



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is May 6, 2025, and the time is 6:32pm

I. ROLL CALL

9 Present, 0 Absent ()

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A motion to Approve minutes was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist.

CCM Minutes of April 15, 2025 - 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. Common Council Meeting of April 15, 2025

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 items 2 and 3 to Corporation Counsel was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

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Motion to defer Items 2 & 3 to Corporation Counsel - 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. **FROM MARY REYNOLDS**, a presentation regarding PorchFest 2025
2. **FROM ALVIN BELL, JR**, a notice of claim for property damage sustained on or about March 27, 2025
3. **FROM STORM GILES**, a notice of claim for property damage sustained on April 14, 2025

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Chimere Sweeney- Black Long Covid Exp
Marta Knapp- 10 S Clinton
Laurie Sandow - S.Grand Ave*
Paola Bari- 5 Barnard Ave
Daniel Atonna- 116 College Ave
Patricia Paulin- 22 Lown Ct
Richard Smith- VFW

***Submitted written comments**

Laurie Sandow comments, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council meeting, May 5, 2025

At the last Council meeting, I noted that I still had not received answers to the questions I'd submitted at the March 4, 2025 2x-yearly Informational Meeting. City Administrator Donat could hardly wait to "correct the record" that I _had_ received answers. Sure enough, his assistant sent incomplete replies to me little more than two hours prior to that night's meeting. Think about it: more than 45 days delay supplying any answers, vs. an email sent 135 minutes prior to meeting, as if I spend my time glued to Email. In Donat's race to discredit, he didn't mention that the answers sent were far from complete. Among the items missing or incomplete: four councilmembers—Wilson, Henry, Grant and Menist—didn't reply at all; four councilmembers—Shook, James, Thompson, and McClinton—provided incomplete and even inaccurate replies; councilmember Brown ignored my questions altogether and sent only an invitation to become an Exempts member.

Written into the replies I received were continued, lies, half-truths, hostility and avoidance, most notably by Mayor Yvonne Flowers and Da'Ron Wilson in his position as Council Chair. I encourage the public to read all my questions and all the replies by writing to me for a copy, or downloading tonight's Agenda packet (my comments begin on Page 5):

[<https://poughkeepsieny.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1231/files/agenda/3127>](https://poughkeepsieny.portal.civicclerk.com/event/1231/files/agenda/3127).

In those replies, you find that Wilson, when asked about a written consent agenda policy, replied, in part: **"this a personal preference of yours not any legal standing."**

When asked about the agenda line item for "Reports of Committees and Board", Wilson replied: **"where does [the Charter] say that the chair is responsible for the reports and presentations?"**

When asked why he has never held an 8-Ward meeting and when he plans to do that, he replied: **"Once again, your personal preference of what you think or like is not the law. There has not been any other chair to do this. As per the charter please indicate where it states that any councilmember has to have a ward meeting."**

Flowers did me a favor in both her reply, as well as at the last Council meeting, by continuing to pretend that her social media page, where she talks about her function as Mayor, remains a personal page. Let me read the exact exchange that caused Flowers to illegally block me from her Facebook page—a thread she deleted so that no-one could ever read it for themselves. You’ll see that my comment was a statement of fact and law. And that if she deems that comment unfit for the eyes of her grandchildren, she has a simple cure: stop lying and stop breaking the law.

Yvonne Flowers wrote (on April 15 at 5:39pm):

“Please note: This is my personal Facebook page and my posts are to let family and friends know what I’m doing and how I am doing as Mayor or in my personal life. If you need to reach me in regards to city business, please do not send messages through Facebook messenger. I do not have access to messenger. Please see below to contact me by email or phone. I will be happy to help in any way I can. If you don’t like what I post, don’t leave a negative comment on my page. I will delete it. If you are frustrated by what is happening in Pok, please feel free to contact me by email or phone. If you want to post your frustration on Facebook, feel free to do it on your own page. Thank you!”

I replied: “As Mayor of the City of Poughkeepsie, once you post about “how I am doing as Mayor” you would be breaking the law by deleting the comments and criticisms of others.

—In March 2024, a unanimous Supreme Court defined when the personal social media account of a public official is a government action, and whether constituents can be blocked from commenting or from following accounts.

—In 2019, a three-judge panel on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit in New York ruled unanimously that because Donald Trump used Twitter to conduct government business, he cannot exclude some Americans from reading or engaging in conversations and replies to his post, just because he does not like their views.

