



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council the date is March 18, 2025, and the time is 6:33pm**

I. ROLL CALL

9 Present, 0 Absent ()

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to Approve Minutes was made by 4th Ward Council Member Shook and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

CCM Minutes of Informational & Regular Meetings of March 4, 2025	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. Common Council Informational Meeting of March 4, 2025
2. Common Council Meeting of March 4, 2025

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

1. **R-25-31**, Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding between City of Poughkeepsie and Joule Energy

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

A motion to suspend rules to allow presentation from Joule Assets, Inc was made by ***3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.***

1. A presentation from Joule Assets, Inc regarding the Memorandum of Understanding.

A motion to Resume rules was made by ***4th Ward Council Member Shook and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.***

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 St
Daniel Atonna- College Ave
Laurie Sandow- S. Grand Ave*

***Submitted written comments**

Laurie Sandow public comments, Common Council Meeting, March 18, 2025

Two weeks ago—in the unexplained absence of Council Chair Da’Ron Wilson—Vice Chair Shook declared the Informational Meeting to be a special meeting of the Council, despite Council meetings and Informational Meetings being distinctly separate entries in the City Charter. Worse than that, not a single elected or appointed in this City has provided, and Corporation Counsel Valk has flat-out refused to provide, a written legal opinion that supports their self-serving Charter interpretation, conflating the distinctly separate entries. The new Council Rule XXIII imposed on the public requires the public to bow, scrape and obey a declaration that deprives us of our right to speak and to know, a rule created in secrecy, behind closed doors, which the Administration and electeds all fear to subject to scrutiny by the public in the light of day.

And where exactly, in Rule XXIII, is the timeline for public, on-the-record answers to all that the public asked at the March 4 Informational Meeting? Why is it that councilmembers keep expanding the rules that limit and restrict the public, yet go without sanction for their own violations of the rules, and go—term after term—without ever broadening the vanishingly few rules they’ve written for and imposed on themselves, including a missing requirement to explain their own latenesses and absences?

The 2025 Sunshine Week <<https://sunshineweek.org>> is currently underway—so-named after Louis Brandeis’ famous quote that “Sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants.” Is there a single soul on this Council who embraces and employs that disinfectant and rejects the malevolent, anti-public trifecta of this City’s current Administration, Corporation Counsel, and Council Chair?

Free speech has been and still is a protected civil right; a right that is not only under attack on the national level, but also under attack right here in the City of Poughkeepsie by the very electeds and appointeds who use and abuse the privilege of their seats. Public questioning, dissent and advocating for justice all remain essential to preserving and creating a better nation as well as a better city.

If the meaning of sunlight as a disinfectant confuses or even offends members of this Council, let me add:

—“Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty” — Thomas Jefferson

—“Whoever would overthrow the liberty of a nation must begin by subduing the freeness of speech.” — Benjamin Franklin

—“If freedom of speech is taken away, then dumb and silent we may be led, like sheep to the slaughter.” — George Washington

—“If liberty means anything at all, it means the right to tell people what they do not want to hear.” — George Orwell

—“Liberty is meaningless where the right to utter one’s thoughts and opinions has ceased to exist. That, of all rights, is the dread of tyrants. It is the one right which they first of all strike down....To suppress free speech is a double wrong. It violates the rights of the hearer as well as those of the speaker.” — Frederick Douglass

—“You have not converted a man because you have silenced him.” — John, Viscount Morley

—“Injustice anywhere threatens justice everywhere.” — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

While this Council and this Administration continues their unjust efforts to silence the public, as well as their backroom collusion to reference me only as a person who shall not be named, there are people throughout this City who watch each week, waiting to hear my comments—comments they might make themselves if not for fear of retribution and retaliation by this Administration’s elected and appointed. I remain steadfast, and will continue to be here as a watchdog, and not a lapdog. As a voice for people who want and insist that our electeds function with transparency and accountability to their constituents and City residents at large. In the words of journalism’s time-honored guidestar, I am here to “comfort the afflicted, and afflict the comfortable.” I am here to demand that our electeds provide this city’s residents a square deal, rather than a raw deal.

And as I run out of time, let me address the baloney from Councilmember Terricena Brown, claiming that when one member shows up they represent all councilmembers. Does that mean when one councilmember is absent, that all are absent? That when one doesn't read their packet, all have failed to read their packets? When one is late, all are late? If a member of the public is late, do we still get to make public comments? If not, then why do

councilmembers get to vote on an issue after arriving late or being entirely absent from a public hearing or meeting? Never mind “consenting” behind closed doors to agenda items that one or more Councilmembers might not ever have read or understood, and certainly has not discussed with their constituents.

