



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m. Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is March 19, 2024 and the time is 6:34pm

I. ROLL CALL: ALL PRESENT

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Common Council Special Information Meeting – March 5, 2024
Common Council Meeting – March 5, 2024

Motion to accept the minutes made by Vice Chair Shook seconded by Councilmember Brown

CC Special Info. & CCM Minutes of March 5, 2024 - VOICE VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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

- NONE -

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. FROM COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE MARTINEZ,** a communication regarding the proposed senior tax exemption.
- 2. FROM VINCENT ROSS - RETAIL UNITED ALLIANCE;** a notification of adult-use retail dispensary license application.

SENIOR TAX EXEMPTION UPDATE

MARCH 19, 2024

Brian Martinez, PhD
Commissioner of Finance

John Taylor
Tax Assessor



Senior Tax Exemption Update

NYS Dept. of Taxation & Finance - Real Property Tax Law § 467: Persons 65 Years of Age or Older

- Property owned by persons 65 years of age or older
- Used exclusively for residential purposes
- Owned by owner(s) for a minimum of 12 consecutive months prior to application

City Includes Local Option: C - Unreimbursed medical expenses subtracted from income

Proof Of Income Must Be Provided

Income taxes from 2 years prior to the Taxable Status Day (Mar. 1st) of application year

New Applications & Annual Renewals Must Be Filed In The
Assessor's Office No Later Than March 1st – Taxable Status Day

Senior Tax Exemption: Before & After

Current Schedule			
Annual Income Range			Exempt
-	TO	20,600.00	50%
20,600.01	TO	21,600.00	45%
21,600.01	TO	22,600.00	40%
22,600.01	TO	23,600.00	35%
23,600.01	TO	24,500.00	30%
24,500.01	TO	25,400.00	25%
25,400.01	TO	26,300.00	20%
26,300.01	TO	27,200.00	15%
27,200.01	TO	28,100.00	10%
28,100.01	TO	29,000.00	5%



New Schedule			
Annual Income Range			Exempt
-	TO	40,000.00	50%
40,000.01	TO	41,000.00	45%
41,000.01	TO	42,000.00	40%
42,000.01	TO	43,000.00	35%
43,000.01	TO	43,900.00	30%
43,900.01	TO	44,800.00	25%
44,800.01	TO	45,700.00	20%
45,700.01	TO	46,600.00	15%
46,600.01	TO	47,500.00	10%
47,500.01	TO	48,400.00	5%

Tax Exemptions Are Distributive

No New Tax Benefits
For City Services

Average Taxpayer May Receive A Tax Increase Of ~\$16.33 Or
More Depending On Participation

A motion was made by Vice Chair Shook seconded by Councilmember Brown to move public participation to the end of tonight's agenda.

V. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

~NONE~

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Thank you chair. I don't have much.

One, you know the meetings lately have been very peaceful. And I do appreciate that I've been getting comments from individuals from other municipalities where it seems like things didn't work out the same way. So, I do appreciate the fact that the meetings were conducted a little more peaceful then, I guess, others have been. I know even with this last meeting that we had, we had to shut things down because it got a little, a little rowdy. But, I mean, it still wasn't that bad. So, I do appreciate that.

I just want to put that out there to people, because apparently, it's been – messages – that no one has threatened or harassed me as a mayor. I have not gotten any phone calls. Everybody's been very cordial, and even emails that I received.

Everything has been fine. So, I'm just putting that out there on the record because there [were] a couple of concerned people who've reached out to me and that is not the case whatsoever. So, I'm just putting that out there. I did not get any harassing threats from anyone whatsoever. So, I just want to clear the air on that one.

Again, hopefully...I hope that as we go on, that we continue to have peaceful meetings here because everyone has a right to be able to speak their mind but, do it in a respectful and cordial way, so I hope that continues on.

As far as March 26th, I was having a state of the city address that was going to be March 19th, but we moved it because there was a lot going on this agenda today. So, we did move it to March 26th. So, if anyone wants to attend, it is very limited seating. So, we are going to have it on the webcast to view and we have to check to see if you can also see it on Verizon or on Spectrum as well on that particular day.

So, it's at 5:30, but it will be held here, in the Council Chambers.