—Also in 2019, Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez apologized to a former elected leader from Brooklyn who sued her for blocking him on Twitter. She reconsidered her decision and acknowledged the former elected’s First Amendment right to express his views without being blocked.” (see attached screencaps of the deleted post and my reply).



Yvonne Flowers

April 15 at 5:39 PM · 🌐



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YVONNE FLOWERS
MAYOR



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Diversity of thought and opinion makes a city stronger, not weaker. Yet, at meeting after meeting, while Councilmembers speak at length and liberty, the public remains limited to only three minutes every two weeks—their comments limited by Da’Ron Wilson, the Council Chair who has never organized a meeting with his own citywide, all-8-wards constituents. Councilmembers gladly collect their taxpayer-funded five-figure salaries, benefits, stipends and ward funds, protecting themselves against the public by writing and imposing self-dealing rules. Their lack of transparency, accountability and their overall conduct leaves no confusion about who’s reaping the benefits of their position, and who’s getting the raw end of the deal in this city.

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion to approve moving resolution R-25-42 to the Action Agenda was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 1st Ward Council Member Henry.

Motion to Move Resolution R-25-42 to the Action Agenda	
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

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

Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items R-25-40, R-25-41, R-25-43 & R-25-44	
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-25-40, Resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding for Garden Street/Fall Kill Creek Bridge Replacement**

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-40)**

Authorizing the implementation and funding of the costs of 100% of the costs of a transportation project, which may be eligible for federal-aid and/or state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds.

SPONSORED: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND MCCLINTON

WHEREAS, a project for the Garden Street/Fall Kill Creek Bridge Replacement, City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County PIN 8761.96 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 95% Federal funds and 5% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie will design, let, and construct the Project: and

WHEREAS, The City of Poughkeepsie desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the costs of the construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, duly convened does hereby

RESOLVE, that the Common Council hereby approves the Project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes The City of Poughkeepsie to pay 100% of the cost of construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, with the understanding that qualified costs may be eligible for federal-aid, state-aid, or reimbursement from Bridge NY funds; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$941,194.00** is hereby appropriated from 30-08-5110 7 469 (Contract Ser-Other19BRW.01)and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phases of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby agrees that the City shall be responsible for all costs of the Project which exceed the amount of federal-aid, state-aid, or NY Bridge funding awarded to the City of Poughkeepsie and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the Project costs not covered by federal aid, state aid, or NY Bridge funding exceed the amount appropriated above, that the Common Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the Mayor and/or City Administrator and/or Commissioner of Finance and/or City Engineer thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that City of Poughkeepsie hereby agrees that construction of the Project shall begin no later than twenty- four (24) months after the award and the construction phase of the Project shall be completed within thirty (30) months; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and/or the City Administrator of the City of Poughkeepsie be and is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie all necessary agreements,

certifications or reimbursement requests for federal-aid and/or state- aid with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the City of Poughkeepsie's funding of Project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and it is further

RESOLVED, that The City of Poughkeepsie will be responsible for all maintenance of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

I, Jamar Cummings, Clerk of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of this Resolution with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a true and correct transcript of said original Resolution and of the whole thereof, as duly adopted by said Common Council at a meeting duly called and held at City Hall on April 15, 2025 by the required and necessary vote of the members to approve the Resolution.

WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Clerk, The City of Poughkeepsie

2. **R-25-41**, Resolution Authorizing the Implementation and Funding of the Federal Aid and State "Marchiselli" Program for Garden Street over Fall Kill Creek Bridge Replacement

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-41)**

Authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and State "Marchiselli" Program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore.

Garden Street over Fall Kill Creek Bridge Replacement

SPONSORED: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND MCCLINTON

WHEREAS, a Project for the Garden Street over Fall Kill Creek Bridge Replacement (BIN 2262680) in the City of Poughkeepsie, PIN 8761.96 (the "Project") is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie desires to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection; and

WHEREAS, this resolution shall supplement Resolutions R-23-29, R-24-38 and R-25-36

NOW, THEREFORE, the Poughkeepsie City Council, duly convened does hereby:

RESOLVE, that the Poughkeepsie City Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and it is hereby further

