



# The City of Poughkeepsie New York

## Common Council Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, December 3, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

**Common Council Chambers**

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is December 3, 2024, and the time is 6:37pm.**

### **I. ROLL CALL:**

8 Present, 1 Absent (Councilmember Deichler)

### **II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Council Member- 6th Ward Grant and seconded by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown.

| Common Council Public Hearing & Meeting Minutes of November 19,2024 - VOICE VOTE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>                                                                  | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member- 4th Ward Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>                                                                   | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>                                                                  | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Absent:</b>                                                                   | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>                                                                   | Passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

1. Common Council Public Hearing Minutes of November 19, 2024 - Proposed Downtown Business Improvement District
2. Common Council Public Hearing Minutes of November 19, 2024 - Tax Levy Override
3. Common Council Meeting of November 19, 2024

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

**IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

A motion to defer item numbers 1 and 2 under "Presentations of Petitions and Communications" to Corporation Counsel was made by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown and seconded by Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson.

| Motion to Defer Petitions to Corporation Counsel - Voice Vote |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>                                               | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>                                                | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>                                               | Council Member- 4th Ward Nathan Shook                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Absent:</b>                                                | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>                                                | Passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

1. **FROM ESS HOSPITALITY GROUP**, a 30-day advance notice of an Amended NYS Liquor License application
2. **FROM NANCY LENHERT**, a notice of property damage sustained on November 5, 2024

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

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

Warren Jones- N. Clover Street  
Carolyn Johnson  
Laurie Sandow- S. Grand Ave\*  
Jose Perez- 21 Charles Street  
Daniel Atonna- 116 College Ave

**\*Submitted written comments**

## **Laurie Sandow comments, Common Council Meeting, December 3, 2024**

I'm going to pick up where the 3-minute bell cut me off at the last Council meeting:

A few meetings ago, Megan Deichler announced her resignation from her 8th Ward seat. At that Council meeting she declared that her time as a Councilmember had been one of good, bad and ugly. Could Deichler have been referring to the icing on her own ugly two terms of office, during which she has barely met with or communicated with her constituents? And during her second term in office where she has not held an 8th Ward meeting with residents even once? After originally posting her resignation on Facebook—as if Facebook is an adequate way to communicate, and as if she expects constituents to read and follow her Facebook page—only after questioning at a subsequent Council meeting did she publicly reveal that she'd rescinded her resignation. Her rescission was not made for the benefit of the 8th Ward with whom she has zero relationship, No, it was made when she was informed of the terms in the City Charter. Her rescission was made instead for her own personal benefit, and to the **detriment** of the 8th Ward, which will now be deprived of Council representation during at least the first month of 2025, not to mention deprived of representation even tonight, where Deichler is absent without explanation.

Deichler takes credit for resolutions that have been fed to her by the organization “For The Many”, but she cannot demonstrate efforts she's made in service and for the benefit of her own Ward. In fact, she's given her own Ward money to projects outside the Ward. And how very un-amusing that she wanted to extend her term in office, while being absent from tonight's meeting. She did not show up at any of the County's meetings about bus route alterations, in order to advocate for restoration of the bus route to Spratt Park. She made no effort to repair the dilapidated Spratt Park concession stand. At the last Council meeting both she and City Administrator Donat knew nothing about the lead service line letters being received by homeowners in the 8th Ward and citywide. Why? Because she got her own lead lines repaired at City expense in 2023. In the meantime, Deichler is busy campaigning for Daniel Atonna to take her seat once vacated—the salaried For the Many organizer she's previously identified as her campaign manager and proxy. Political patronage much?

Returning to the subject of bus routes, Nedra Thompson posted several items on Facebook today, trying to make it look as if this Council has been diligent in advocating for City residents regarding protecting and enhancing the bus routes affecting their constituents, as opposed to the service-depriving County route revisions that will go into effect on January 4th 2025. Predictably, Councilwoman Thompson refuses to put anything in writing, simply saying “call me”. And if I don’t or won’t call her, instructing me to submit a Freedom of Information request. Because why would an elected in the City of Poughkeepsie ever, on the record, take responsibility and behave with transparency and accountability? I’m sure she’s got some hooey about bus routes prepared to deliver during tonight’s old and new business, when she can peddle a fabrication of self-protection without fear of public reply.