Before closing the public comment period, why doesn’t the Council Chair ever ask whether any other member(s) of the public in attendance who didn’t sign up would also like to speak during public comments? When will this Council—like other responsible bodies—institute hybrid meetings so that people can comment remotely?

Will this Council ever ask yourselves and answer: in what way have you called your constituents and others into knowledge and decision-making, rather than cancelling, manipulating and leaving them hanging for knowledge? Do you not think that this empty room reflects how much you have undermined the rights, and the interests, and the knowledge of the public to be active citizens and engaged in this City’s decision making?

The following text of the new Common Council Rule XXIII appears nowhere in the City Charter, nor does the Common Council have the power or authority to alter the text of the City Charter:

<https://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/DocumentCenter/View/3013/2024-Common-Council-Rules-of-Conduct-and-Procedure-PDF>

RULE XXIII: The following rules shall apply to the informational meetings required by the City Charter:

- (a) Speakers shall register in writing prior to the beginning of the meeting by providing their name, address, and organization if any. Individuals arriving after the commencement of the meeting shall be permitted to register upon arrival if the Chairperson has not closed the hearing.
- (b) The Chairperson shall recognize each speaker, in the order registered, when the hearing commences. Speakers shall identify themselves, their address and organization, if any, prior to their questions.
- (c) Speakers shall be permitted five (5) minutes to read their questions. Speakers may not yield any remaining time they may have to another speaker
- (d) Department heads who wish to respond to questions immediately after the speaker finishes their five (5) minutes shall be permitted to do, but in no instance will a Department Head be required to answer [sic] a question on the spot if they indicate they need to review files, documents or records in order to accurately answer the question. In such case, the Department Head shall submit a written response to the Chairperson within the time specified by the Chairperson.
- (e) Speakers may submit their questions in writing either in advance of or at the informational meeting.

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to Approve the **Consent Agenda** was made by 4th Ward Council Member Shook and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS R-25-28, R-25-29 & R-25-30 - VOICE VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. **R-25-28**, A Resolution Authorizing the Acquisition of DPW Vehicles and Joint Water Tractor, Authorizing the Issuance of Serial Bonds of the City of Poughkeepsie

**EXTRACT OF MINUTES
(DPW Vehicles and Joint
Water Tractor) R-25-28**

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 18, 2025 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

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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 Sakima McClinton

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO
PRESENT:

Interim Commissioner of Finance Joseph
Vita

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Nathan Shook, seconded
by Councilmember Christopher Grant, to wit;

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF DPW VEHICLES
AND JOINT WATER TRACTOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL
BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW
YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
\$2,281,242 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE
COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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. The acquisition of two multipurpose dump, plow and maintenance
vehicles, one vacuum truck, and one 4x4 dump truck and one 31 yard dump truck for
DPW maintenance purposes is hereby authorized at an aggregate estimated maximum
cost of \$2,151,993 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby
determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 28 of
paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of
probable usefulness of said purpose is 15 years.

SECTION 2. The acquisition of a tractor for Joint Water Treatment Facility maintenance is hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$234,020 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. Approximately \$129,249 is to be paid by the City and the remaining portion of the cost of such purpose is to be paid by the Town of Poughkeepsie pursuant to the Joint Water System Intermunicipal Agreement. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 28 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is 15 years.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that each of the aforesaid purposes described above constitute Type II Actions as defined under the State Environmental Quality Review Regulations, 6 NYCRR Part 617, which have been determined under SEQR not to have a significant impact on the environment.

SECTION 4. The City plans to finance the total cost of said purpose by the issuance of serial bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$2,281,242, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The remaining approximately \$104,771 portion of the cost of the Joint Water System tractor described in Section 2 is to be paid by the Town of Poughkeepsie pursuant to the Joint Water Treatment Facility Intermunicipal Agreement.

SECTION 5 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 6. The proceeds of the bonds herein authorized and any bond anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds shall 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 7. 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. 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 8. 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 9. 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 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, being 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 No. R-25- 28 was duly put to vote on a roll call, which resulted as follows:

Councilmember At Large Da'Ron Wilson	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Ernest Henry	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Evan Menist	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Terriciena Brown	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Nathan Shook	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Ondie James	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Christopher Grant	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson	VOTING Yes
Councilmember Sakima McClinton	VOTING Yes

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Approved: _____, 2025

Yvonne Flowers, Mayor

CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

(1) He 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 18th day of March, 2025 and entitled:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MARCH 18, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF DPW VEHICLES AND JOINT WATER TRACTOR, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,281,242 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 his hand this 19th day of March, 2025.

