance.

And Donna, we're happy to have you on here. However, Deanne, we work very well together, and I really admire your tireless efforts for the City of Poughkeepsie and in the Chamberlain's office.

And I know that you're going to do an incredible job for the county clerk. And again, congratulations. And I'm going to miss you. And I hope.. I wish you the best of luck and I know that you'll do a great job.

And so now I want to offer space to Deborah Long, who is the director of SNUG with Family Services, to offer a presentation in light of recent killings here in the City of Poughkeepsie that have been ongoing. And this organization works on the front lines to try and intervene.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Cherry to receive and print.**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMMON COUNCIL
INTRODUCING A LOCAL LAW OPTING INTO THE STATE PROVISIONS FOR THE
ENFORCEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AND REPEALING
THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CITY'S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PROVIDING FOR
THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AND
PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING**

(R21-13)

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS BRANNEN, MENIST, L. JOHNSON,
CHERRY, R. JOHNSON, AND CHAIR SALEM:**

WHEREAS, currently the City of Poughkeepsie enforces delinquent taxes, fees and assessments pursuant to its Administrative Code through the annual sale of tax liens having opted out of Article 11 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, selling tax liens is an inefficient and unjust tax enforcement practice in the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, tax lien systems have been shown to exacerbate the problem of vacant and distressed properties in municipalities throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie sells tax liens to investors outside of the city limits for their profit and the tax lien system provides little or no incentive to tax lien purchasers to invest in a property's rehabilitation and upkeep; and

WHEREAS, research has revealed that tax liens severely affect communities of color and senior citizens, particularly low-income seniors who face the potential of not only losing their home, but their home's equity; and

WHEREAS, Governor Cuomo and Attorney General James in 2020 established a statewide policy priority for halting municipal tax lien sales due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the inequitable effects of tax lien sales; and

WHEREAS, the judicial foreclosure process contained in Article 11 of the Real Property

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Tax Law is a more just, fair and equitable tax enforcement procedure; and

WHEREAS, ending the tax lien system would support the success of the newly created Dutchess County- City of Poughkeepsie Land Bank as demonstrated in other communities around New York State; and

WHEREAS, this local law has hereby introduced, laid on the desk of the Common Council and a public hearing shall hereby be scheduled for its consideration on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that an introductory Local Law, entitled “**LOCAL LAW OPTING INTO THE STATE PROVISIONS FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS AND REPEALING THOSE PORTIONS OF THE CITY’S ADMINISTRATIVE CODE PROVIDING FOR THE LOCAL ENFORCEMENT OF UNPAID TAXES, FEES AND ASSESSMENTS**” be and it 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 be laid upon the desk of each council member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law virtually via videoconferencing, (as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law) for the purpose of receiving comment on the proposed Local Law on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 at 5:30 PM; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least ten (10) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-13						
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	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to receive and print.**

**NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
ACT (SEQRA) RESOLUTION REGARDING A SALE OF
CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTIES
(R21-14)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is considering the sale of certain properties now owned by the City of Poughkeepsie, known as 61 Academy Street; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers the proposed sale to be an Unlisted Action under Title 6 NYCRR, Section 617.2 of the SEQRA regulations; and

WHEREAS, Title 6 NYCRR, Section 617.6 specified that an agency will be the lead agency when it proposes to undertake or receives an application for funding or approval of a Type I Action that does not involve another agency; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers itself to be the only "involved agency" with respect to this proposed sale of properties; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the proposed sale of properties in accordance with Title 6 NYCRR, Section 617.11; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has considered the hereto attached long Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(1) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the above described action is subject to SEQRA; and

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2. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(2) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the action does not involve a federal agency; and
3. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(3) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the above described action does not involve any other agencies; and
4. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(4) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council classifies the above described action as an unlisted action. The Common Council in making such classification considered Section 617.12 of Title 6 NYCRR and determined that the above action did not fall into any of the categories listed under Type I, and also considered Section 617.13 of NYCRR and determined that the above described action did not fit under any of the categories listed under Type II Actions, thus reaching the conclusion that it is to be considered an unlisted action; and
5. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(5) the Common Council determines that the above described project will not require a long EAF since the short EAF provides sufficient information; and
6. The Common Council officially makes a determination of non-significance in that the proposed sale of properties are not expected to result in a significant adverse impact on the environment and, therefore, the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement is not necessary; and
7. This determination shall be considered a Negative Declaration for the purposes of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and
8. The City Chamberlain shall maintain a file of this determination as well as the attached EAF which is hereby made a part of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-14						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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4. **A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to receive and print.**

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R21-15)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has previously taken title to a vacant lot known as 61 Academy Street (Tax Map No: 6161-21-093964), in the City of Poughkeepsie by reason of a Treasurer's Deed; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned properties have been offered for sale by the City in accordance with the policy for the sale of City owned property; and

WHEREAS, an offer has been received from Terra Design Studio NY, LLC to purchase these properties for the sum of \$40,000; and

WHEREAS, the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee, having considered the mission of the Committee and the policies of the City, one of which is to increase artist lofts and study space, has recommended that the City of Poughkeepsie accept this offer; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby finds that the offer from Terra Design Studio NY, LLC is in the best interests of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby makes the following determinations: (a) that there is no existing municipal purpose or need for this property, and (b) that the sale price and conditions imposed herein represent fair and adequate consideration for the conveyance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the offer from Terra Design Studio NY, LLC, to purchase premises known as 61 Academy Street (6161-21-093964), in the City of Poughkeepsie for the sum of \$40,000.00 is hereby approved subject to the hereinafter mentioned conditions and subject to such other and further conditions which the Corporation Counsel shall deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this sale is approved subject to the following conditions:

- A. That the Purchaser shall within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, take title to such property.**

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- B. Purchaser shall obtain a building permit for the construction of a three story mixed-use building containing artist lofts, work space and gallery, within six (6) months of the closing of title;
- C. Purchaser shall obtain a valid Certificate of Occupancy for the property within one (1) year after the issuance of a building permit;
- D. The transfer of title and Purchaser's use of the Property shall be subject to all state, federal and local regulations including the City of Poughkeepsie and New York State Building Codes and the City of Poughkeepsie Zoning Ordinance and real property taxes coming due pursuant to law on and after the date of transfer of title;
- E. Purchaser agrees that he shall not use the agreed upon purchase price as a reason to grieve or otherwise contest the assessed value of the premises for purposes of real property taxation; and
- F. Prior to the closing of title, Purchaser shall apply for and obtain the approval from the Planning Board and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals of any site plan approval or zoning variances required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement for Sale of Land for the above mentioned transaction provided such agreement contains the terms contained herein together with such other terms and conditions which the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel shall deem appropriate, and the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the terms of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-15						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☒
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

5. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember L. Johnson to receive and print.

**NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW
ACT (SEQRA) RESOLUTION REGARDING A SALE OF
CERTAIN CITY OWNED PROPERTIES
(R21-16)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST

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WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is considering the sale of certain property in which the City of Poughkeepsie now has a possessory interest, known by its Tax Map No. 6161-21-098986, located at 204 Church Street; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers the proposed sale to be a Unlisted Action under Title 6 NYCRR, Section 617.2 of the SEQRA regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council considers itself to be the only "involved agency" with respect to this proposed sale of properties; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has reviewed the proposed sale of property in accordance with Title 6 NYCRR, Section 617.11; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has considered the hereto attached Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF)

