



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 7, 2022

Virtual / Zoom

6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing: *for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed introductory Local Law, entitled "Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program"*

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6:30 p.m.

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I. ROLL CALL

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Common Council Organizational Meeting – January 3

Common Council Meeting – January 3

Common Council Public Hearing – January 18

Common Council Meeting – January 18

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

V. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. **R-22-16**, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Poughkeepsie and Vassar Brothers Hospital
2. **R-22-17**, Approving a 2022 Budget Amendment to allow for a Full Time Engineer Position
3. **R-22-18**, Accepting a Grant from New City Parks
4. **R-22-19**, **Veto Override so that** LL-21-06 shall be effective

X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **O-22-01**, an Ordinance amending §13-269 of chapter 13 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Motor Vehicles and Traffic”

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY FINANCE COMMISSIONER DR. MARTINEZ**, regarding a Supplemental Bond Resolution (No Fiscal Impact)
2. **FROM JUDITH MEADE**, a notice of personal injury sustained on April 28, 2000.
3. **FROM ALEXSIA BENITEZ & MARIA JUAREZ**, a notice of property damage sustained on January 18, 2022.
4. **FROM CAMILLE GEORGE**, a notice of property damage sustained on or around January 20, 2022.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT:

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-16)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM:_____

WHEREAS, Vassar Brothers Hospital (the “Hospital”) operates in the City of Poughkeepsie and provides a disproportionate share of health care services to the Medicare population in addition to supporting many programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured, or underinsured population in New York;

WHEREAS, the Hospital desires to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (the “304B Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the 340B Program, the Hospital must enter into an agreement with a unit of the state or local government pursuant to which the Hospital commits to provide health care services to low income individuals who are not entitled to Medicare or Medicaid benefits at no reimbursement or considerably less than full reimbursement from these patients.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding in form and substance as attached hereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND BETWEEN
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
AND
VASSAR BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER**

THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (the “MOU”) is made this 7TH day of February 2022 by and between the CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE (the “CITY”), existing under the laws of the State of New York, acting herein by (Government Representative, Name, Position), duly authorized, and VASSAR BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER (the “HOSPITAL” and CITY collectively referred to as the “PARTIES”), a nonprofit corporation organized and duly authorized to transact business in the State of New York, acting herein by (Hospital Representative, Name, Position), duly authorized.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, the HOSPITAL operates in the CITY and provides a disproportionate share of health care services to the Medicare population in addition to supporting many programs that benefit the indigent, uninsured, or underinsured population in New York;

WHEREAS, the HOSPITAL desires to participate in the drug discount program established under Section 340B of the Public Health Service Act (the “304B Program”);

WHEREAS, in order to participate in the 340B Program, the HOSPITAL must enter into an agreement with a unit of the state or local government pursuant to which the HOSPITAL commits to provide health care services to low income individuals who are not entitled to Medicare or Medicaid benefits at no reimbursement or considerably less than full reimbursement from these patients;

WHEREAS, the HOSPITAL desires to make such a formal commitment to the CITY;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual agreements and covenants contained therein and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which hereby are acknowledged, it is mutually agreed and covenanted, under seal, by and between the parties to this agreement as follows:

1. **Commitment of HOSPITAL to Provide Indigent Care.** During the term of this MOU, the HOSPITAL agrees to continue its historic commitment to the provision of health care to indigent, uninsured, and underinsured residents of New York. In 2020, this commitment totaled \$32,858,962 in unreimbursed and uncompensated care. Pursuant to this commitment, it is the intention of the HOSPITAL that indigent care provided during the term of the MOU will range generally between 25 percent lower or higher than the above number. In any event, the HOSPITAL will assume that all patients will receive necessary care, as required by law, regardless of ability to pay.
2. **Acceptance and Acknowledgments of the CITY.** The CITY accepts the commitment of the HOSPITAL set forth above.
3. **Terms and Termination.** The term of this MOU shall commence on the date first written and shall continue until terminated by either party upon not less than 30 days' prior written notice to the other.
4. **Notice.** All notices required or permitted to be given under this MOU shall be deemed given when delivered by hand or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, addressed as follows:

Sent to HOSPITAL: Vassar Brothers Medical Center
45 Reade Place
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Attention: (HOSPITAL Rep Name, Position)

Sent to CITY: City of Poughkeepsie
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Attention: (Government Rep Name, Position)

With copy to: City of Poughkeepsie
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601
Attention: Corporation Counsel

5. **Governing Law.** This MOU shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New York.