At the last Council meeting, the public got a good look at this Council’s dysfunction with a last-minute addition of a so-called public hearing to authorize the Mayor to sign certain documents regarding the Poughkeepsie Urban Renewal Agency (“PURA”), and the Admiral William F. Halsey Senior Village. Yvonne Flowers found it laughable that no-one showed up to speak at the public hearing added at the last minute without a proper agenda item or vote by the Common Council. Tonight we have a repeat performance with the addition of a so-called public hearing deceptively named “Bardavon” Restore NY Grant Application, again without the hearing having properly appeared on a Council agenda or been scheduled as a public hearing by the city’s Common Council.

Also at the last Council meeting, the public got another good look at this Council’s dysfunction when Ondie James attempted to walk on an agenda resolution—a resolution that Council Chair Wilson would not, himself, agree to add. James said she’d been trying to walk the resolution onto the agenda since BEFORE the Council’s summer break, but somehow has been unable to do so until, maybe, possibly tonight. Once again, whatever she’s attempting to walk on does not appear on the printed agenda.

With time running out, I close by noting that there was a recent propaganda piece in the Poughkeepsie Journal about the Governess installing heated cabins on the deck to their restaurant, the former Ice House.

<<https://www.poughkeepsiejournal.com/story/news/local/2024/11/25/poughkeepsie-the-governess-embraces-winter-season/76221495007/>>

That deck used to be very clearly, though in small print, marked for public use. Did the City give away the public's use? Was the Councilmember who sponsored the draft license agreement even familiar with the previous terms? Regardless, according to their current license agreement, the Governess is required to have a concession stand with a menu affordable to the public. When will they be shut down for violating the terms of their license? Why aren't the Councilmembers who sponsored and voted to approve their license up in arms about this violation?

Quoting from the License Agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie and ESS Hospitality Group LLC:

“LICENSOR hereby grants to LICENSEE and LICENSEE hereby accepts from the LICENSOR a license to manage and operate for the period herein stated and subject to all the terms and conditions herein contained, the following described license for the privilege of operating the Restaurant and Concession Stand at Waryas Park, Poughkeepsie, New York, more specifically to be located in a building located in Waryas Park as described on Exhibit "A". ... **Concession Stand shall be operated on the South side outdoor dining terrace, with direct access to ordering.** ... 1. Said Restaurant and Concession Stand shall include and be limited to the privilege of furnishing food services and the sale of various food and beverage items provided, however, that such sale does not violate any other state or local statute, rule or regulation, and all food sold shall be of good quality. **LICENSOR shall offer for sale, through the concession stand, the sale of small, carryout items for visitors to Waryas Park such as, but not limited to, soda/water, ice cream, shakes, chips, fries, salads, sandwiches, hot dogs and hamburgers....”**

***At 7:05pm, a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal advice regarding a recent court decision was made by Council Member- 4th Ward Shook and seconded by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown.***

***At 7:57 pm, a motion to resume the Common Council Meeting was made by Council Member- 4th Ward Shook and seconded by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown.***

## **VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

First of all, I just want to thank everybody that came out to do their comments to our public hearings and for voicing their opinions. Also, I wanted to make sure that, as I was addressing some of our comments, make sure that you are looking at open meetings law. When you're looking at open meeting law, please study that.

Also want to say a shout out to those hopefully everybody as we go into the - had a happy holiday and - this holiday season. I commend people and I you know challenge people to make sure they spend the time with their family and friends as much as possible. I know these times that this time of the year is also, you know, a lot of times sad for some people because of the losses that they might face. But as a community, if you know someone that is in need or support, please be able to reach out. As we see the temperatures are falling, if you know any elderly people are in situations, please reach out to make sure that they have the necessary heat.

There's definitely a lot of food banks that have been taking place. Turkey drives. Those will continue on throughout the Christmas season, the holiday season. So, if you know any people in need, please reach out to your city council members and the city itself - mostly all of the local churches are doing food drives and the school district will be doing a holiday celebration as well.

Mr. Perez did leave, but we did take - we did hear what you said about the stop sign on traffic issues. So, thank you for addressing that, because this council one thing I will it's one thing I will stand on as all the members of this council are concerned about the safety and children of all residents, but especially children. This council is definitely child and children focus. So, we don't want to see any issues happening with our children and our youth in the City of Poughkeepsie.