-SEAL-

Jamar Cummings
City Chamberlain

Executive Summary–Not a part of the Resolution

This Resolution for acquisition of **DPW on vehicles and tractor for Joint Water** 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:	Acquisition of DPW vehicles	15	\$2,151,993		\$2,151,993
Section 2:	Acquisition of tractor for Joint Water	15	\$234,020	\$104,771 Town (Joint Water)	\$129,249
	TOTAL		\$2,386,103		\$2,281,242

2. **R-25-29**, A Resolution Approving Certain Zoning Code and Finance Department Fees

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-29)**

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council hereby approves the following fees:

Zoning Code Fees:

1. Keeping of Bees yearly permit fee - \$50
2. Keeping of Chickens Tri-annual permit fee - \$50
3. Short Term Vacation Rental yearly permit fee - \$250
4. Short Term Home Sharing Rental permit fee - \$100
5. Sign permit fee - \$50 (reduction from current \$350)

Finance Department Fees:

1. Tax Search Fee - \$50

3. **R-25-30**, A Resolution Approving Schedule of Fees for McCann-Caven Golf Course

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-25-30)**

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

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie owns two municipal golf courses for the use and enjoyment of the citizens of the City and the public in general located at Spratt Park and at College Hill Park respectively; and

WHEREAS, these golf courses are operated on behalf of the City by McCann-Caven Golf Courses, Inc. under an agreement with the City; and

WHEREAS, the said agreement provides that the schedule of fees charged for the use of the golf courses and related amenities must be approved by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, in order to preserve and maintain the recreational opportunity that these golf courses provide to the citizens of the City and the public in general, McCann-Caven Golf Courses, Inc. has requested that the Common Council consider a revision to the current fee schedule; and

WHEREAS, McCann-Caven Golf Courses, Inc. has provided good and sufficient justification for the requested revision; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the schedule of fees annexed hereto to be charged for the use of the golf course located in Spratt Park and for the use of the facilities and amenities related thereto is hereby approved by the Common Council; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the annexed schedule of fees shall take effect no sooner than March 21, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor, the City Administrator and McCann-Caven Golf Courses Inc. be and they hereby are authorized to take all steps necessary to give full effect to this resolution.

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	Proposed Rate Increase for 2025		
MCCANN MEMORIAL GOLF COURSE - 2025 RATE FEE PROPOSAL		2024	2025
			\$1 Increase
CITY-TOWN RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$36.00	\$37.00
DUTCHESS COUNTY RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$41.00	\$42.00
NON-COUNTY RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$57.00	\$58.00
OPEN – CLOSE	9 HOLES	\$23.00	\$24.00
LEAGUE PLAY (After 4 pm)	9 HOLES	\$23.00	\$24.00
SENIOR CITIZEN (Dutchess County Resident 62 & OVER)			
Mon-Fri All Day	18 HOLES	\$31.00	\$32.00
Mon-Fri All Day	9 HOLES	\$23.00	\$24.00
JUNIORS (18 & UNDER)	(9 or 18 HOLES)	\$20.00	\$21.00
Senior non-county	18 HOLES	\$42.00	\$43.00
SATURDAY- SUNDAY- HOLIDAYS			
CITY-TOWN RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$41.00	\$42.00
COUNTY RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$46.00	\$47.00
NON-COUNTY RESIDENT	18 HOLES	\$62.00	\$63.00
AFTER 12 PM	9 HOLES	\$25.00	\$26.00
JUNIORS (18 & UNDER)	(9 or 18 HOLES)	\$20.00	\$21.00
AFTER 12 PM			
GOLF CART RENTALS			
DOUBLE RIDER	18 HOLES	\$46.00	\$48.00
SINGLE RIDER	18 HOLES	\$23.00	\$24.00
SINGLE/DOUBLE RIDER	9 HOLES	\$13.00/\$26.00	\$14.00/\$28.00
*ALL GOLF CART RENTALS INCLUDE TAX			
2024 SEASON PASSES			
CITY-TOWN WEEKDAY (5 DAY)		\$1,800	\$1,900
CITY-TOWN 7 DAY	(\$1000 ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER)	\$2,200	\$2,300
COUNTY RESIDENT WEEKDAY (5 DAY)	(\$1000 ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER)	\$2,000	\$2,100
COUNTY RESIDENT 7 DAY		\$2,300	\$2,400
NON-COUNTY RESIDENT 7 DAY		\$3,000	\$3,100
CART PASS (w/SEASON PASS)		\$1,000	\$1,100
RANGE PASS (w/SEASON PASS)		\$250	\$300
SEASON PASSES ARE NOT VALID FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY			

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-25-31**, Resolution Approving Memorandum of Understanding between City of Poughkeepsie and Joule Assets, Inc.

