



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 3, 2025

6:00 PM

Common Council Chambers

I WELCOME:

Welcome to the scheduled Public Hearing of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council. The date is Monday, November 3, 2025 and the time is 6:01pm.

This Public Hearing is for the purpose of receiving comments on a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C.

II ROLL CALL

9 Present, 0 Absent

III PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Five (5) minutes per person

Kevin Gallagher - Linden Rd
Mike Harmouth - Hooker Ave
Jeff Aman - Bernard Ave
Ken Levinson - Garfield Pl
Daniel Atonna - College Ave
Laurie Sandow - South Grand Ave*
Carmen McGill - Glenwood Ave

***Submitted written comments for the official record**

IV ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:31 pm a motion to close the public hearing was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Dated: November 5, 2025

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on Monday, November 3, 2025.

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



PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA

Monday, November 3, 2025
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City of Poughkeepsie Common Council Public Hearing;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to the Charter and Codes of the City of Poughkeepsie, one Common Council Public Hearing will be held on **Monday, November 3, 2025 at 6:00 pm** in the Common Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, NY for the purpose of receiving comments on:

A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law § 3-C

- I.** Welcome
- II.** Roll Call
- III.** Public Participation
- IV.** Adjournment:

**RESOLUTION
(R-25-72)**

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, “**A LOCAL LAW TO
OVERRIDE THE TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW
§ 3-c**” be and hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the
County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid
upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said
proposed local law to receive comment from the public on Tuesday, _____ at _____
pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza,
Poughkeepsie, New York;

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

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

LOCAL LAW NO. XX OF 2025

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

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

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

Section 1. LEGISLATIVE INTENT

It is potentially necessary to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess to adopt a budget for the 2026 fiscal year that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the “tax levy limit” as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

Section 2. AUTHORITY

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

Section 3. TAX LEVY LIMIT OVERRIDE

The City of Poughkeepsie Common Council is hereby authorized to override the Tax Levy Limit established pursuant to N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c, for Fiscal Year 2026, and to adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in N.Y. General Municipal Law §3-c.

Section 4. SEVERABILITY

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

Section 5. EFFECTIVE DATE

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

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.