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(1) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the above described action is subject to SEQRA; and
2. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(2) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the action does not involve a federal agency; and
3. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(3) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council determines that the above described action does not involve any other agencies; and
4. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(4) of Title 6 NYCRR, the Common Council classifies the above described action as an unlisted action. The Common Council in making such classification considered Section 617.12 of Title 6 NYCRR and determined that the above action did not fall into any of the categories listed under Type I, and also considered Section 617.13 of NYCRR and determined that the above described action did not fit under any of the categories listed under Type II Actions, thus reaching the conclusion that it is to be considered an unlisted action; and
5. In accordance with Section 617.5(a)(5) the Common Council determines that the above described project will not require a long EAF since the short EAF provides sufficient information; and
6. The Common Council officially makes a determination of non-significance in that the proposed sale of properties are not expected to result in a significant adverse

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impact on the environment and, therefore, the preparation of a draft environmental impact statement is not necessary; and

7. This determination shall be considered a Negative Declaration for the purposes of Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law; and
8. The City Chamberlain shall maintain a file of this determination as well as the attached EAF which is hereby made a part of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-16						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

4. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember L. Johnson to receive and print.

R E S O L U T I O N
(R21-17)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has previously taken title to a parcel known as 204 Church Street (Tax Map No: 6161-21-098986), in the City of Poughkeepsie, by deed from Issa E. Nesheiwat; and

WHEREAS, the above mentioned property has been offered for sale by the City in accordance with the policy for the sale of City owned property; and

WHEREAS, an offer has been received from R.L. Baxter Building Corporation, to purchase the property for the sum of \$1,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee, having considered the mission of the Committee and the policies of the City, one of which is to increase work space for artists, has recommended that the City of Poughkeepsie accept this offer; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council hereby finds that the offer from R.L. Baxter Building Corporation is in the best interests of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby makes the following determinations: (a) that there is no existing municipal purpose or need for this property, and (b) that the sale price and conditions imposed herein represent fair and adequate consideration for the conveyance; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the offer from R.L. Baxter Building Corporation, to purchase premises known as 204 Church Street (6161-21-098986), in the City of Poughkeepsie for the sum of \$1,000.00 is hereby approved subject to the hereinafter mentioned conditions and subject to such other and further conditions which the Corporation Counsel shall deem appropriate; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this sale is approved subject to the following conditions:

- A. That the Purchaser shall, within thirty (30) days of the date of this resolution, take title to such property.
- B. Purchaser shall obtain a building permit for construction of an incubator space for artists on the property within six (6) months of the completion of demolition;
- C. Purchaser shall obtain a valid Certificate of Occupancy for the property within one (1) year after the issuance of a building permit;
- D. The transfer of title and Purchaser's use of the Property shall be subject to all state, federal and local regulations including the City of Poughkeepsie and New York State Building Codes and the City of Poughkeepsie Zoning Ordinance and real property taxes coming due pursuant to law on and after the date of transfer of title;
- E. Purchaser agrees that it shall not use the agreed upon purchase price as a reason to grieve or otherwise contest the assessed value of the premises for purposes of real property taxation; and
- F. Prior to the closing of title, Purchaser shall apply for and obtain the approval from the Planning Board and/or the Zoning Board of Appeals of any site plan approval or zoning variances required by law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to enter into a contract of sale for the above mentioned transaction provided such contract contains the terms contained herein together with such other terms and conditions which the Mayor and the Corporation Counsel shall deem appropriate, and the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the terms of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

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R21-17						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

5. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers and L. Johnson to receive and print.

6. A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember L. Johnson to call the question. (Approved 7 -2 with Councilmember Petsas and Councilmember McNamara voting No)

RESOLUTION (R21-18)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS CHERRY, PETSAS AND FLOWERS

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, 2020; 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, 2021 to December 31, 2025, 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

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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 BRANNEN

R21-18			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Accepted ☒ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐

7. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to receive and print.
8. A motion was made by Chair Salem to suspend the rules and go into executive session.
9. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to resume the regular meeting.