Also on March 27th, there's going to be a zoning meeting at Morse School. That's going to be at 5:30. There was a similar meeting that was at the Trolley Barn, that was about a week or two – a few weeks ago. It's going to be handled a little bit differently. When we were at the family partnership, it was more of a meeting and then people were able to ask questions. I asked to

make sure that their easels are out for all the wards so people understand how the new zoning code will affect their wards. So, we could do things a little differently for the next meeting because I wasn't here during the Trolley Barn meeting and I thought that's what was going to be done. So, we just want to make sure that there's enough time and input from individuals and let them know what the new zoning changes are and how it's going to, you know, affect their neighborhoods.

So, we do ask that people come out to review those maps and also give your input because we do plan to move forward on adopting a drawing, you know, zoning plan so very soon so we can start moving forward with the development in the City of Poughkeepsie. But we also want to make sure that, you know, we have enough input and give plenty of time for people to give their opinions or their ideas. So, again, that's going to be on March 27th at 5:30pm at Morse School.

That's it. Thank you, Chair.

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

~ NONE ~

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-24-20**, Resolution Introducing Local Law Amending Section 14.35 of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie Entitled "Taxes-Partial Exemption Granted; Conditions" and Setting a Public Hearing

RESOLUTION

(R-24-20)

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 14.35 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE ENTITLED "TAXES – PARTIAL EXEMPTION GRANTED; CONDITIONS"

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER MENIST

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, "LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 14.35 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE OF THE CITY OF

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POUGHKEEPSIE ENTITLED ‘TAXES – PARTIAL EXEMPTION GRANTED;
CONDITIONS’’ 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 **Tuesday, April 2nd 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: PATTERSON THOMPSON

R-24-20- VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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2. **R-24-21**, Bond Resolution Authorizing the City Center Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Rehabilitation Project

R-24-21- VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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RESOLUTION

R-24-21

EXTRACT OF MINUTES (City Center CSO Rehabilitation Project)

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York on March 19, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson
Councilmember Ernest Henry
Councilmember Evan Menist
Councilmember Terriciana Brown
Councilmember Nathan Shook
Councilmember Ondie James
Councilmember Christopher Grant
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson
Councilmember Megan Deichler

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner of Finance Brian Martinez, PhD

The following resolution was offered by Councilmembers Shook, Patterson Thompson and Grant, seconded by Councilmember Patterson Thompson, to wit;

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CENTER COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REHABILITATION PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$5,992,000 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,992,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (the "City") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Common Council) as follows:

SECTION 1. Sewer and storm sewer rehabilitation to address combined sewer overflow, including inflow and infiltration correction, in the City Center area, including original

furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, are hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$5,992,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty years.

SECTION 2. It has been determined that the aforesaid purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQRA not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 3. The City plans to finance the total cost of said purposes by the issuance of serial bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,992,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The proceeds of a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant in the estimated amount of \$2,996,000, and any other grants which may be provided through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, will be used to pay or reimburse a portion of the cost of such purpose.

SECTION 4. Current funds are not required to be provided prior to the issuance of the bonds authorized by this resolution or any notes issued in anticipation of said bonds.

SECTION 5. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds may be applied to reimburse the City for expenditures made after the effective date of this resolution for the purpose for which said bonds are authorized. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations.

SECTION 6. Each of the bonds authorized by this resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds, shall contain the recital of validity prescribed by Section 52.0 of the Local Finance Law. The faith and credit of the City are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds becoming due and payable in such year. To the extent not paid from other sources, there shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of the City a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds as the same become due and payable.

SECTION 7. Subject to the terms and contents of this resolution and the Local Finance Law, and pursuant to the provisions of Sections 30.00, 50.00 and 56.00 to 63.00, inclusive, of said Law, the power to authorize bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance of the serial bonds authorized by this resolution and the renewals of said notes and the power to prescribe the terms, form and contents of said serial bonds and said bond anticipation notes (including without limitation the date, denominations, maturities, interest payment dates, consolidation with other issues, and redemption rights), the power to determine to issue said bonds providing for substantially level or declining debt service, and the power to sell and deliver said serial bonds and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of such bonds, is hereby delegated to the Commissioner of Finance, the Chief Fiscal Officer of the City. The Commissioner of Finance is hereby authorized to sign any serial bonds issued pursuant to this

resolution and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the issuance of said serial bonds, and the Chamberlain is hereby authorized to affix the corporate seal of the City to any of said serial bonds or any bond anticipation notes and to attest such seal.