The PARTIES have executed this agreement as of the day and year first written above by their duly authorized representatives.

VASSAR BROTHERS MEDICAL CENTER

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

By: _____
Peter Kelly
President, Vassar Brothers Medical Center

By: _____
Robert Rolison
Mayor

Dated: _____

Dated: _____

RESOLUTION
(R-22-17)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____ :

WHEREAS, the City Administrator and Finance Commissioner, in consultation with the department heads, have identified the need to amend certain budgeted positions in the Engineering Department which help make City Government more efficient and ensure necessary functions of that office and City Government continue; and

WHEREAS, the administration is requesting that the Common Council amend the 2022 budget as proposed in the attached Schedule "A", to meet the needs of the Engineering Department; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator provided a communication to the Common Council at their January 18, 2022 meeting regarding the need for this budget amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie has determined that this resolution constitutes a Type II action as defined by the New York State Environmental Quality review Act and 6 NYCRR Part 617; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 budget is hereby amended as provided in Schedule "A", and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance be, and he hereby is, authorized to make such technical adjustments and corrections he deems necessary to this resolution to carry out the intent of this Council.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

Budget Amendment Position Control- Schedule A

NEW POSITION: City Engineer (start on March 1st)

GL ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	INCREASE	DECREASE
01-08-1440 7106	Salaries-Temporary	\$ -	\$ (6,843)
01-08-1440 7102	Salaries-Management	\$ 1,943	\$ -
01-08-1440 7803	Social Security Tax	\$ 120	\$ -
01-08-1440-7803.M	Medicare Tax	\$ 28	\$ -
01-21-9000 7801	State Retirement	\$ 1,449	\$ -
01-21-9000 7807	Health Insurance	\$ 3,303	\$ -
02-04-8350 7473	Utilities-Water	\$ -	\$ (100,000)
02-08-8340 7102	Salaries-Management	\$ 66,685	\$ -
02-08-8340 7803	Social Security Tax	\$ 4,134	\$ -
02-08-8340 7803.M	Medicare Tax	\$ 967	\$ -
02-21-9000 7801	State Retirement	\$ 8,602	\$ -
02-21-9000 7807	Health Insurance	\$ 19,612	\$ -
03-08-8120 7447	Repair/Maint-Sewer Systems	\$ -	\$ (5,000)
03-04-8110 7469	Contract Ser-Other	\$ -	\$ (5,000)
03-08-8120 7102	Salaries-Management	\$ 6,667	\$ -
03-08-8120 7803	Social Security Tax	\$ 414	\$ -
03-08-8120 7803.M	Medicare Tax	\$ 97	\$ -
03-21-9000 7801	State Retirement	\$ 860	\$ -
03-21-9000 7807	Health Insurance	\$ 1,962	\$ -
TOTAL TRANSFERS:		\$ 116,843	\$ (116,843)

RESOLUTION
(R-22-18)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM:

WHEREAS, New City Parks (NCP) has notified the City of Poughkeepsie of their intent to donate \$112,000 for the purchase and installation of solar light poles for Pershing Avenue; and

WHEREAS, such funds were provided to New City Parks by Green Mountain Energy Sun Club; and

WHEREAS, Regional Plan Association (RPA), the fiscal sponsor of New City Parks will transfer the funds on behalf of NCP upon receipt of an invoice from the City of Poughkeepsie for the purchase and installation of approximately thirteen solar light poles for Pershing Avenue; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 2.05(j) of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie the Common Council is authorized to accept gifts on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of accepting such donation to be used for the cost of the purchase and installation of the solar light poles on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby accepts the donation of \$112,000 which funds shall be used for the purchase and installation of approximately thirteen solar light poles for Pershing Avenue; and

RESOLVED, that the Mayor and City Administrator are authorized to execute an agreement or other documents necessary to give effect to this resolution and take all steps necessary to process and receive such donation.

SECONDED BY _____.