RESOLVED, that the Poughkeepsie City Council hereby authorizes the City of Poughkeepsie to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of preliminary engineering and right-of-way incidental work for the Project or portions thereof; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,312,498 (\$6,124,195 minus the previous \$4,811,697 allocated in prior resolutions) is hereby appropriated from Account 30-08-5110 7469 (Contract Ser-Other19BRW.01) and made available to cover the cost of participation in the above phase of the Project; and it is further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Poughkeepsie City Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon the notification by the City Administrator thereof, and it is further

RESOLVED, that the City Administrator of the City of Poughkeepsie be and is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications or reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible, and it is further

RESOLVED, that in addition to the City Administrator the following municipal titles: Commissioner of Public Works, City Engineer, and Commissioner of Finance are also

hereby authorized to execute any necessary Agreements or certifications on behalf of the Municipality/Sponsor, with NYSDOT in connection with the advancement or approval of the project identified in the State/Local Agreement;

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project, and it is further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) SS:
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS)

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WITNESS My Hand and the Official Seal of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, this _____ day of _____, 2025.

Clerk, City of Poughkeepsie

PIN 8761.96

3. R-25-43, Resolution in Support of Hometown Heroes Program

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-43)**

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM

SPONSORED: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND MCCLINTON

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie intends to implement a “Hometown Heroes” program where banners honoring veterans or active servicemembers who live(d), work(ed) or own(ed) a business in the City of Poughkeepsie are placed on poles in the City; and

WHEREAS, banners are purchased by family and/or friends to honor a veteran or active servicemember of their choice; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to indicate its support for such program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council supports the implement of a "Hometown Heroes" program with banners to be placed year-round, initially in the areas of Main Street and Market Street. Additional locations may be identified if the program receives strong participation.

4. **R-25-44**, Resolution to Protect the City of Poughkeepsie Social Security Office

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-44)**

SPONSORED: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND MCCLINTON

WHEREAS, neighborhood Social Security offices and employees have faithfully served the public in communities across the country since 1935; and

WHEREAS, Social Security benefits are the best protection against falling into poverty for Americans since the program's inception in 1935; and

WHEREAS, local Social Security offices, staffed with trained civil servants across the nation provides service to millions of Americans each year, in person and by telephone, and

WHEREAS, 20 percent of staff in local SSA offices in your community are veterans; and

WHEREAS, 9.7 million of Americans receiving Social Security benefits are veterans; and

WHEREAS, millions of veterans and their families depend on their monthly checks from Social Security for housing and food; and

WHEREAS, older adults are the fastest growing population of homelessness, including thousands of veterans and families; and

WHEREAS, more than 11,000 Americans reach retirement age each day; and

WHEREAS, staffing at the Social Security Administration has fallen to a 50-year low while workloads have increased; and

WHEREAS, the current federal Administration has announced a plan to close local Social Security offices and to cut staff dramatically including a now withdrawn proposal to shut down the Social Security Office here in the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, cutting costs leads to closing neighborhood Social Security offices - dozens of closures have already been announced or proposed by this Administration; and

WHEREAS, millions of Americans depend on nearby offices, including the office here in the City of Poughkeepsie, for filing for benefits, resolving problems with payments, work records, generating SSN's, providing replacement SSN cards, income and award letters and applications for retirement, disability and SSI; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie commits to opposing any renewed efforts to shut down or reduce staffing at the Social Security Office here in the City of Poughkeepsie; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council supports robust staffing and local office facilities to serve the public in a timely manner in this community and all communities across the state and nation,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council will support House Bills,introduced March 5, 2025, "Keeping Our field Offices Open Act" (HR 1876), "Protecting Americans Social Security Data Act" (HR 1877) and S. 770, "The Social Security Expansion Act" (HR 1700).

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **First Read: O-25-04**, Ordinance Amending §13-186 Of Chapter 13 Of The City Of Poughkeepsie Code Of Ordinances Entitled "Motor Vehicles And Traffic" Parking prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays on South Avenue, West Side, from Reade Place, continuing for 100 feet North.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-186
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "MOTOR
VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

(O-25-O4)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK:

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

SECTION 1: §13-186 is hereby amended by the following modification:

Section 13-186. Parking prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays.

Upon the erection of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as part of the Parking prohibited between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays area.