SECTION 8. The Commissioner of Finance is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and, to the extent applicable, to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" for purposes of Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

SECTION 9. The Commissioner of Finance is further authorized, in his discretion, to execute a project financing and loan agreement and any other agreements with the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation and/or the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and/or the New York State Department of Health, and amendments thereto, and to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to provide for the financing or refinancing of the specific object or purpose set forth herein, or a portion thereof, by one or more notes or bond issues of the City and the sale of such issues to the New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation or its designee pursuant to the New York State Revolving Fund Program.

SECTION 10. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

- (1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or
- (2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or
- (3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 11. The Chamberlain is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Poughkeepsie Journal, a newspaper having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City for such publication.

SECTION 12. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Ernest Henry	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Evan Menist	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Terriciana Brown	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Nathan Shook	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Ondie James	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Christopher Grant	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Megan Deichler	VOTING AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Submitted to Council: **March 19, 2024**

Council Action: **Approved**

Roll call vote taken: Yes **X** No ____

Ayes **9** Nays __ Abstain ____ Absent ____

Approved by Mayor on _____

Mayor’s Signature _____

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council held **March 19, 2024**

Deputy City Chamberlain

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Chamberlain of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter called the "City") and the custodian of the records of the City, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Common Council, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Common Council held on the 19th of March, 2024 and entitled:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CENTER COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REHABILITATION PROJECT AT AN ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$5,992,000 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,992,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the City. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Common Council was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (two-thirds of the Common Council) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the City and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 20th day of March, 2024.

-SEAL-

Deputy City Chamberlain

Executive Summary–Not a part of the Resolution

This New Resolution for the **City Center CSO Rehabilitation Project** includes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Capital Budget Items</u>	<u>PPU (Max. Period for Financing)</u>	<u>Total Project Cost 1</u>	<u>Other Funds 2</u>	<u>Bonds Authorized</u>
Section 1: Sewer and storm sewer rehabilitation to address combined sewer overflow, including inflow and infiltration correction, City Center area	City Center Stormwater management program #21- 06	30 years	\$5,992,000	BIL grant \$2,996,000 (1)	\$5,992,000
Grand Total			\$5,992,000	\$2,996,000	<u>\$5,992,000</u>

Notes:

- (1) NYS EFC IUP (2024) C3-7348-04-00 identifying Project as eligible for BIL Infrastructure financing in the amount of \$2,996,000.

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3. R-24-22, Bond Resolution Authorizing the Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

R-24-22- VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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RESOLUTION

R-24-22

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

[Supplemental Resolution for Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project]

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York on March 19, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Wilson, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

PRESENT:

Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson
Councilmember Ernest Henry
Councilmember Evan Menist
Councilmember Terricena Brown
Councilmember Nathan Shook
Councilmember Ondie James
Councilmember Christopher Grant
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson
Councilmember Megan Deichler

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner of Finance Brian Martinez, PhD

The following resolution was offered by Councilmembers Shook, Patterson Thompson and Grant, seconded by Councilmember Patterson Thompson, to wit;

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FALL KILL SEWER INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PROJECT AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$8,207,942 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,417,942 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (the “City”) has previously approved its Bond Resolution dated January 30, 2023 regarding Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project (as supplemented, the “Bond Resolution”), authorizing the issuance of serial bonds for the purposes described therein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$6,229,000; and

WHEREAS, based on updated estimated costs of the improvements to be financed pursuant to the Bond Resolution, including certain costs to be financed with the proceeds of grants awarded to the City, it is necessary to increase the estimated project cost by \$1,614,942 and to increase the authorized amount of obligations by \$188,942;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (the "City") (by the favorable vote of not less than two-thirds of all of the members of the Common Council) as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 1 of the Bond Resolution is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Wastewater system improvements for the Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project to address combined sewer overflow, including inflow and infiltration correction, along Fall Kill Creek/Winnakee Avenue to Mill Street, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, are hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$8,207,942 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty years.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of the Bond Resolution is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 3. The City plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$6,417,942, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The proceeds of a Water Quality Improvement Project grant in the estimated amount of \$3,566,800, a CDBG Grant in the amount of \$359,000, a CWSRF EPG Grant in the amount of \$75,000, and any other grants which may be provided through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation will be used to pay or reimburse a portion of the cost of such purpose.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the above purpose constitutes a Type II action as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which has been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 4. The validity of said serial bonds or of any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of the sale of said serial bonds may be contested only if:

(1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which the City is not authorized to expend money; or

(2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of the publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with; and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication; or

(3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution of New York.

SECTION 5. The Chamberlain is hereby authorized and directed to publish this resolution, or a summary thereof, together with a notice in substantially the form provided by Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law, in the Poughkeepsie Journal, being a newspaper having a general circulation in the City and hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City for such publication.

The question of the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Ernest Henry	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Evan Menist	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Terricena Brown	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Nathan Shook	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Ondie James	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Christopher Grant	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson	VOTING AYE
Councilmember Megan Deichler	VOTING AYE

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Submitted to Council: March 19, 2024 Council Action: Approved Roll call vote taken: Yes <u>X</u> No ____ Ayes <u>9</u> Nays Abstain ____ Absent ____ Approved by Mayor on _____ Mayor’s Signature _____	I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council held March 19, 2024 _____ Deputy City Chamberlain
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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) She is the duly qualified and acting Chamberlain of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (hereinafter called the "City") and the custodian of the records of the City, including the minutes of the proceedings of the Common Council, and is duly authorized to execute this certificate.

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Common Council held on the 19th day of March, 2024 and entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 19, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FALL KILL SEWER INTERCEPTOR REHABILITATION PROJECT AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$8,207,942 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$6,417,942 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

(3) Said meeting was duly convened and held and said resolution was duly adopted in all respects in accordance with law and the regulations of the City. To the extent required by law or said regulations, due and proper notice of said meeting was given. A legal quorum of members of the Common Council was present throughout said meeting, and a legally sufficient number of members (two-thirds of the Common Council) voted in the proper manner for the adoption of the resolution. All other requirements and proceedings under law, said regulations or otherwise incident to said meeting and the adoption of the resolution, including any publication, if required by law, have been duly fulfilled, carried out and otherwise observed.

(4) The seal appearing below constitutes the official seal of the City and was duly affixed by the undersigned at the time this certificate was signed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this 20th day of March, 2024

-SEAL-

Deputy City Chamberlain

Executive Summary–Not a part of the Resolution

This Supplemental Resolution for the **Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project** includes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Capital Budget Items</u>	<u>PPU (Max. Period for Financing)</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u> <u>1</u>	<u>Other Funds</u> <u>2</u>	<u>Bonds Authorized</u>
Section 1: Wastewater system improvement, including inflow and infiltration along Fall Kill Creek/ Winnakee Avenue to Mill Street	Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project	30 years	\$6,593,000 +\$1,614,942	WQIP grant \$3,566,800 CDBG grant \$359,000 EPG grant \$75,000 BIL grant \$1,356,000	\$6,229,000 + \$188,942
Grand Total			\$8,207,942	\$5,356,800	<u>\$6,417,942</u>

EFC Project ID: C3-7348-06-00

Other funds notes:

- 1) NYS DEC WQIP Award dated 1/11/2022 in the amount of \$3,566,800 (Reimbursement Funding; borrowing amount includes advance funding of grant).
- 2) 2022 CDBG funds in the amount of \$359,000 for project design.
- 3) EPG grant \$75,000 from NYS EFC for preliminary engineering.
- 4) NYS EFC IUP (2024) C3-7348-06-00 identifying Project as eligible for BIL Infrastructure grant financing in the amount of \$1,356,000.

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **O-24-01**, Ordinance Amending § 17 ½ -6 of Chapter 17 ½ of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Trees”

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §17 ½-6
OF CHAPTER 17 1/2 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “TREES”**

(O-24-01)

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK, GRANT, PATTERSON THOMPSON
AND JAMES**

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

SECTION 1: §17 1/2-4 is hereby amended as follows:

Section 17 1/2-4 Shade Tree Commission, creation.