RESOLUTION
(R-22-19)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM, VICE-CHAIR CHERRY, MAJORITY LEADER MENIST:

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie adopted Local Law LL-21-06 on December 20, 2021 which local law amended Chapter 19, section 4.5 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie regarding historic resources and improvement on the historic preservation administrative process, a copy of which is annexed hereto; and

WHEREAS, by a message to the City Chamberlain dated January 19, 2022, the Mayor vetoed said resolution pursuant to the City Charter at §3.02(f); and

WHEREAS, in the Mayor's veto message, they characterized Local Law LL-21-06 as "an unnecessary and unwise delegation of power by our city's duly elected legislature to a Commission comprised of unelected volunteers"; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of depoliticizing the appeal process for a "Certificate of Appropriateness" by removing it from the purview of an elected body; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of streamlining the real-estate development process and bringing the approval process of the volunteer Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission in line with the approval process of other volunteer boards of the City of Poughkeepsie including the Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Common Council has reviewed the Mayor's veto message as well as testimony provided at a public hearing held by the 2020-2021 Common Council and the legislative intent of the 2020-2021 Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Common Council supports the letter and spirit of Local Law LL-21-06 in furtherance of the above stated goals and is desirous of overriding the Mayor's veto.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council, hereby overrides the Mayor's veto so that Law LL-21-06 shall be effective upon adoption of this Resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §13-269
OF CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED “MOTOR VEHICLES
AND TRAFFIC”**

(O-22-01)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LONG:

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

SECTION 1: §13-269 is hereby amended by the following addition:

Section 13-269 -Handicapped parking areas designated.

Upon the erection of signs giving due notice thereof, the following areas shall be designated as handicapped parking areas and are to be utilized only for the purpose set forth in this Article:

Mill Street, side, beginning feet of its intersection of and continuing for a distance of feet, for one-parking spaces

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____:

ADDITIONS denoted by Underlining and Bold

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

[Supplemental Resolution for Pump Station Renovation, CSO & WWTP Improvements]

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 February 22, 2022 at 6:30 o'clock p.m., local time.

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

PRESENT:

Council Chair Sarah A. Salem
Councilmember Natasha Cherry
Councilmember Megan Deichler
Councilmember Yvonne Flowers
Councilmember Lorraine Johnson
Councilmember Debra Long
Councilmember Evan Menist
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson
Councilmember Nathan Shook

ABSENT:

The following persons were ALSO PRESENT:

Commissioner of Finance Brian Martinez, PhD

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

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWAGE PUMP STATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$12,370,000, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,256,000, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF 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. R15-16 dated February 17, 2015, as supplemented by a Supplemental Bond Resolution No. R15-70 dated September 8, 2015, regarding Pump Station Renovation, CSO & WWTP Improvements (as supplemented, the "Bond Resolution"), authorizing the issuance of serial bonds for the purposes described therein in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$11,256,000; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously issued its EFC Clean Water Facility Note-2017A (Bond Anticipation Note) in the principal amount of \$8,419,500 dated April 27, 2017 pursuant to the Bond Resolution; 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 \$1,114,000, 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:

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

SECTION 1. The improvement of pump stations including Meyer Avenue Pump Station, Pine Street Pump Station and Cedar Avenue Pump Stations, the improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant, the completion of storm sewer line separation to eliminate the Riverview Combined Sewer Overflow, installation of bioretention and porous pavement at Liberty Street lot to reduce stormwater runoff to address combined sewer overflows; and the relining of sewer pipes at various locations in the City to address sanitary sewer overflows to the receiving waters, is hereby authorized at an increased estimated maximum cost of \$12,370,000, 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 \$11,256,000, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the Local Finance Law. The City plans to pay or reimburse a portion of the total project costs from the proceeds of certain grants including a preliminary engineering grant, a WIIA grant, and a GIGP grant. Nothing in this resolution shall be deemed to impair the obligations previously issued pursuant to the Bond Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is hereby determined that the above purposes constitute 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:

Council Chair Sarah A. Salem	VOTING ____
Councilmember Natasha Cherry	VOTING ____
Councilmember Megan Deichler	VOTING ____
Councilmember Yvonne Flowers	VOTING ____
Councilmember Lorraine Johnson	VOTING ____
Councilmember Debra Long	VOTING ____
Councilmember Evan Menist	VOTING ____
Councilmember Nedra Patterson Thompson	VOTING ____
Councilmember Nathan Shook	VOTING ____

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 _____ Robert G. Rolison	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 February 22, 2022. _____ 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 22nd day of February, 2022 and entitled:

SUPPLEMENTAL BOND RESOLUTION DATED FEBRUARY 22, 2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING IMPROVEMENTS TO SEWAGE PUMP STATIONS, IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT, AND IMPROVEMENTS TO ADDRESS COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW AT AN INCREASED ESTIMATED MAXIMUM COST OF \$12,370,000, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SERIAL BONDS OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$11,256,000, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL FINANCE LAW TO FINANCE A PORTION OF 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 _____, 2022.

