



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council the date is February 3, 2026, and the time is 6:31pm**

I. ROLL CALL

9 Present, 0 Absent ()

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

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

CCM Minutes of January 20, 2026 - 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 Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. Common Council Meeting of January 20, 2026

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 to Corporation Counsel was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist.

MOTION TO DEFER ITEM #1 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 Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. **FROM REALISTIC SHAQUEEN DERELLO ET AL**, a notice of claim for personal injury sustained on May 17, 2025

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Wesley Aptekar-Cassels- 27 Conklin Street
Alistarr Forehand- 27 Conklin Street
Rosemary Fritz Grabowska- 28 Innis Ave
Laurie Sandow- S Grand Ave*
Ken Levinson- Garfield Place

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

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A motion to enter into Executive Session was made by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

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MOTION TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION- 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 Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

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

MOTION TO RESUME - 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 Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

1. Regarding collective bargaining agreement and attorney-client privilege

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

X. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XI. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-26-12**, Resolution Introducing Local Law Amending Section 9-64 "Public Collection and Disposal of Solid Waste," Subsection (F) to Correct the Cross Reference to the Penalty Subsection and Setting Public Hearing

**RESOLUTION
(R-26-12)**

RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 9-64 "PUBLIC COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE," SUBSECTION (f) TO CORRECT THE CROSS REFERENCE TO THE PENALTY SUBSECTION

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON; COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND ATONNA:

BE IT RESOLVED that an introductory Local Law entitled, "A LOCAL LAW TO AMEND SECTION 9-64 "PUBLIC COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF SOLID WASTE," SUBSECTION (f) TO CORRECT THE CROSS REFERENCE TO THE PENALTY SUBSECTION" 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, February 17, 2026 at 6:15 pm in the Common Council Chambers, Third Floor, City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York;

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE R-26-12- 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 Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	
Result:	Passed

2. R-26-13, Resolution Adopting McCann-Caven Golf Course Fee Schedule

**RESOLUTION
(R-26-13)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRMAN WILSON; COUNCILMEMBERS SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, 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

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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 immediately; 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.

A motion to Amend the resolution to go into effect immediately was made by 4th Ward Council Member Shook and seconded by 2nd Ward Councilmember Menist.

MOTION TO AMEND R-26-13- 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 Atonna
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XII. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

During the recent snowstorm, there was incredible collaboration among our DPW crew, police department, and traffic officers. We convened a meeting on Thursday when we learned about the impending storm, which allowed us to quickly inform the public about emergency snow routes. Thanks to this planning, only 48 cars were towed, as most people moved their vehicles in time, leading to less confusion on the roads. I want to thank everyone involved, especially our council members, for their efforts in communicating necessary information and ensuring a smooth response during this record snowfall.

I understand that many residents were concerned about the lack of heat at RIP, which was first reported on Sunday but became known to us on Monday. City Administrator Joe and I, along with the building department, immediately visited the site. I spent time there with a plumber and the management team to address the situation. I want to particularly acknowledge Tanea Elton, the property manager, who took it upon herself to go to the city to retrieve necessary parts for the boiler system. Her quick action allowed us to restore heat much sooner than anticipated.

Despite some criticism on social media, it's important to note the collaborative efforts that went into resolving these issues. Looking ahead, renovations scheduled for July will replace the current heating system with an upgraded one, significantly reducing the likelihood of similar problems next winter. Our team visited several apartments to assess conditions, and I'm pleased to report that improvements were seen the following day, ensuring that residents had adequate heat and hot water. I truly appreciate everyone's dedication to resolving these challenges swiftly.

I recently attended the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, D.C., which was a two and a half day event that provided valuable insights for our infrastructure projects, particularly regarding lead pipe replacement and federal funding cuts impacting our cities. It was beneficial to connect with mayors from

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across the country facing similar challenges related to affordability in various sectors, not just housing. I appreciate the council members who attended NYCOM with me, as their presence allowed us to split up and gather more information from different workshops and vendors, including details on stoplight cameras and parking enforcement.

The conference also featured a lobbying day where we met with our senators and state officials to advocate for key initiatives, including increasing AIM funding for municipalities. Many mayors participated in a press conference to emphasize the urgent need for this increase due to rising costs. I had productive conversations with our state senator and assembly members, as well as representatives from the governor's office, discussing necessary improvements to address safety concerns on arterial roads. Overall, it was an impactful and informative conference, and I'm grateful we could all be a part of it.

XIV. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Thank you, Mayor.

I just want to thank everybody that came out and, just a reminder to look on "The Buzz" for all the upcoming Black History events.

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 9:00pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 6th Ward Council Member Grant.

Dated: February 5, 2026

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

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