And I want to thank everybody just for all the things that they've been doing as we come into end of the year. And, hopefully we continue to thrive in this great progress that we continue to move in the right direction despite some of the challenges that we might have and just let everybody know that once again, as I stated before, all of the council people here are humans. You know, we are all human and no one is above error and no one is out here to get anybody else. So everyone took this role in this position for their improving of the city that they live in and dearly love.

And that is it. And I turn it over to the mayor's comments.

## VII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

I do hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I want to thank many of the organizations that were out there who were actually helping individuals during that time because, you know, we have a lot of struggling families and it was just nice to see the businesses coming together.

I'm going to put it out there. I appreciate and thank my brother Frank and [inaudible]. They put out a thousand turkey baskets. We were delivering them throughout the city and seeing a lot of families very appreciative of it. And that could not have happened if businesses that were in the City of Poughkeepsie and even in the town coming together and just dropping off turkeys.

I've never seen so many turkeys before. It was great to see.

Also, and I know that Councilmember Brown is going to bring it up, what they've done, but I've seen it on social media. I was so nice to see their business actually, you know, providing the fried turkeys for the family. I mean, I wish I would've known that earlier I would have came myself. But it's nice seeing people coming together and, basically, finding ways of helping each other.

On Thanksgiving Day, we were delivering meals. We delivered over 1800 meals and there were so many volunteers. People came out to really help. It was great to see and this is something that we like to see in the City of Poughkeepsie and without the help of everybody that could not have been done, especially to our seniors, you know? So, I really commend individuals, businesses, organizations throughout our community that really were out there helping our families. And I know they're out doing it for Christmas as well. So whenever you find an opportunity, like our Chair said, to please, you know, help out in any way that you possibly can.

We do have a Festival of Lights, it's going to be on Friday from 5:30 to 8:30 at Waryas Park.

We're actually working with the Children's Museum, they'll be down there with a table providing some information to families. Also, so the Governess is going to be involved.

She's going to provide some kind of, you know, food to carry, I guess from her window. But also she'll have food outside. So, she will be providing other food that she normally does not sell inside the restaurant. So, this is the beginning of what we discussed about providing food items for individuals that can't necessarily go into the restaurant for the actual meals, but to provide food for families as they're coming there to purchase a hotdog or a hamburger or something like that. So she has chicken fingers and things like that that people can purchase to go. So that will be offered and there's a couple of other vendors that will be there.

Some of our children that are from the school district are going to participate in the Festival of Lights, which is great. So they'll be singing the holiday songs and we'll also have someone there that will be also representing our Jewish community as well because it is celebrating the holidays of the month. So, it's incorporating all.

The other thing is too is that I want to thank the DPW for all their efforts that we doing to actually, you know, the lights around the light poles to make it more festive. You know, people have been asking for it and so they have been working hard to make that happen and also doing some work down by Waryas Park to make it nice when we do the Festival of Lights.

I just want to put this on record that we moved it to Waryas Park based on some recommendations of

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some of the staff that have been trying to do this for a little while since the parade had stopped a few years ago, and individuals who were involved with the Festival of Lights in the past who did a wonderful job because I always enjoyed attending it with my family. But some of them have passed away. Some of them are just tired and they're not involved as much anymore. And so, and the businesses that were in that area are also closed. So it was brought up by a couple of the staff from the DPW who asked if we can move it to Waryas Park, since they were already going to be removing the tree that was down there because of some issues that were with the tree. So we decided to do that, see how it works. I think it will be nice with the backdrop of the bridge – the two bridges when they're lit. You know, when we do events now, it's beautiful. It's cool. So, it's going to be nice.

And we thank Central Hudson for the sponsorship of the fireworks. So I think it'll be a nice family affair. So we're hoping that everyone will be able to come out.

Also, I just want to address a couple of things that came up tonight. Our police officers don't stand on corners for traffic control doing that for just when our kids are going to school.

We do have traffic officers that have been helping out because we have a hard time getting crossing guards. So, they have been going into high traffic areas where needed if we can put someone on every corner where our kids are crossing, that would be great.

But unfortunately, we can't. And if we know of anyone who is willing to come to work at certain corners, then we can work on that. In this particular case that Mr. Perez has brought up, this is part of a state and part of a city road. We will look and see what we can do about it. We've had a challenge before down on South Road going towards the [Poughkeepsie] Rural Cemetery. And we actually worked with the state, the city, in order to fix the safety concerns there.