-SEAL-

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain

Executive Summary–Not a part of the Resolution

This Supplemental Bond Resolution for **Pump Station, CSO & WWTP Improvements** includes:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Capital Budget Items</u>	<u>PPU (Max. Period for Financing)</u>	<u>Total Estimated Maximum Cost</u>	<u>Other Funds*</u>	<u>Bonds Authorized</u>
Section 1. Renovation of Meyer Avenue Pump Station, Pine Street Pump Station, and Cedar Avenue Pump Station, WWTP Improvements and Storm Sewer Separation (including Liberty lot) and Sewer Pipe Lining	Pump Station renovation, WWTP improvements CSO Storm Sewer (including Liberty lot GIGP green infrastructure)	30 years	\$7,756,000 original resolution plus \$3,500,000 first supp. Resolution plus \$1,114,000 second supp. Resolution for a total project cost of \$12,370,000	\$30,000 CWSRF Engineering Planning Grant \$2,806,500 WIIA \$1,200,000 GIGP	\$11,256,000
Grand Total			\$12,370,000	\$4,036,500	\$11,256,000

*Estimated Other Funds, Sources:

CWSRF Engineering Planning Grant

WIIA 2015 Round 2 Grant, NYS EFC CWSRF Project C3-7348-03-00 PFA dated as of April 27, 2017

Green Innovation Grant Program Project C3-7348-05-00 GIGP Application 1583 Grant Agreement dated as of October 9, 2019

STATE OF NEW YORK: COUNTY OF DUTCHESS
CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE

2022 JAN 28 AM 10:54

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In the Matter of the Estate of Dondre A. Meade by
and through Judith Meade, Administratrix of his Estate
and on her own behalf,

NOTICE OF CLAIM

Claimants,

vs.

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE,

Respondent.
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Judith Meade, the Administratrix of the
Estate of Dondre A. Meade, hereby attests to the following as and for her Notice of
Claim against the City of Poughkeepsie:

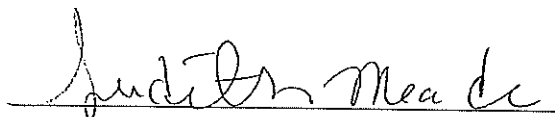
1. I, Judith Meade, am the Administratrix of the Estate of Dondre A. Meade, my
late son. I was appointed administratrix on January 19, 2022.
2. I reside at 14 East Parameter, Newburgh, NY 12550. My son's date of birth
was August 26, 1992.
3. I make this claim against the City of Poughkeepsie on account of the wrongful
actions of members of its Police Department which caused my son's untimely and
unnecessary death on April 28, 2000.

7. The police department's pursuit was the proximate cause of my son's death. The police had no basis to stop or pursue my son and had no basis to believe that he had committed any serious crime justifying such a pursuit through the city.

8. By and through this notice of claim, I advise the City of Poughkeepsie of my intent to file a civil lawsuit seeking damages provided by law, including for the relevant funereal expenses incurred, as recompense for my son's conscious fear, apprehension and fright, for the physical and mental pain and suffering he experienced and for his lost earnings, as well as for his contribution and support to me, his mother and for the profound loss of companionship I have experienced following and as a consequence of his passing.

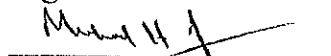
9. I hereby appoint Michael H. Sussman, Sussman & Associates, 1 Railroad Avenue, PO Box 1005, Goshen, NY 10924 [845-294-3991] as my counsel and as counsel for the estate in this matter.

Dated: January 24th, 2022



JUDITH MEADE

Signed and sworn to before me this 24th day of January 2022.


NOTARY PUBLIC

MICHAEL HOWARD SUSSMAN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 02SU6332584
Qualified in Orange County
Commission Expires Nov. 09, 2023

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE FORM CLEARLY

NOTE: Claim must be filed with and served to the City Chamberlain in triplicate (3 copies) within 10 days after the claim arises. Use additional sheets if necessary.