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-31)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON AND COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK

WHEREAS, Joule Community Power (“Joule”) is currently working to secure another Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) contract; and

WHEREAS, in the interim, Joule is recommending that the City authorize a short term extension of 4-6 months of the existing contract with Direct Energy.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

A Motion To Approve was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist.

R-25-31 - ROLL CALL VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	6th Ward Council Member Grant
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

Memorandum of Understanding (“**MOU**”)
(with Conditional Authorization to Execute Electricity Supply Agreement Amendment)

To: Joule Assets, Inc.
Glenn Weinberg
gweinberg@jouleassets.com

From: Name of Municipality: MUNICIPALITY (the “Municipality”)
Municipal Signatory: [REDACTED]

Re: Execution of Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) Electricity Supply Agreement (the “ESA” or “Agreement”) extension with Direct Energy Services, LLC and Joule Assets, Inc.

Dated: as of [REDACTED] (the date the Municipality signs the signature page, to be completed by Municipality)

This MOU and the attached ESA amendment and signature page attached hereto as Exhibit A (the “ESA Amendment”) is provided by the Municipality at Joule’s request to facilitate execution of the ESA Amendment, effectively extending the Term of the active CCA Agreement between the Municipality, Direct Energy Services, LLC, and Joule Assets, Inc. provided that certain conditions are met.

By delivering this MOU with the ESA Amendment signed by the Municipality, Municipality authorizes Joule to release signed signature page to Direct Energy Services, LLC, add the applicable execution date, and thereby complete execution of the ESA on behalf of the Municipality, upon satisfaction of the following two conditions:

- 1) No other changes be made to the ESA apart from what is detailed in the Amended ESA, including, but not limited to, the preservation of price and composition of electricity products, and delivery of Firm Full-Requirements Power Supply.
- 2) The Municipality informs Joule in writing (including by email) that the Municipality accepts the ESA Amendment, as revised to reflect the modified Service Termination Date.

EXHIBIT A
AMENDED ESA

FIRST AMENDMENT TO
THE ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AGREEMENT

This First Amendment is entered into by and between the [municipality name], New York (“Municipality”), Direct Energy Services, LLC (“Competitive Supplier”), and Joule Assets, Inc. (“Program Administrator”). This First Amendment is an amendment to the Electricity Supply Agreement (ESA) fully executed as of [date], by and between the Municipality, Program Administrator, and Competitive Supplier (the “Agreement”) and will amend some of the Agreement terms. Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings given to such terms in the Agreement.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Municipality requests that the Competitive Supplier provide Firm Full-Requirements Power Supply and Consolidated Billing as an alternative to Basic Utility Supply Service for Participating Consumers within the Municipality for an additional [X] months; and

WHEREAS, the Competitive Supplier agrees to provide Firm Full-Requirements Power Supply and Consolidated Billing as an alternative to Basic Utility Supply Service for Participating Consumers within the Municipality for an additional [X] months.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises set forth herein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

Amendment to Exhibit A:

- 1) The Parties agree to delete the language in Exhibit A, section 4A that reads as follows:

For purposes of this ESA, the Service Termination Date means, for each Participating Consumer, the first meter read for the month of July 2025.

The Parties further agree to replace the deleted sentence with the following:

For purposes of this ESA, the Service Termination Date means, for each Participating Consumer, the first meter read for the month of [new date].

Additional agreement related to the extension:

- 2) Competitive Supplier agrees to mail an Opt-Out Notice to the Eligible Consumers and Participating Consumers in the Municipality and excluding consumers that have previously opted out of the Program.

No Other Changes. Except as expressly amended in this Amendment, all other provisions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

Counterparts. This First Amendment may be signed in multiple counterparts. Delivery of an executed counterpart of this Fixed Price First Amendment by facsimile or electric

transmission in Portage Document Format (“PDF”) shall be equally effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart hereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this First Amendment is effective upon full execution by the parties, and each party affirms that its signatory is duly authorized to sign a legally binding document on behalf of the party.