RESOLUTION (R21-19)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER L. JOHNSPON AND FLOWERS

WHEREAS, the most recent Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie (the “City”) and CSEA, Local 1000 AFSCME (“CSEA”) is set to expire on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, representatives of the City and the CSEA, having agreed to re-open the current agreement, negotiated on and settled upon certain financial terms and conditions to modify said Collective Bargaining Agreement which are set forth in the Memorandum of Agreement annexed hereto and made a part hereof, and

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

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

WHEREAS, the 2021 City Budget reflects the impact of the settlement according to the fiscal impact statement provided by the Finance Commissioner; and

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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 CSEA for a successor agreement for the period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2024, containing the 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 the Common Council does hereby authorize the Mayor to enter into a successor agreement with the CSEA, 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 BRANNEN

R21-19						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

Councilmember Cherry disclosed later in the evening that she had a family member who was in CSEA and wished to abstain from voting. Corporation Counsel Ackermann determined that there was no conflict of interest on Councilmember Cherry's part and that the vote would not have been any different had she done so.

RESOLUTION (R-21-20)

APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY REGARDING CATOGORIES OF PROPOSED ACTIONS THAT SHALL BE DEEMED OF LOCAL CONCERN FOR PURPOSES OF REVIEW UNDER GML §239-m

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM

WHEREAS, pursuant to GML §239-m the City must refer certain actions to the Dutchess County Department of Planning in order to assess its potential for inter-community and county-wide impact and consistency; and

WHEREAS, the City and County are permitted to enter into an agreement exempting categories of actions that are mutually deemed of local concern and thus not subject to referral under GML §239-m; and

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WHEREAS, the County and City are desirous of entering into an agreement thereby eliminating the need for the City to refer and the County to review action which are strictly matters of a local concern, do not impact other communities and have no county-wide impact; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that this agreement will increase efficiency and is in the best interest of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie approves and supports the agreement attached hereto and made a part hereof as if fully set forth herein as permitted pursuant to GML §239-m; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute said agreement if form and substance as attached hereto and do all things necessary to give effect to the resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-20						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

10. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember L. Johnson to receive and print.

11. A motion was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Brannen to “call the question”. (Approved 7-1-1 with Councilmember Petsas voting “No” and Councilmember McNamara abstaining)

R E S O L U T I O N **(R21-21)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie Corporation Counsel has authorized the retention of Lamb & Barnosky, LLP as conflict counsel to represent the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council in the matters of (1) Rolison v. Salem et al., (2) Poughkeepsie Waterfront Development, LLC, and JM Development Group, LLC v. The City of Poughkeepsie Common Council, et al., and (3) The Common Council of The City of Poughkeepsie v. Rolison; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council already retained Lamb & Barnosky, LLP in each of those matters; and

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WHEREAS, in accordance with the authorization of the Corporation Counsel, and without prejudice to the Common Council's position in the pending litigation that the Corporation Counsel's authorization is not required for the Common Council to retain its own counsel in these matters;

NOW, THEREFORE

IT IS HEREBY MOVED, AND/OR TO THE EXTENT LEGALLY NECESSARY RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council enter into the attached retainer agreements with Lamb & Barnosky, LLP to represent the Common Council and its members in (1) Rolison v. Salem et al., effective January 4, 2021; (2) Poughkeepsie Waterfront Development, LLC, and JM Development Group, LLC v. The City of Poughkeepsie Common Council, et al., effective November 16, 2020 and (3) The Common Council of The City of Poughkeepsie v. Rolison, effective September 16, 2020.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-19						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	☐	☐	☒	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. FROM PLANNING DIRECTOR QUINN**, a communication regarding the proposed rezoning of 584 Main Street.
- 2. FROM COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN**, a communication regarding historic preservation legislation.
- 3. FROM COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS**, a communication regarding a proposed amendment of 13-175 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled "Stop Signs; Locations Designated", for the addition of a stop sign on Hudson Avenue.

XI. OLD BUSINESS:

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 10:41pm

Dated: January 28, 2021

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I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna DeLuca
Acting City Chamberlain

