



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

6:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

**Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie
Common Council the date is June 16, 2026, and the time is 6:32pm**

I. ROLL CALL

8 Present, 1 Absent (Council Member At Large Da'Ron Wilson - excused)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES

A Motion to Approve the Minutes of June 2, 2026 was made by 6th Ward Council Member Grant and seconded by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF JUNE 2, 2026 - 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, 8th Ward Councilmember Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	4th Ward Council Member Nathan Shook
Absent:	Councilmember At Large Da'Ron Wilson
Result:	Passed

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

REMOVE: VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-26-44**, Resolution Appointing Natalie Quinn to the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank

IV. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

A motion to Motion to Defer Items 2 - 4 to Corporation Counsel was made by 7th Ward Council Member Patterson Thompson and seconded by 3rd Ward Council Member Brown.

MOTION TO DEFER ITEMS 2-4 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, 8th Ward Councilmember Atonna
No/Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Councilmember At Large Da'Ron Wilson
Result:	Passed

1. **FROM LITTLE WATER PREP**, a presentation from the local charter school
2. **FROM DEMONTIE THOMPKINS**, a notice of claim for personal injury sustained in the City of Poughkeepsie
3. **FROM MICHAEL BUSA**, a notice of claim for personal injuries sustained on March 31, 2026
4. **FROM SHANNON RASKIN**, a notice of claim for personal injuries sustained on March 24, 2026

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

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

Laurie Sandow - S. Grand Ave*

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

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

REMOVED

1. **R-26-44**, Resolution Appointing Natalie Quinn to the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank

R E S O L U T I O N

(R-26-44)

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to the by-laws of the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank (the DCP Land Bank), two members of the Board of Directors are appointed by the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council; and

WHEREAS, there is a vacancy on the DCP Land Bank to be filled by the Common Council

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints Natalie Quinn to the Dutchess County-Poughkeepsie Land Bank for a term of three (3) years.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. ACTION AGENDA: MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XI. ACTION AGENDA: ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **Second Read: O-26-03**, Ordinance Amending §13-189.9 of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” No Parking Twenty-Three Hours Starting at 9:00 A.M. on Tuesdays on May Street East Side. From its Intersection with Church St., Going South Until a Distance of 185 Feet North of its Intersection with Forbus St.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-189.9
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”
(O-26-03)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Patterson Thompson:

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

SECTION 1: §13-175 is hereby amended by the following addition:

Section 13-189.9 - No parking twenty-three hours starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays.

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited for a twenty-three hour period starting at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesdays:

May Street, East side. From Its intersection with Church St., going South until a distance of 185 Feet North of it's intersection with Forbus St.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

2. **First Read: O-26-04**, Ordinance Amending §13-191.2 Of Chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances Entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic” Two-hour parking, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Dutcher Place on the

South Side, beginning at the Easterly Side of the Driveway Entrance to the School and then for a Distance of 100 feet East toward Bement Avenue.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-191.2
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-26-04)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JAMES:

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

SECTION 1: §13-191.2 is hereby amended by the following modification:

Section 13-191.2. **Two-hour parking, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be limited to two hours between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.:

Dutcher Place on the south side, beginning at the easterly side of the driveway entrance to the school and then for a distance of 100 feet east toward Bement Avenue.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

ADDITIONS denoted by **Underlining and Bold**

3. ***First Read: O-26-05***, Ordinance Amending §2-107 “Denial of Access to Records, Subsection (C) to Amend the Designated Foil Appeal Officer

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §2-107 “DENIAL OF ACCESS TO
RECORDS, SUBSECTION (C) TO AMEND THE DESIGNATED
FOIL APPEAL OFFICER**

(O-26-05)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR WILSON; COUNCILMEMBER SHOOK, PATTERSON THOMPSON, HENRY, MENIST, BROWN, JAMES, GRANT AND ATONNA:

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

~~STRIKETHROUGH~~ INDICATES DELETION
BOLD and UNDERLINE INDICATES ADDED LANGUAGE

SECTION 1: Section 2-107 (c) is amended as follows:

(c) The ~~following~~ person ~~shall~~ **designated to** determine appeals for denial of access to records under the Freedom of Information Law: ~~Finance Commissioner, Municipal Building, 62 Civic Center Plaza, P.O. Box 300, Poughkeepsie, New York 12602.~~ **shall be set annually by the Mayor. The name of the individual identified shall be set forth in any denial and also be posted on the City's website.**

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

XII. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

I just want to reiterate to our councilmembers and others to please encourage residents to sign up for the Buzz Newsletter — it's growing and it shares updates, event flyers, and social-media engagement so people know what's happening in Poughkeepsie. Recent highlights include the Pride Parade, Summer Kickoff, Summer Sundays, a gun buyback, and the Exempt Firemen's Association 140th anniversary celebration, where our very own Councilmember Terreciena Brown was appointed President. So, congratulations to the Association on their 140th year.

Today our seniors came through City Hall and it was wonderful to see all of our graduates — I'm so proud of the work they've done and I look forward to seeing them cross the stage to receive their diplomas. I want to thank and congratulate them for their hard work, and to thank City Hall staff and our city chamberlain for coordinating the visit. We all came outside, clapped and cheered them on — that's how we should show students our support and encouragement as they move forward in their academic success.

I recently met a kindergarten class who were working with Nature's Impact and Crazy Over Art on Tour— they were planting flowers at the memorial in front of the police department for fallen officers, which was wonderful to see. I ended up getting a plant so I can grow some cucumbers in a garden I don't have.

Those groups also worked with our fifth graders from Smith School, painting and planting the City Hall planters (look for the little bee design). About 55 students visited, met with staff at City

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Hall and State Senator Rob Rolison, and shared ideas for improving the environment and their communities. It was a great visit; I'm committed to continuing these school visits so young people can engage with local leaders, know their voices matter, and help make our city better.

First Friday is back — the next one is July 3rd. I thank the BID for bringing it back; it runs through November and helps bring people into Poughkeepsie and encourages new businesses. We also have the Juneteenth parade this Saturday; thank you to City Chamberlain Jamar Cummings for coordinating with Celebrating the African Spirit and other groups. We'll have fireworks for the Fourth of July and are arranging musical entertainment. A lot is happening in Poughkeepsie this summer!

That's it for tonight - thank you, Chair.

XIII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS: NONE

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:29 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: June 18, 2026

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, June 16, 2026.

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