There is hereby created and established a Shade Tree Commission consisting of ~~nine~~seven members to be appointed by the Mayor, at least one of whom shall be either professionally trained or experienced in the field of municipal arboriculture; one of whom shall be a member of the Common Council; one of whom shall be a member of the ~~Planning Department~~ Planning Division of the Development Department or a member of the Tree or Parks Divisions within the Department of Public Works ~~other appropriate city department~~. All lay members of the Commission shall be citizens and actual residents of the City of Poughkeepsie. The professionally trained advisor, the member of the Common Council and the member of the Planning Department or other appropriate city department shall be ex officio members of the Commission and shall have no vote on matters before the Board. All members of the Commission shall serve without pay.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: PATTERSON THOMPSON

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O-24-01 - VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion to suspend the rules to allow Commissioner of Finance Martinez to present was made by Vice Chair Shook and seconded by Councilmember Grant.

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-24-24**, Resolution Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to close certain capital projects

RESOLUTION

(R-24-24)

INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMEMBERS MENIST, GRANT, PATTERSON THOMPSON AND SHOOK

WHEREAS, according to the Office of the NY State Comptroller (OSC) numerous studies have pointed out that New York’s local governments have been underfunding their capital needs to support public infrastructure over the last several decades, and New York’s local governments are responsible for maintaining and improving a substantial portion of public infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has significantly improved its multiyear capital planning, and according to OSC, having an effective multiyear capital plan can help local governments meet significant financial responsibilities for investments in capital infrastructure without overburdening taxpayers or disrupting vital services; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) prescribes accounting systems that conform to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) that are documented in OSC “Uniform Systems of Accounts” pursuant to General Municipal Law, (GML) Section 36, and reported in annual financial reports to the State Comptroller pursuant to General Municipal Law, Section 30; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie acknowledges its responsibilities to buttress improvements in capital project management with improvements in debt management, and accounting for capital projects; and

WHEREAS, the City's intent is to better understand the General Fund deficits that began in 2008 of which, approximately \$7.5M of the General Fund deficit was owed to the Capital Projects fund and after two years of analysis and due diligence the City found approximately 90 projects that can be closed with entries to the City's accounts as per Local Finance Law Section 41 authorizing governing boards to at any time, by resolution, repeal or revoke in whole or in part any resolution adopted authorizing the issuance of obligations; and

WHEREAS, closure of these 90 projects will contribute to the total elimination of the City's General Fund deficit as reported in the City's final 2022 audit, thereby creating more financial flexibility in the future, strengthening future capital and financial planning, and continue the City's demonstrations of strong management to capital market participants such as rating agencies and municipal bond investors,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes and directs the Commissioner of Finance to close the projects identified in schedule A of this resolution in accordance with city management best practices and NY state policy guidelines.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: BROWN

R-24-24 - VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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CLOSURE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

MARCH 19, 2024

Brian Martinez, PhD
Commissioner of Finance



Closure Of Capital Projects

Office of the New York State Comptroller

- Local governments underfund capital needs to support public infrastructure
- A multiyear capital plan helps local government meet these financial needs
- Accounting follows Generally Accepted Accounting Principals (GAAP)

The City of Poughkeepsie

- Investigating General Fund debt from 2008: General owes **\$7.5M** to Capital Fund
- Identified 91 projects completed, but not closed on the City's books
- Further cleanup of ~60 construction projects in progress – *Spring/Summer 2024*

Closure Of 91 Projects Resolves General Fund Deficit As Reported In The City's *(Just Completed)* Final 2022 Audit

A motion to resume the rules was made by Vice-Chair Shook and seconded by Councilmember Deichler.

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. ***First Read: O-24- XX***, Ordinance Amending §13-126 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” – **Hammersley Residential District**
2. ***First Read: O-24- XX***, Ordinance Amending §13-126 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” – **South Hamilton Residential District**
3. ***First Read: O-24-XX***, Ordinance Amending §13-175 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Stop Signs; Locations Designated”

A motion to open public participation was made by Councilmember Brown and seconded by Councilmember Deichler.

