



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:15 PM

Common Council Chambers

I WELCOME:

Welcome to the scheduled Public Hearing of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council. The date is Tuesday, March 18, 2025 and the time is 6:23 pm.

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on Establishing the Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District.

II ROLL CALL:

9 Present, 0 Absent ()

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five Minutes Per Person

Five minutes per person only on the subject of the public hearing

Daniel Atonna - College Ave

IV ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:25 pm a motion to close the public hearing was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson.

Dated: March 20, 2025

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 18, 2025.

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

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-13)**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH THE
DOWNTOWN POUGHKEEPSIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES AND GRANT:

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH THE DOWNTOWN POUGHKEEPSIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT” 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, March 4, 2025 at 6:15 pm** in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

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**A LOCAL LAW TO ESTABLISH THE
DOWNTOWN POUGHKEEPSIE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

SPONSOR:

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

~~STRIKETHROUGH INDICATES DELETION~~
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

SECTION 1: Administrative Code Section 14.42 is amended as follows:

Section 14.42. Taxes – ~~economic development zones~~ **Business Improvement Districts**; ~~state law applicable~~

A. The provisions of article 19-A of the General Municipal Law are hereby determined to be applicable to the establishment or extension of business improvement districts in the ~~city~~**City**.

B. Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District

- 1. The Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District shall be and is hereby established in the City of Poughkeepsie, the City Council having found by resolution dated January 7, 2025 that the establishment of the Business Improvement District is in the public interest; that all notice, mailing and public hearing requirements have been complied with; that, except as otherwise provided GML §980-a, all the real property within the boundaries of the proposed district will benefit from the establishment of the district; and that all real property benefited is included within the limits of the district.**
- 2. The boundaries of the district are set forth in the District Plan of the Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District and are set forth as follows:**
 - a. NORTHERN BOUNDARY: Where Market St. reaches Mansion St. to Garden St. south to Mill St. where it reaches Hamilton St. The BID includes only properties on the west side of Garden St. The BID includes properties on both the north and south side of Mill St.**
 - b. EASTERN BOUNDARY: Hamilton Street between Mill St. and Church St. The BID includes on properties on the west side of Hamilton St.**
 - c. SOUTHERN BOUNDARY: Northernmost side of Church St. from the intersection of the westbound Rt. 44/55 arterial to Hamilton St.**
 - d. WESTERN BOUNDARY : Mill St. and the westbound Rt. 44/55 arterial behind the Civic Center and County office buildings to its intersection with Church St.**

- 3. The provision of services within the district shall be pursuant the District Plan of the Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District. All services shall be in addition to, and not a substitution for, required municipal services provided by the City of Poughkeepsie on a citywide basis.**
- 4. Any amendments to the Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District or the district plan shall be made in accordance with the provisions of article 19-A of the General Municipal Law.**

SECTION 2: If any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision or part of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, shall be adjudicated by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unconstitutional, such order or judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this Local Law.

SECTION 3: This Local Law shall become effective only upon compliance with General Municipal Law §980-g requiring review and approval of the New York State Comptroller of the proposed Downtown Poughkeepsie Business Improvement District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of the aforesaid proposed Local Law be laid upon the desk of each council member; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed Local Law and that the City Clerk shall publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ :