



The City of Poughkeepsie New York

Common Council Informational Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 1, 2026

5:30 PM

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Informational Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council. The date is September 1, 2026, and the time is 6:30pm

I. WELCOME:

Vice Chair Shook called the meeting to order at 5:37pm.

[Chair Wilson arrived at 5:40pm and took his place on the dais]

Welcome to the twice-yearly Informational Meeting of the Common Council. During this meeting, the general public may ask questions of all Department Heads, the Mayor and the City Administrator with regard to any aspect of city governance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

III. ROLL CALL:

Seven (7) Common Council members were present and seated in the audience. Absent was 3rd Ward Councilmember Brown and 5th Ward Councilmember James.

City Hall Department Heads in Attendance on the Dais:

Europa McGovern, Commissioner of Development; Susan Friedman, Commissioner of Human Resources; Chris Gent, Commissioner of Public Works; Vincent Parise, Fire Chief; Richard Wilson, Police Chief; Rebecca Valk, Corporation Counsel; Joseph Donat, City Administrator; John Taylor, Assessor; Eddie Varnado, Commissioner of Finance and Jamar Cummings, City Chamberlain.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Five (5) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda item.

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George Sinzer- 135 Main Street
Joe Troche- 3 Delafield St
Laurie Sadow- S Grand Ave*
Kenneth Rogers- 385 Church St
Mailu Truong- 10 Rinaldi Blvd
Idel Patterson- 317 Main St
Peter Van Aken- Wilbur Blvd
Ken Stickle- Catherine Street
Suprina Troche- 3 Delafield St

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

V. ADJOURNMENT:

At 6:28 pm a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Wilson

Dated: September 4, 2026

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Informational Meeting held on Tuesday, September 1, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna M. Deluca
Deputy City Chamberlain