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

- Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave*
- Ahmed Uro -
- Lena Rizkallah - Beacon
- Dina Elachi – Ward 4
- Sarah Salem – Ward 4
- Nathan Pollack -
- Annam Eltigani -
- Israa Uro -
- Mariya Novosad -
- Neesee Lee -
- Morees Haddad -
- Lean M - *
- Naima Saini – Ward 1
- Ellen Cordes – Ward 1
- Alex Van Inwegen –
- Zayn Hamad-Bull
- Daniel Atonna – College Ave/For the Many

***Submitted written comments**

Laurie Sandow comments, c/PK Common Council meeting, March 19, 2024

In a democracy, elected representatives listen to constituents. But not in the City of Poughkeepsie, where our new bureaucrats have no sense of accountability to the voters or to the law. Acting at taxpayer expense, and gladly pocketing taxpayer dollars, our new bureaucrats fail to hold Ward meetings. They neither act to inform nor seek consent from constituents, and instead advance their own personal interests and prejudices. They violate the City's Charter with impunity. They're backed up by a Corporation Counsel who abides by, enables and protects their lies, lawbreaking and self-service. Their combined behavior is a deadly brew of silence, hostility to the public, ignorance and complicity. When ethics violations and Charter lawbreaking are brought to the Corporation Counsel's attention, Rebecca Valk defaults to variations on: "There is no remedy under the law that this department may take on behalf of a private citizen against the elected City officials. The public has a remedy through Article 78."

In stark contrast to §2.05 of the Charter of the City of Poughkeepsie, at the deliberately and illegally curtailed March 5 Informational Meeting, most of my questions went entirely unanswered—questions that ranged from the fraud, rules and lawbreaking that Council Chair Da'Ron Wilson used to have me silenced and ejected from the February 20, 2024 meeting, all the way to the City of Poughkeepsie's persistent violations of the Americans with Disability Act. Never mind that due to the calculated, illegal imposition of a 5-minute limit on public questions and comments, there were questions that couldn't be asked at all. Never mind the lack of specificity about whether or how questions and comments would receive answers (*"Department heads will respond to questions posed to the extent practical"*), or even whether Department head responses might use up the speaker's five minutes by being attributed to or having to be contained within the 5-minute limit.

Public Participation-

During this segment, we will call on individuals who have signed up indicating that they would like to make a comment or ask a question. If you are making a comment, we ask that you limit your time to 5 minutes to submit questions and be prepared to state your name, the municipality in which you reside and if you are speaking on behalf of an organization, the name of the organization. Department heads will respond to questions posed to the extent practical. If your time expires, additional questions may be submitted in writing to the Deputy Chamberlain at ddeluca@cityofpoughkeepsie.com.

Mayor Flowers took offense at my question about her membership in the Exempt Firemen's Association, yet it's members of the Exempts as well as other additional loyalists that she's brought into office, and that she proceeds to appoint or retain on various City boards. For example, Flowers made a big show at the February 6, 2024 meeting when she claimed ignorance about board vacancies, misrepresenting the resumes provided to her by a Councilmember as if they were a secretive attempt to jump the line to fill vacancies on the Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission (HDLPC). She declared (quote): "That's not how I operate" and swore there would be a website posting for board vacancies. (*"That's not how I operate. What would happen is it would go out on the website, and then anyone who is interested in applying or want to, to, serve on that board, then they can submit the resume."* *) Not only have there been no posts, but the resumes she'd been given were those of knowledgeable, highly qualified applicants whose resumes had languished in-house for years while Marc Nelson stacked the HDLPC with the opposite—inept members who'd follow his direction.

It's likely that Flowers and her fellow Exempt Firemen's member Da'Ron Wilson will soon follow in the same footsteps, stacking boards and commissions with loyalists, regardless of qualifications. One window into exactly how Flowers operates: after being informed that, by law, Anthony LaRocca had forfeited and vacated his seat through attendance violations (four absences), she immediately reappointed him, even thanking him for his (quote) "invaluable service". And LaRocca? Not only has the City never produced his resume or letter of interest to sit on the Historic District & Landmark Preservation Commission, but he added insult to injury when he skipped the very first meeting right after his reappointment. Can it be that Mayor Flowers considers absences a "valuable service", or perhaps even a strategy to wreck future committee meeting dates and quorums?



