



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council the date is August 19, 2025, and the time is 6:30pm**

I. ROLL CALL

7 Present, 1 Absent (Council Member At-Large Da'Ron Wilson), 1 Excused (8th Ward Councilmember Sakima McClinton)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

CCM Minutes of July 1 and July 8, 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
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Abs/Exc:	Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
Result:	Passed

1. Common Council Meeting of July 1, 2025

2. Common Council Meeting of July 8, 2025

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

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

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A motion to Defer items 2 through 6 to Corporation Counsel was made by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Motion to Defer Items 2 - 6 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
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Abs/Exc:	Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
Result:	Passed

1. **FROM SAMSARA**, a presentation regarding A.I. tracking system in city vehicles ***RESCHEDULED***
2. **FROM CASPER CREAMPUFF MILQUETOAST LLC**, a 30-day Advance Notice of New York State liquor license
3. **FROM TEMAR NOEL**, a notice of claim for property damage sustained on or about July 8, 2025
4. **FROM REGINA LEWIS**, a notice of claim for personal injury in City of Poughkeepsie
5. **FROM ROLFI DE LEON**, a notice of claim for property damage sustained on or about April 13, 2025
6. **FROM KAJZIA GREEN & JOHNATHAN GREEN**, a notice of claim for personal injury sustained on or about September 24, 2024

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Esther Wood- South Ave
Suprina Troche- Delafield Street*

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Laurie Sandow- S. Grand Ave*
Daniel Atonna- College Ave
Tapre Thomas

***Submitted written comments/documents for official record**

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda - 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
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Abs/Exc:	Council Member At-Large Wilson, 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton
Result:	Passed

1. **R-25-63**, Supplemental Resolution for Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project

R-25-63

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

[Supplemental Resolution for Fall Kill Sewer Interceptor Rehabilitation Project]

A regular meeting of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York was convened in public session at the Council Chambers, City Hall, Poughkeepsie, New York on August 19, 2025 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Shook, and, upon roll being called, the following members were:

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PRESENT:

Vice Chair Nathan Shook
Councilmember Ernest Henry
Councilmember Evan Menist
Councilmember Terricena Brown
Councilmember Ondie James
Councilmember Christopher Grant
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson

ABSENT:

Councilmember At Large Da'Ron Wilson
Councilmember Sakima McClinton

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Interim Finance Commissioner Joseph Vito

The following resolution was offered by Councilmember Brown, seconded by Councilmember Grant, to wit;

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CENTER COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REHABILITATION PROJECT AT A REVISED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$6,183,000 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,992,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie, Dutchess County, New York (the "City") has previously approved its Bond Resolution No. R-24-21 dated March 19, 2024 regarding City Center Combined Sewer Overflow Rehabilitation Project (the "Bond Resolution"), authorizing the issuance of serial bonds for the purposes described therein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$5,992,000; and

WHEREAS, based on updated estimated costs of the improvements to be financed pursuant to the Bond Resolution, including certain costs to be financed with the proceeds of grants awarded to the City, it is necessary to increase the estimated project cost by \$191,000 without increasing the authorized amount of obligations;

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:

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

SECTION 1. Sewer and storm sewer rehabilitation to address combined sewer overflow, including inflow and infiltration correction, in the City Center area, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required therefor, are hereby authorized at an estimated maximum cost of \$6,183,000 and said amount is hereby appropriated therefor. It is hereby determined that said purpose is an object or purpose described in subdivision 4 of paragraph a of Section 11 of the Local Finance Law, and that the period of probable usefulness of said purpose is thirty years.

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

SECTION 3. The City plans to finance a portion of the total cost of said purposes by the issuance of serial bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$5,992,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The proceeds of a Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) grant in the estimated amount of \$3,091,500, and any other grants which may be provided through New York State Environmental Facilities Corporation, will be used to pay or reimburse a portion of the cost of such purpose.

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

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

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

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

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

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Councilmember at Large Da’Ron Wilson	ABSENT
Councilmember Ernest Henry	VOTING ____
Councilmember Evan Menist	VOTING ____
Councilmember Terriciensa Brown	VOTING ____
Councilmember Nathan Shook	VOTING ____
Councilmember Ondie James	VOTING ____
Councilmember Christopher Grant	VOTING ____
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson	VOTING ____
Councilmember Sakima McClinton	ABSENT

The foregoing resolution was thereupon declared duly adopted.

Submitted to Council: Council Action: Roll call vote taken: Yes ____ No ____ Ayes ____ Nays ____ Abstain ____ Absent ____ Approved by Mayor on _____ Mayor’s Signature _____ Yvonne Flowers	I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Common Council held August 19, 2025. _____ City Chamberlain
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CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

The undersigned hereby certifies that:

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

(2) Attached hereto is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Common Council held on the 19th day of August, 2025 and entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 19, 2025

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CENTER COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW REHABILITATION PROJECT AT A REVISED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$6,183,000 AND THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$5,992,000 PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE THE COST THEREOF, AND DELEGATING CERTAIN POWERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO THE COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE

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

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has hereunto set her hand this ____ day of August, 2025

-SEAL-

City Chamberlain

Executive Summary–Not a part of the Resolution

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

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Capital Budget Items</u>	<u>PPU (Max. Period for Financing)</u>	<u>Total Project Cost</u>	<u>Other Funds</u>	<u>Bonds Authorized</u>
Section 1: Sewer and storm sewer rehabilitation to address combined sewer overflow, including inflow and infiltration correction, City Center area	City Center Stormwater management program #21-06	30 years	\$6,183,000	BIL grant \$3,091,500 (1)	\$5,992,000
Grand Total			\$6,183,000	\$3,091,500	<u>\$5,992,000</u>

Notes:

(1) NYS EFC IUP (2025) C3-7348-04-00 identifying Project as eligible for BIL Infrastructure financing in the amount noted.