South Avenue, West Side, from Reade Place, continuing for 100 feet North.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

X. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-25-42**, Modifying a September 5, 1995 Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie to Remove a Restrictive Covenant on Property Known as 271 Church Street (Formerly 317 Church Street)

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-42)**

MODIFYING RESOLUTION A SEPTEMBER 5, 1995 RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE TO REMOVE A RESTRICTIVE COVENANT ON PROPERTY KNOWN AS 271 CHURCH STREET(FORMERLY 317 CHURCH STREET)

SPONSORED: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER PATTERSONTHOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND MCCLINTON

WHEREAS, by resolution adopted on September 5, 1995, the City of Poughkeepsie

Common Council authorized the sale of 271 Church Street (Tax Map No.: 6161-23-259941, formerly known as 317 Church Street) to Hudson River Housing Inc. upon the condition that the property include a restrictive covenant that the property could only be used for passive purposes (see resolution attached); and

WHEREAS, Hudson River Housing, Inc. has requested that the Common Council agree to remove the restrictive covenant so that the property may be sold to a third party; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the Common Council hereby consents to removal of the restrictive covenant set forth in the attached resolution adopted on September 5, 1995 on the condition that the Property owner or future purchaser will not seek a zoning amendment or variance that would increase the density from the current RNC zoning.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is authorized to sign any and all documents to reflect this amendment to the deed with the Dutchess County Clerk.

A motion to Approve was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

MOTION TO APPROVE Resolution R-25-42 - Roll Call 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, Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	4th Ward Council Member Nathan Shook
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

XI. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **LL-25-05**, Local Law to Add a New Section 15-17.1 "Outdoor Cooking, Food And Beverage Preparation Facilities"

(LL-25-05)

A LOCAL LAW TO ADD A NEW SECTION 15-17.1 “OUTDOOR COOKING, FOOD AND BEVERAGE PREPARATION FACILITIES”

SPONSOR: CHAIRMAN WILSON, COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON AND HENRY

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: A new section 15-17.1 is added to the City Code to read as follows:

Section 15-17.1 Outdoor Cooking, Food and Beverage Preparation Facilities.

(a) There shall be no cooking, preparation, processing, or service of food, or storage of food, utensils or equipment on a street or sidewalk or other public area unless otherwise permitted in this code.

Exceptions shall include:

- i. cooking in approved areas within public parks for personal consumption;**
- ii. cooking during events approved by the City;**

(b) Penalties for offenses. An offense against the provisions of this section shall be punishable by a fine of not less than \$250 or more than \$1000.

(c) Enforcement shall be by appearance ticket returnable in Poughkeepsie City Court. Said ticket may be issued by the Building Inspector, Code Enforcement Officer, Fire Inspector, Sanitation Inspector, or any officer of the City of Poughkeepsie Police Department in his or her own discretion or based upon a signed complaint.

SECTION 2. This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

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.

A motion to Approve was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 1st Ward Council Member Henry.

LL-25-05 - Roll Call Vote	
Yes/Aye:	1st Ward Council Member Henry, 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:	2nd Ward Councilmember Menist, 6th Ward Council Member Grant
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

XII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

NONE

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

First, I want to say "Happy Cinco de Mayo" for those of our community and residents that celebrated yesterday - Cinco de Mayo.

On Sunday also there was a Mitzvah Day for our Judas Federation. It was a day of good deeds where they were collecting cereals, making veteran rugs and blankets, taking in toiletries and dispersing those supplies throughout the community to a lot of the different organizations.

So that's great.

Today there's also a NAMI event about mental health that took place in collaboration with the school district at the Poughkeepsie Middle School that was taking place as of right now.

Also, I want to give a shout-out and thank you to the purpose-built community for hosting the Poughkeepsie City administration and giving us some insight on as we move forward into developing and revitalizing our community.

I want to also give a shout-out to our heroes banner. That's something that I myself have been looking forward to participating in.

Shout-out to Little League for starting and our flag football league for starting up too.

I want to thank the council members for attending all the events and coming out.

I want thank you to all of the public for coming out and expressing your concerns and comments.

Is there any more of the youth that are here from the mayors..? Please stand up. So just stand up, just so you

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know, one just left. These are our youth. So these - you are selected to be part of our mayor's leadership team. So, you know, they're here in our council meeting So we always want to make sure we honor and keep up the great work And if you have any questions of your council members or anything like that of administration, feel free to ask it anytime.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:55pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown.

Dated: May 9, 2025

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025.

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