Section 19-4.5 Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission.

- (b) Commission members shall serve for a term of four years, with the exception of the initial term of one of the members, which shall be one year, one which shall be two years, and one which shall be three years.
1. The Mayor shall act within 60 days to fill a vacancy, including expired terms. A member whose term has expired shall serve until the Mayor appoints a successor;
 2. Any Commission member missing three consecutive meetings shall automatically forfeit his or her appointment, and as such, a vacancy shall automatically be created. Further, any member missing four meetings in a calendar year, except for major illness, shall forfeit his or her appointment, creating a vacancy.

How else does Flowers operate?—by posting a job opening for the head of the Chamberlain’s Department that included (quote): “no specific training and experience are required”. Good idea—let’s have a person running a department; supervising others; acting as Records Access Officer responsible for handling Freedom of Information requests; maintaining and digitizing records; official keeper of City records, including birth, marriage, death, local laws, ordinances, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council actions—all of this and more with no training or experience whatsoever.

Chamberlain job opening

<https://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/Jobs.aspx?UniqueId=98&From=All&CommunityJobs=False&JobID=City-Chamberlain-83>

Qualifications

This is an appointed position; no specific training and experience are required. Candidate must comply with City residency requirements and is subject to a background check.

With time running out, and with tonight’s Council meeting audience filled with ceasefire advocates, I’ll make one last point: I absolutely favor a ceasefire in the Middle East. But I do not favor the endless obstruction of City meetings by the spineless councilmembers who act as shills and puppets for certain lobbying groups, and the same groups who move from one resolution to the next with little more purpose than adding another notch to their belts. These groups are as distant from the public as are this City’s own councilmembers. If the concerns of these lobbying groups were sincere, they’d be demanding that the Common Council have a written consent agenda policy, and that councilmembers provide on-the-record knowledge, opinions and disclosures before any vote. They’d be demanding that Councilmembers hold regular, open, public Ward meetings, correspondence, conversations, teach-ins or debates on the issues. They’d insist that Councilmembers demand every City board agenda include a required public comment period, and—as provided by the Charter—that the Common Council Chair exercise the option to suspend the rules for public comment prior to a vote on each resolution. (*“Prior to submitting any proposed legislation to a vote of the common council at any regular or special meeting, the person serving as chairperson shall suspend the rules of the meeting upon such conditions as he or she may determine to permit comment upon such proposed legislation by any member of the public in attendance who wishes to be heard.”*) If these lobbying groups were sincere in their efforts, they’d also be attending and vocal at other City board and committee meetings as well as at Dutchess County Legislature meetings.

*** Mayor Yvonne Flowers' comments about resumes and vacancies as they appear in the transcript of the Common Council meeting of February 6, 2024:**

There was a comment that was made about the historical District Preservation Local Commission. I do appreciate individuals that came forward in regards to, the vacancy and also in regards to the absentee of one of the members. I found out about this last week.

Apparently no one had told the previous administration.

Not that I know of.

This was brought to my attention.

We had a meeting with, regarding the boards and commissions, and, looked at all the vacancies for all the boards and commissions.

So I will be putting out on the website, calling for resumes to fill some of those positions.

Also too, the Council members have a few appointments.

So I'm going to be working with the chair in conjunction.

And looking at that, because we both have appointments on the same boards. I just want to clarify something that I did receive, resumes that was given to me by a particular Council member.

That's not how I operate.

What would happen is it would go out on the website, and then anyone who is interested in applying or want to, to, serve on that board, then they can submit the resume.

And the individuals, if you know of those individuals, all of the resumes I receive, please encourage them to apply.

To submit those applications, we will be filling those vacancies and it will be addressing, the, the absentees, that happened last year.

But again, we can't address something that we don't know.

So I do appreciate, individuals that came forward.

But again, those resumes will be reviewed through a process and not by individuals just handing it to you and saying you should be considering these people.

So that's how those resumes came to me. So I just want to make sure I clarify that.

February 16

Killed: at least 28,775 people, including more than:
11,500 children
8,000 women

March 5

Killed: at least 30,631 people, including more than:
12,300 children
8,400 women

1856 murdered
800 children

March 18th

Killed: 31,726 people, including more than:
More than 13,000 children
8,400 women

1095 murdered
700 children killed

Total 2951 murdered, 1500 are children, that's half

since January 2nd 9748 people were killed, 3900 of them are children

I share these because this council has done NOTHING to take a stand.

I have emailed you multiple times asking to have a conversation, I have emailed some of you individually and even reached out to some of you on Facebook.

You only allow a dozen or so to speak during your council but you're not prioritizing your Poughkeepsie constituents.

You prioritize who comes first, on a Tuesday evening, which allows the privileged who have the time to travel from... let's say, Gardiner, to spread their hateful racist rhetoric while you allow it.

To me it seems like you prioritize your comfort, you would rather listen to that, and go home early, than listen to the most affected and make a real difference like the 107 city councils that have passed a resolution so far.

You have decided to "review the language" as the others have suggested while

claiming this is a "waste of time", in other words lets waste more time reviewing the resolution language while Palestinians are actively being murdered and starved to death but its also a waste of time?

So, I'm here to ask, why are you here? tell me. what is going to take to get you to do your job?

Because as a Palestinian American, who's experience islamophobia, racism in this country, I have yet to be heard. I can give you all the information you need to make an informed decision, yet I cannot even reach you.

Six months of indiscriminate bombing, forceful starvation, kidnapping and torturing Palestinians, that we all watch in HD.

As the UN high commissioner for human rights Volker Turk wrote today: "The clock is ticking. Everyone, especially those with influence, must insist that Israel acts to facilitate the unimpeded entry and distribution of needed humanitarian assistance and commercial goods to end starvation and avert all risk of famine."

if you believe in God, you better ask for forgiveness because Palestinians will never forget or forgive. their blood is on your hands too.

A motion to reconsider Resolution R-24-20 to amend typographical errors in the body of the document was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Grant.

Where it states \$40,000 twice within the body of the local law, it is amended to state \$48,000.

A motion to Call the Question on Resolution R-24-20 to pass it as amended was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Grant.

R-24-20 – As Amended VOICE VOTE						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Menist to walk on Resolution R-24-23 urging local elected officials of the City of Poughkeepsie to call upon its state representatives to call for a permanent ceasefire in Gaza. This motion was seconded by Councilmember Deichler with a third from Councilmember Grant.

RESOLUTION (R-24-23)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS: DEICHLER, MENIST, PATTERSON THOMPSON, and GRANT

WHEREAS, all human life is precious; and

WHEREAS, over 29,000 Palestinians and 1,200 Israelis have been killed since October 7th; and

WHEREAS, the deal negotiated in late November for a temporary ceasefire and release of some hostages is insufficient, and a more permanent solution is desperately needed; and

WHEREAS, the United States holds immense diplomatic power to save Palestinian and Israeli lives; and

WHEREAS, all elected officials must use the platform provided by their offices to advocate for measures that will end violence and prevent death;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Poughkeepsie:

1. Condemns the killing of civilians, collective punishment, and all forms of antisemitism and Islamophobia; and
2. Urges the Biden administration to call for and facilitate a permanent ceasefire in Gaza; and
3. Urges the Biden administration to send and facilitate the entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza; and
4. Calls for the release of all hostages and political prisoners; and
5. Urges elected officials representing the City of Poughkeepsie to call for a permanent ceasefire, the entry of humanitarian aid to Gaza, and the release of all hostages; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon passage, a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Office of U.S. President Joe Biden, the Office of U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer, the Office of U.S. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, the Office of U.S. Representative Pat Ryan, the Office of State Senator Rob Rolison, and the Office of State Assemblyman Jonathan Jacobson.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: DEICHLER, THIRD BY COUNCILMEMBER GRANT.

R-24-23 – ROLL CALL VOTE						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☐ Accepted ☒ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Henry	Voter	☐	☐	☒	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Brown	Voter	☐	☐	☒	☐
	Councilmember James	Voter	☐	☐	☒	☐
	Councilmember Grant	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Majority Leader Patterson Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Vice Chair Shook	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Chairman Wilson	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐

Chairman Wilson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm which was seconded by Councilmember Brown.

Dated: March 24, 2024

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, March 19, 2024.

**Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. DeLuca
Deputy City Chamberlain**