- 2. R-25-64, Resolution in Support of New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) Grant for the Walkway Poughkeepsie Gateway Design Project**

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-64)**

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

WHEREAS, the Walkway Over the Hudson is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project to be located in the City of Poughkeepsie, a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of this program, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.”

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby does approve and endorse the application of Walkway Over the Hudson for a grant under Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993 for a park project known as the Walkway Poughkeepsie Gateway Design Project and located within the City of Poughkeepsie.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XI. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XII. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Well, I kind of echo everyone's comments earlier about the events, and I have to say, and I'm going to go through it with the Caribbean Fest, La Guelaguetza, Juneteenth, Fourth of July, National Night Out, Jazz Festival - which is [celebrating its] 25 year anniversary - so congratulate them. The Summer Sundays, the Frederick Douglass Day, the River Fest, that's just the really large events. Then there were a lot of small events that happened too. Tournaments that were happening. There was a lot going on in the City of Poughkeepsie over the summer. Every weekend there was something for people to do. So, I appreciate that

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even though you're all on vacation, but I've seen you all out there - either helping to coordinate the events, participating in the events, you know, assisting people while they're going through this process with the events and it was really great to see, you know, it promoted unity in our community and it also provides resources that people needed. And then also, some of these events, educated individuals. So, it was really great to see, and I'm looking forward to seeing what the next summer is going to bring. And it's nice. Every weekend, there is something. Matter of fact, there's like two or three events happening. So, it has spread out on our staff. So I do commend our police department, our traffic control officers, our DPW staff, and even our City Chamberlain's office who has to deal with the permits and going through that. So everyone has pulled their weight. To really make it a smooth transition and process for individuals who are doing events. And, I have to say, even some vendors that were out there and that we had problems last year with their permits have actually come forward this year and submitted their permits. So, we're doing much better with that and I really appreciate everyone's effort in that.

It did come up in regards to the Tree Commission. There is a Tree Commission. There are individuals that were appointed to it that were going to be able to convene a little bit more once we thought we were going to get this grant so they can plant so many trees throughout the City of Poughkeepsie, but we didn't end up getting the grant, so we will be applying again. And so we'll be talking more with them along with DPW about what their role would be. But they're very eager to serve, and it's about four or five people that are on the commission.

The Garden Street Bridge seems to be coming along pretty well. I haven't heard any complaints in regards to the detours going through the city which is good because then we can kind of see what we need to do for Washington Street because that one's going to be tough, being that we have a lot more traffic in that area. So, looking forward to that.

Also, too, we have the pools. Spratt has closed. It's closed now. We're getting ready for renovations for Spratt and then Pulaski pool will be closing on Friday. So, we put it on our website so that everybody would know that it's closing because some of the individuals that have been attending is kind of dying down now because people are getting ready to go to school and it starts getting a little colder. So we're closing at that point. Also too, I wanted to bring up about The Buzz. So, please continue to have people sign up for The Buzz because a lot of these events were in The Buzz, so we wanted to make sure that people are fully aware and informed about some of the things that are happening in the City of Poughkeepsie, and they can get that through The Buzz.

I also want to bring out about there's two firefighters that are part of the Pleasant Valley Fire District, but one is a retired firefighter from Poughkeepsie. And that's Johnny Cronk. And also, there is a DPW employee that's working with us now that was also a firefighter, Eddie See, and they're both are being awarded the Firefighters of the Year Award because of their heroic efforts in saving three lives. So, we're very proud of those individuals and the work that they do and the service that they provide to the community.

Also, it came up, Miss Tapre was here and mentioned about an incident that happened on Main Street. She has been in contact with our office. I've talked to her personally. She is still trying to locate her items. The Chief of Police is looking at it. There's several cameras on Main Street that they're trying to figure out what happened to her belongings because they were in the car. But, apparently, they're not in the car now. So, trying to find out if whether or not we removed them. So they are looking at cameras to figure out what's going on there. As far as a police report, I was not aware that they were not cooperating with you regarding that. So I will talk with the police chief to find out regarding that. They still have her car. I think the police have her car because she couldn't move it. Because one of the items that's missing is the keys. And I think that someone was also working with her to get a key. And it was my understanding that there was an agency that was working as well. So they're not charging her any fees. I just want to make sure that we make sure they're not....right? *[Inaudible from the audience]* They are or not? They should not be charging any fees whatsoever. Not for being there because of the situation of not being able to move it. So we have been in communications in regards to that. So if anything else will come up, you still have my number to contact me. And so we will

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work on you getting the report that you need, you know, so you can take care of other things as well. So, the police chief has been working on this diligently. So, we'll keep in contact with you to make sure that, you know, it kind of goes in the direction it's supposed to. So the car is still at the place, is still with the police department. [*Inaudible from the audience*] Okay, so we'll...I'll talk with him more about that in regards to where that came from. But I know from the time that they were releasing it to the time you have to get it, they weren't charging you anything at that point. They were working with you. So, I just want to make sure everybody knows that... to understand that they are working with her, but not knowing where her stuff is, is something that they have to check into more and investigate further.

And, that's pretty much it.

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:13 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Dated: August 21, 2025 [*amended August 27, 2025 to reflect 8th Ward Councilmember McClinton as "excused", not "absent"*]

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, August 19, 2025.

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