So there are some things that we can look at to see what we can do in regards to it. Speeding through stop signs has been a problem and we are looking at different avenues of how we can help reduce that problem because it's happening throughout the City of Poughkeepsie. So, we do ask parents that when our children are crossing the some of our kids even know how to cross the road, you know, and be very mindful of that. So we do. That's why we go on National Night Out ways of teaching the kids when they can cross where these cross in the crosswalk. You know, we should make sure that our crosswalks are visible. So we're going to be working on that as well and ensuring that that happens. So we'll do our part to make that area much safer.

I wish I would have known that he was having these complaints before and then we could have worked on it that much sooner, especially when the weather was warm and probably do something about it. So, hopefully Mr. Perez will come in and we can have a conversation with them and more about that. I wish he was still here so we can have that conversation, but... so Councilmember Henry, if he wants to come in and have that discussion, he can sit down and talk with them and let them know what, you know, what we can do, what we're trying to do.

Also, the young lady that came in here on Ms. Carol Johnson, I think she reached out to many of us in regards to this. I just want to put it on record that the problem she mentioned about the police, was not the City of Poughkeepsie Police. It's actually in the town whether that's a problem or not. That's another story.

And I just want to put on record to let people know that her interactions was not with the City of

Poughkeepsie police, but another police department. So, honestly, I mean, she has gone through a lot. So hopefully she'll be able to get some resolution to the problems that she's facing right now.

People have also asked about the letter that went out, the lead pipe replacement. That is a requirement that was made from the federal government that has gone to all the states. And they need to work with the municipalities to ensure that this communication about the lead pipes is being sent out. And I think our departments did very well in getting information out in regard to that.

We are still trying to work on about how that we are going to deal with lead pipes that are on the other side of the curb box on a private property, which people don't understand that we were from. It looks like everybody's trying to figure this out, to be honest with you, because you get different see different information when you're talking to different levels of government.

But it all comes down to we're being told, and correct me if I'm wrong, and some of this information, the grant money or money that we're receiving, that we can't use on private property. So we have to consider how we're going to handle that.

So we're still trying to navigate through that because we have individuals and seniors who own homes, people who are struggling and can't come up with that amount of money to change the lead pipes on their property. So we have to find a different way of how we're going to navigate through that, you know, depending upon the grant funding that we get. So we are working on that.

But right now that was a requirement that had to go out to everyone about the lead pipes that inform them what's going on. And so from there, we'll continue to have communications with the community regarding it. So that's as much as I have at this point, because, again, we keep getting information.

Again, I want to thank the council and our Finance committee for working closely with our finance department and Dr. Martinez and working on the budget. I know you'll be talking about it this evening and possibly approving it. I just want to commend you all for the work that you've done on it. This administration has worked on it a lot and I know it has been tough. It's a tough decision to make, but it seems like the conversation that we're having with residents in the community is they understand and I think it's because the messaging that was not only in the budget message, but it was also from individual people having conversations with council members as well. So I just want to thank you all for the work that was done on that and that we were able to move forward with a budget that we can all be okay with.

So thank you, Chair.

**VIII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**IX. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown and seconded by Council Member- 1st Ward Henry.

| Motion to Approve Consent Agenda - VOICE VOTE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>                               | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member- 4th Ward Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>                                | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>                               | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Absent:</b>                                | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>                                | Passed                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

1. **R-24-91**, Supplemental Bond Resolution for Bridge Rehab Projects- Washington Street and Garden Street

INSERT BOND

EXTRACT OF MINUTES  
(Supplemental Bond Resolution for  
Bridge Rehab Projects-Washington Street and Garden Street)  
R-24-91

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 December 3, 2024 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson  
Councilmember Earnest 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 Councilmember\_\_\_\_\_, seconded by Councilmember\_\_\_\_\_, to wit;

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECMEBER 3, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE AND GARDEN STREET BRIDGE AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$20,365,265 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,365,265 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 No. R19-35 dated March 4, 2019 regarding the Washington and Garden Street Bridge Projects (the “2019 Bond Resolution”), authorizing the issuance of serial bonds for the purposes described therein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$8,552,480; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously issued its Bond Anticipation Notes, Series 2019A dated May 2, 2019, including the principal amount of \$1,000,000 issued pursuant to the 2019 Bond Resolution, and renewals of such notes; and

WHEREAS, based on updated estimated costs of the improvements to be financed pursuant to the 2019 Bond Resolution, including certain costs to be financed or reimbursed with the proceeds of grants awarded to the City, it is necessary to increase the estimated project cost and to modify the plan of financing as set forth herein; and

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. Sections 1 and 2 of the 2019 Bond Resolution are hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 1. The reconstruction of the Washington Street bridge, including related improvements, is hereby authorized at an increased estimated maximum cost of \$14,651,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 10 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is twenty years.