Dated: _____ (to be entered by Competitive Supplier on the date that the last party signs) (the “Effective Date”)

**COMPETITIVE SUPPLIER
DIRECT ENERGY SERVICES, LLC**

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____

NAME OF CITY, TOWN, VILLAGE:

By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____

**PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR
JOULE ASSETS INC.**

By: _____
Mike Gordon
Chief Executive Officer
mgordon@jouleassets.com

XI. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

A motion to Approve the **Action Agenda** was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton.

MOTION TO APPROVE ACTION AGENDA - First Read of Ordinances - VOICE VOTE	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 3rd Ward Council Member Brown, 5th Ward Council Member James, 6th Ward Council Member Grant, 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson, 4th Ward Council Member Shook, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. **First Read: O-25-XX**, Ordinance Amending §13-184 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”- Parking Prohibited Between 7:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. Except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays on Hooker Avenue, South Side, from South Randolph Avenue to Whittier Blvd.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-184
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”
(O-25-XX)**

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK,
PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND
MCCLINTON:**

STRIKETHROUGH INDICATES DELETION
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

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

SECTION 1: §13-184 is hereby amended by the following modification:

Section 13-184 Parking prohibited between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Hooker Avenue, south side, from South Randolph Avenue to Grand Avenue

Hooker Avenue, South Side, from South Randolph Avenue to Whittier Blvd.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

- 2. *First Read: O-25-XX*,** Ordinance Amending §13-191.5 Of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled "Motor Vehicles and Traffic" - Two-Hour Parking, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Hooker Avenue, South Side, from Whittier Blvd to South Grand Ave.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-191.5
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC"**

(O-25-XX)

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK,
PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND
MCCLINTON:**

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

SECTION 1: §13-191.5 is hereby amended by the following modification:

Section 13-191.5 Two-Hour Parking, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Upon the installation of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as part of the Two-Hour Parking 9:00 am to 9:00 pm area

Hooker Avenue, South Side, from Whittier Blvd to South Grand Ave.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

3. **First Read: O-25-XX**, Ordinance Amending §13-269 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”- Handicapped Parking Areas Designated on Hooker Avenue, South Side, 40 Feet East of Whittier Blvd, Continuing 22 Feet for One Space.

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

(O 25 XX)

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK,
PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND
MCCLINTON:**

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

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

Section 13-269 ~~Handicapped parking areas designated.~~

Upon the installation of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as part of the Handicapped parking area.

Hooker Avenue, South Side, 40 feet east of Whittier Blvd, continuing 22 feet for one space.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

XII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Thank you Chair.

Well, what I wanted to bring up on March 8th, I went to the youth police initiative program, the graduation that was at the middle school. It was one of the biggest graduations that I've been to. And that's when our police department, our police officers, our law enforcement that's happening with the Sheriff, works with the County and our youth that's in the different schools. In this case, there was a large group from Poughkeepsie School District, which was great. And it's a program that I really enjoy attending their graduation to see how many of these young people were very excited about working along with law enforcement, having communications with them and finding ways of how they can strengthen a relationship and learning about each other. This is a great way of how our law enforcement would actually work in conjunction with the community to ensure that we have better relationships. So, to have our young people involved was great. It was nice to see, too, that we have a large number of our police officers that were involved in the program. So, I really do appreciate the county to continue on that and I commend Carmen Smallwood and Jonathan McPhee of keeping that program going for the last few years.

Also, as it was mentioned that March 15th, this last weekend has been extremely busy. I really enjoyed attending the books and breakfast event that Charlia Frank has hosted along with our councilmembers that was there – it was nice seeing the number of councilmembers that were there. So, thank you for that. And also, after that I kind of jumped over so it was youth like jumping around to do different places. On the seventh and the eighth ward meeting was great. We had a chance to have a good, robust conversation, even though I didn't get there until the last end of it, but still was able to have those conversations about Central Hudson and about some other things that concern the residents that are in those wards. So, thank you for that as well. I then jumped over to the Women's Empowerment event that they had in the gym at the middle school that was hosted by the Girl Scouts. It was great to see the women that were set up to teach our young, our females, that there are careers that are out there that they can pursue that normally are held by men. It was nice to see a scientist, an actual, she's a professor actually, in science, business owners; there were people that were in the emergency – EMS – field; there was a doctor....the children, the young girls that were in the program there were really excited to learn about the things that they can do to get into these particular careers. So, I do appreciate them setting that up and I'm hoping that we can do something on a bigger scale next year and also have some of our councilmembers involved in that because the one thing that I didn't see and that I think that we should pursue even more, is the fact of women who are in government. So, it was nice to go around the room to see the individuals that were actually doing well in their careers that most of these girls didn't think that more women were in. So, I appreciate them doing that.