SECTION 2. The reconstruction of the Garden Street bridge, including related improvements, is hereby authorized at an increased estimated maximum cost of \$5,714,265, and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 10 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is twenty years.

SECTION 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid purpose described 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 3. Section 4 of the 2019 Bond Resolution is hereby amended and supplemented to read as follows:

SECTION 4. The City plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the City in an increased aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,365,265, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. Such amount includes \$14,651,000 for the Washington Street Bridge project and \$5,714,265 for the Garden Street Bridge project. The City expects to pay or redeem a portion of the obligations from State and Federal transportation grants in the amount of \$13,513,094 for the Washington Street Bridge project and \$5,466,982.90 for the Garden Street Bridge project. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to impair the obligations previously issued pursuant to the 2019 Bond Resolution.

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.

SECTION 6. 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 ____ |
| Councilmember Earnest Henry            | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Evan Menist              | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Terriciana Brown         | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Nathan Shook             | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Ondie James              | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Christopher Grant        | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson | VOTING ____ |
| Councilmember Megan Deichler           | VOTING ____ |

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_, 2024

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Yvonne Flowers  
Mayor

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2024 and entitled:

### SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED DECMEBER 3, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECONSTRUCTION OF WASHINGTON STREET BRIDGE AND GARDEN STREET BRIDGE AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$20,365,265 AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,365,265 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 \_\_\_\_ day of December, 2024.

-SEAL-

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Jamar Cummings  
City Chamberlain

*Executive Summary--Not a part of the Resolution*

This SUPPLEMENTAL Bond Resolution for Bridge Rehab Projects--Washington Street and Garden Street includes:

| <u>Purpose</u> | <u>Capital Budget Items</u>                | <u>PPU (Max. Period for Financing)</u> | <u>Total Cost</u> | <u>Other Funds</u> | <u>Bonds Authorized</u> |
|----------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
|                |                                            |                                        |                   |                    |                         |
| Section 1:     | Reconstruction of Washington Street Bridge | 20 years                               | \$14,651,000      | *see below         | \$14,651,000            |
| Section 2:     | Reconstruction of Garden Street Bridge     | 20 years                               | \$5,714,265       | **see below        | \$5,714,265             |
|                | TOTAL                                      |                                        | \$20,365,265      |                    | \$20,365,265            |

\* Washington Street

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Grant; PIN 8759.83; St and Fed Est \$13,513,094; City Match 15%

\*\* Garden Street

Statewide Transportation Improvement Program Grant incl Bridge NY pending award: PIN 8761.96 St and Fed Est. \$5,466,982.90; City Match 20%

**XI. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

1. **LL-24-15**, A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C

LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2024  
LL-24-02

**A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN  
GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c**

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIRWOMAN BROWN:**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie of the County of Dutchess as follows:

**Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess to adopt a budget for the 2024 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

**Section 2. AUTHORITY**

This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the City Council to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a local law approved by the Common Council.

**Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE**

The City of Poughkeepsie Common Council is hereby authorized to override the Tax Levy Limit established pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c, for Fiscal Year 2024, and to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2024 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c.

**Section 4. SEVERABILITY**

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, section or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair, effect or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph,

subdivision, section or part of this law or in its application to the person, individual, corporation, firm, partnership, entity or circumstance directly involved in the controversy in which such order or judgment shall be rendered.

**Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK**

**XII. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. **R-24-89**, Resolution Approving 2025 City of Poughkeepsie Budget

**RESOLUTION**

**(R-24-89)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, SHOOK, PATTERSON-THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND DEICHLER:**

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie, estimates of budget requirements for the year 2025 have been certified to the Mayor, City Administrator and the Commissioner of Finance by the various departments, officers, agencies and boards of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor with the help of the City Administrator and the Commissioner of Finance did review the aforementioned estimates with the various departments, officers, agencies and boards; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor did prepare a proposed budget for the year 2025 based on these aforementioned reviews, which proposed budget with the Mayor's budget message was submitted to the Common Council on October 15, 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, subsequent to a notice of public hearing being published in the official newspaper, in compliance with provisions of the City Administrative Code, a public hearing was duly held on November 4, 2024; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the 2025 preliminary budget be and hereby is adopted and declared to be the budget of the City of Poughkeepsie for the year 2025; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the amounts of said budget appropriations, estimated revenues, and contributions from fund balances, be and are hereby appropriated as therein specified in accordance with the provision of the Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie and General and Special laws of the State of New York applicable to said City; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the aforementioned general ad valorem taxes required to be raised for such budget purposes would need a homestead tax rate of \$10.83 per one thousand dollars and a non-homestead tax rate of \$13.93 of assessed valuation upon all taxable property of the City of Poughkeepsie according to the valuation of the assessment roll for the current year; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the required water rate for taxable and nontaxable properties is established at \$5.94 per 100 cubic feet; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the required sewer rate for taxable and nontaxable properties is established at \$4.88 per 100 cubic feet; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, that pursuant to Local Law 3 of 2012 the required sanitation rate for eligible taxable and nontaxable parcels is established as follows:

Single family residence: \$145.20 a quarter

Two family residence: \$287.38 a quarter

Three family residence: \$453.75 a quarter

4 yard dumpster \$812.97 a quarter

6 yard dumpster \$1,126.81 a quarter

8 yard dumpster \$1,493.60 a quarter

Mixed-use property: \$283.60 a quarter

**NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, in accordance with the Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie and on or before the date therein specified, a warrant shall be issued to the Commissioner of Finance as City Treasurer, to collect such taxes in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie applicable thereto, with penalties and interest therein provided.

A motion to approve Resolution R-24-89 was made by Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson and seconded by Council Member- 6th Ward Grant.

| R-24-89 VOICE VOTE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>    | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member- 4th Ward Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>    | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Absent:</b>     | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>     | <b>Passed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

2. **R-24-90**, Resolution Approving Submission of Grant Application to Round 9 of the Restore NY Grant Program

## **RESOLUTION**

**(R-24-90)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER WILSON, SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, MENIST, BROWN, GRANT AND DEICHLER:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie is desirous of submitting a grant application to Round 9 of the Restore NY grant program, offered through Empire State Development Corporation, for funding to support the project known as “Bardavon Adaptive Reuse Project” located at 31 & 39 Market Street; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie is committed to advancing its economic development strategy and local revitalization goals through ongoing collaboration with other governmental units and private partners; and

**WHEREAS**, the funding for the Restore NY program is appropriate for this specific rehabilitation project and facilitates the effective and efficient use of existing and future public

resources so as to promote both economic development and the preservation of community resources; and

**WHEREAS**, the City held a public hearing on December 3, 2024 in order to receive public comment on proposed applications and related Property Assessment Lists; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council is desirous of lending its support and endorsement to the Bardavon Adaptive Reuse Project application which has been deemed to support its overarching revitalization goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie supports and endorses the City's Restore NY Round 9 grant application to secure funds in support of rehabilitating the project known as "Bardavon Adaptive Reuse Project" located at 31 & 39 Market Street;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor is authorized and hereby shall do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution including but not limited to signing any document needed for submission or acceptance of the grant.

A motion to approve Resolution R-24-90 was made by Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson and seconded by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown.

| R-24-90 VOICE VOTE |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>    | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member- 4th Ward Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>     | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>    | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Absent:</b>     | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>     | <b>Passed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**XIII. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT:**

At 8:43pm, motion to adjourn was made by Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson and seconded by Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown.

| Motion to Adjourn the Common Council Meeting - Voice Vote |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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| <b>Yes/Aye:</b>                                           | Council Member- 1st Ward Henry, Councilmember - 2nd Ward Menist, Council Member- 3rd Ward Brown, Council Member- 5th Ward James, Council Member- 6th Ward Grant, Council Member- 7th Ward Patterson Thompson, Council Member- 4th Ward Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson |
| <b>No/Nay:</b>                                            | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Abstain:</b>                                           | None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Absent:</b>                                            | Council Member- 8th Ward Deichler                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Result:</b>                                            | <b>Passed</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Dated: December 10, 2024**

**I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.**

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