Also, it was brought up about the Empire Training Center for the Arts, the Dirty Dutchess. It was a well-attended event. It was nice to see the community coming out and rallying behind this new initiative that has new employment opportunities for this community. It highlighted what could happen here in the City of Poughkeepsie and as a person who was born and raised here and going to The Chance for the many different events, it was just so nice to see it rejuvenated and having that excitement happening in The Chance again. So, I'm looking forward to other events, future events and also seeing individuals that are going through the vocational program actually

working behind the scenes. That would be great. Also, on March 16th, I want to thank Dr. Bisbee, who's from All for One United We Stand at the Ramadan event that was at the Family Partnership. A few of us was there and was able to speak. It was a great event and we were able to break bread later, which was nice, coming together. And so this is – she's brought it to the City of Poughkeepsie a few years ago. So, we appreciate her bringing it here and hope that she continues on.

Yesterday, Congressman Pat Ryan held a press conference at the Office of the Aging advocating to, of course, keeping our Social Security office open and also highlighting the benefits of the Social Security benefits. And several people got up to speak about their experiences of trying to navigate through the system. So, also trying to find out ways of making the process a little easier especially the fact that they're temporarily closed for renovations, but have a few hours that they're operating and also times that you can go online. So, it was just nice to see him continuing with this fight. We did get notification that the office would not be closing, that it will be still going under renovations. There's a 10-year lease that's there. And even though it was on the DOGE list, that we were told that it would not close permanently. So, we'll see how it goes. I mean, we still have to advocate to make sure you understand that this is a valuable service to not only the City of Poughkeepsie, but for Dutchess County and for surrounding counties because if that closes, the next place you have to go to is Middletown. And that's going to be very difficult for individuals. So, I appreciate his efforts on that and hopefully people will go to the town hall at the Family Partnership to hear more about his work.

Also, it came up about the libraries in the parks, the box libraries. So, Tom Lawrence from the Poughkeepsie Library has been working with this administration to help fix some of the boxes or replace them if they're needed. But the thing is, they're all dedicated to a particular in honor of someone. So, we have to be very delicate in how we do that because the library goes through and restocks those books continuously and they notice that some of the doors have been broken off, a couple of sides have been broken so they wanted to find more ways of being able to make them a little more sturdier so that way they'll last a little longer in the parks so there is an initiative – a few people working on that along with the library and I believe they reached out because I know Chris Petsas was involved with that along with Frank? I'm sorry - the artist that painted them all. Yes, Frank Blair, right. All right. So, he was involved in it. So, I'm not sure if they're having conversations with him as well, but they are looking at it and figuring out how they can actually make them a little more sturdier.

And, of course, the State of the City is Friday at the Bardavon at 5:30pm. So those who can make it, please come. They're all exciting things that happen in the City of Poughkeepsie that happened the last year or so, and it's free admission. So, people have been asking whether they have to pay anything. It does not cost anything, just show up. We did want people to RSVP because we want to keep track of the numbers, but if you don't, you still can show up. So, I'm pretty excited about it. So, that's pretty much it. Thank you.

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Thank you, Mayor Flowers.

Now we have the Chairman's comments. I'd like to thank everybody that came out to express themselves publicly and all those that tuned in. I also want to thank, of course, congratulations to the city administration, as stated earlier about our \$10 million revitalization. Thank you to the Secretary of State for coming down as well to deliver that check. Shout out to the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department. They're out there working daily. I see them all over the place, and they're doing a lot of us of these fentanyl dealers and things like that, so that's also a good thing. The more that we can get that horrendous drug off our streets, the safer it is for everyone. Shout out to DPW and all the city workers. I want to shout out to the Engage Youth that came out this weekend. Like we said, we dealt with a lot of different programs this weekend and there was Engage Youth and that was because of their engaged families. So, continue that and spread the word. Shout out to the Historic District as well for, once again, recognizing and preserving the historic landmarks that we have throughout the City of Poughkeepsie and making sure that neighborhoods are not losing their decorum.

And that is it for me.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:37pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Dated: March 21, 2025

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

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