NOTICE OF CLAIM
AGAINST
THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

TODAY'S DATE: January 26, 2022

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CLAIMANT:

Alexsio Benitez and Maria Juarez
7 woodland Dr. Salt Point N.Y. 12578

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (845) 392-0698 / (845) 337-9129

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY (IF ANY):

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND AMOUNT CLAIMED (PLEASE STATE DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND MANNER IN WHICH CLAIM AROSE):

A city of Poughkeepsie plow, operated by a city of Poughkeepsie employee hit my Jeep while I was driving it on Delafield St. in Poughkeepsie. On January 18-2022 at 10:50 am
Accident report # Q30172 FI H601

ITEMS DAMAGED OR INJURIES SUSTAINED:

The amount of claim is \$2,564 but not limited to medical bills, ongoing medical treatment, damage to vehicle, rental vehicle, lost wages.

Maria Juarez
Signature of Claimant

Alexsio Benitez
Signature of Claimant

STATE OF NEW YORK. COUNTY OF Dutchess S.S.:

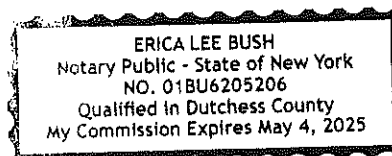
Maria Juarez & Alexsio Benitez being duly sworn, say(s) that he/she is/are the claimant(s) named in the foregoing claim, that he/she has/have read the same and know(s) the contents thereof; that the same is true to his/her own knowledge, except as to the matters alleged upon information and belief and as to those items, he/she believes it to be true.

Maria Juarez
Signature of Claimant

Alexsio Benitez
Signature of Claimant

Sworn to before me this

27th day of January, 2022
Erica Lee Bush
Notary Public



NOTE: After submitting this form to the City Chamberlain, please direct any inquires to the Corporation Counsel at (845) 451-4065, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CITY CHAMBERLAIN
2022 JAN 27 PM 3:23

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE FORM CLEARLY

NOTE: Claim must be filed with and served to the City Chamberlain in triplicate (3 copies) within 90 days after the claim arises. Use additional sheets if necessary.

NOTICE OF CLAIM
AGAINST
THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

TODAY'S DATE: 1/20/22

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH CLAIMANT:

Camille George
11 West dogwood dr
Poughkeepsie 12601

TELEPHONE NUMBER: 845-309-1030

NAME AND ADDRESS OF ATTORNEY (IF ANY):

DESCRIBE WHAT HAPPENED AND AMOUNT CLAIMED (PLEASE STATE DATE, TIME, LOCATION, AND MANNER IN WHICH CLAIM AROSE):

ITEMS DAMAGED OR INJURIES SUSTAINED:

(Car)
The garage roofing came down on my car at 41 Civic Center.

Camille George
Signature of Claimant

Signature of Claimant

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF Dutchess s.s.:

Camille George being duly sworn, say(s) that he/she is/are the claimant(s) named in the foregoing claim, that he/she has/have read the same and know(s) the contents thereof; that the same is true to his/her own knowledge, except as to the matters alleged upon information and belief and as to those items, he/she believes it to be true.

Camille George
Signature of Claimant

Signature of Claimant

Sworn to before me this
20th day of January, 2022

Paula Marco John Calli
Notary Public

PAULA MARCOJOHN CALLI
Notary Public, State of New York
Qualified in Dutchess County
No. 01MA8004702
Commission Expires 3/30/2022

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CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
CITY CHAMBERLAIN

HUDSON VIEW AUTOBODY

CARSS1@VERIZON.NET
1 OAKDALE AVE, POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601
Phone: (845) 454-5540
FAX: (845) 454-8062

Workfile ID: 1bf6da67
PartsShare: 6BMKSd
Federal ID: 141594354
License Number: 3140500

Preliminary Estimate**Customer: george, camille****Job Number:**

Written By: Darren Hummel, IA-950106

Insured: george, camille
Type of Loss:
Point of Impact:

Policy #:
Date of Loss:

Claim #:
Days to Repair: 0

Owner:
george, camille
(845) 309-1030 Cell

Inspection Location:
HUDSON VIEW AUTOBODY
1 OAKDALE AVE
POUGHKEEPSIE, NY 12601
Repair Facility
(845) 454-5540 Business

Insurance Company:**VEHICLE**

2017 BENZ C-Class C300 4MATIC w/Luxury Pkg 4D SED 4-2.0L Turbocharged Gasoline Gasoline Direct Injection

VIN: 55SWF4KB3HU227192
License:
State: NY

Interior Color:
Exterior Color:
Production Date:

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Mileage Out:
Condition:

Vehicle Out:

Job #:

TRANSMISSION

Automatic Transmission
4 Wheel Drive

POWER

Power Steering
Power Brakes
Power Windows
Power Locks
Power Mirrors
Heated Mirrors
Power Driver Seat
Power Passenger Seat
Memory Package

DECOR

Dual Mirrors

Body Side Moldings

Tinted Glass

Console/Storage

Overhead Console

CONVENIENCE

Air Conditioning
Intermittent Wipers
Tilt Wheel
Cruise Control
Rear Defogger
Keyless Entry
Alarm
Message Center
Steering Wheel Touch Controls
Telescopic Wheel

Climate Control

Backup Camera

Home Link

RADIO

AM Radio
FM Radio
Stereo
Search/Seek
CD Player
Auxiliary Audio Connection

SAFETY

Drivers Side Air Bag
Passenger Air Bag
Anti-Lock Brakes (4)
4 Wheel Disc Brakes

Front Side Impact Air Bags

Head/Curtain Air Bags

Communications System

Hands Free Device

SEATS

Bucket Seats
Leather Seats

WHEELS

Aluminum/Alloy Wheels

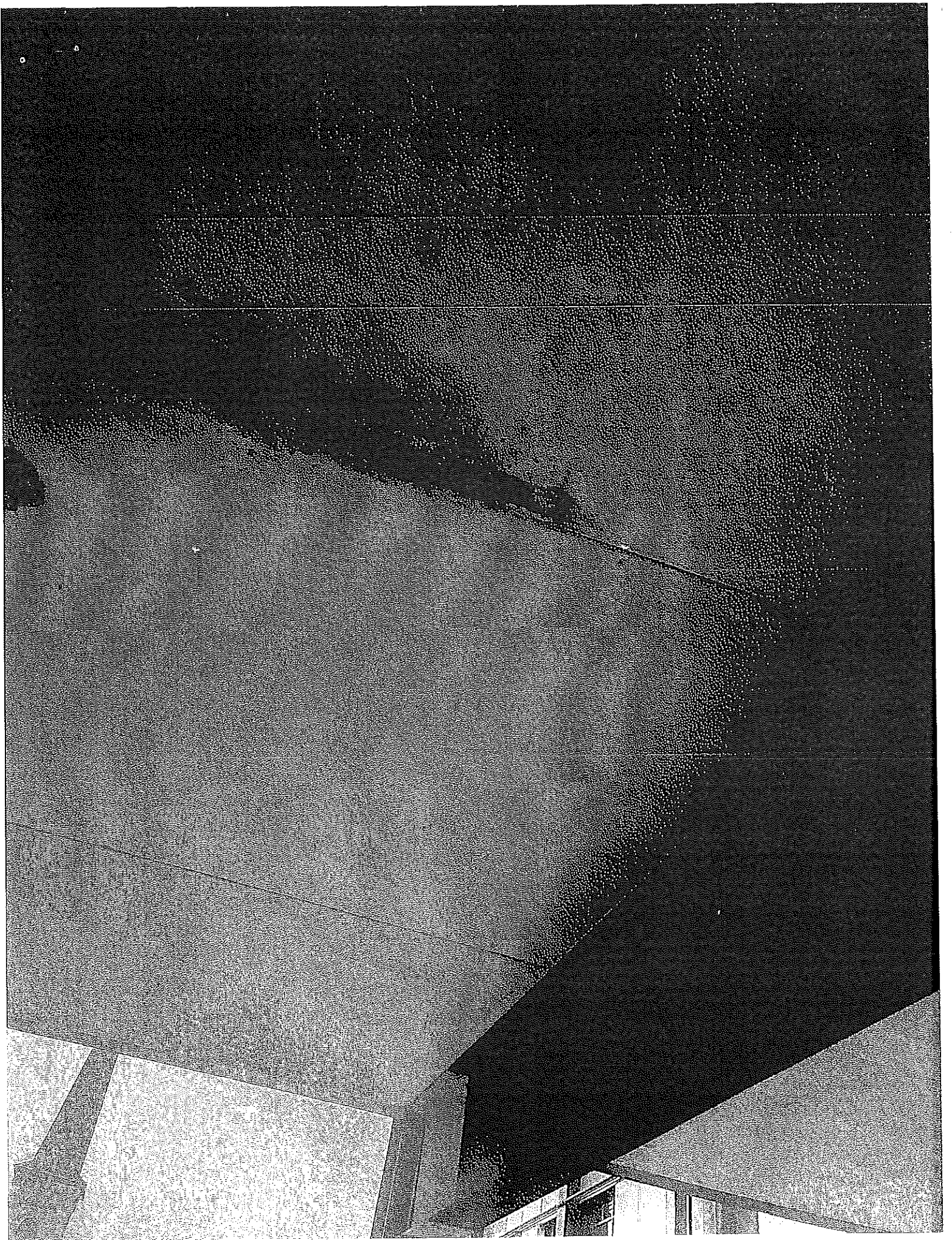
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THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual

The Council Meeting was conducted using videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Welcome to the Organizational Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is January 3, 2022, and the time is 6:31 pm.

I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered, wherever we are, on the traditional territory of the Lenape people and this territory was a critical resting place along a popular trade route for people of the Lenape Nation and other cultures as is evidenced in the earliest derivation of the name 'Poughkeepsie' with an indigenous string of words, U-puku-ipi-sing, that, when translated, means 'reed-covered lodge by the little water place' or resting place.

Let's all recite the pledge of allegiance.

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
- II. ROLL CALL - ALL PRESENT
- III. NOMINATIONS & ELECTIONS

1. Vice Chair

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to nominate Councilmember Natasha Cherry as Vice Chair.

Nomination of Councilmember Cherry to Vice Chair						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. Majority Leader

A vote was taken in caucus, determining Councilmember Menist as Majority Leader.

3. Finance Chair

Chair Salem announced additional time is needed to appoint a Chair of the Finance Committee.

IV. RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

- 1. Resolution R-22-01, Adopting the 2022 Rules of Conduct and Procedure: By-Laws of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie**

**RESOLUTION
R-22-01**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council adopts for use during the year 2022 the Rules of Conduct and Procedure of the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, a copy of which is attached hereto and made a part of this Resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-01						
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	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

2. Resolution R-22-02, Adopting Robert's Rules of Order.

**RESOLUTION
R-22-02**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

BE IT RESOLVED, that Robert's Rules of Order be and the same hereby are adopted as the Parliamentary Rules of the Common Council for the year 2022.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-02			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

3. Resolution R-22-03, Setting bonds for Commissioner of Finance and City Chamberlain.

**RESOLUTION
R-22-03**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the amount of the faithful performance duty bond, to be executed by the Commissioner of Finance as City Treasurer, and filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office,

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pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie, be and the same hereby is fixed at the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the faithful performance duty bond, to be executed by the City Chamberlain and filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office, pursuant to Section 2.12 of the Administrative Code of the City of Poughkeepsie be and the same hereby is fixed at the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars; and it is further

RESOLVED, that the amount of the faithful performance duty bond to be executed by the Clerk of the City Court and filed in the Dutchess County Clerk's Office pursuant to Section 5 of the Act Creating a City Court in and for the City of Poughkeepsie, New York, be and the same hereby is fixed at the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance be and s/he hereby is empowered and directed to procure a public employee's faithful performance blanket position bond in the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars covering every officer and employee of the City, with excess coverage in the amount set opposite the following office and position:

Collection in Department of Finance,
Treasury Division.....\$20,000;

and it is further

RESOLVED, that all the premiums which may become due on said bonds during the year 2022 shall be paid by the City as a proper City expense.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-03						
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A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

4. Resolution R-22-04, Authorizing the Commissioner of Finance to pay public debt, salary and wages for 2022.

RESOLUTION
R-22-04

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance be and he hereby is authorized and directed to draw warrants in favor of Chase Bank, Key Bank of New York, M & T Bank, Riverside Bank a division of Salisbury Bank, Bank of America, TD Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank and Depository Trust Co., Rhinebeck Bank and Ulster Savings Bank for principal and interest on the public debt as it becomes due from time to time during the year 2022, and be it further

RESOLVED, the Commissioner of Finance, upon presentation to him of properly approved payrolls, be and s/he hereby is authorized and directed to pay the monthly and bi-weekly salaries and wages to the officers and employee of the City who shall be entitled to receive the same during the year 2022.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-04			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

5. Resolution R-22-05, Approving designation of banks for deposits.

**RESOLUTION
R-22-05**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

RESOLVED, that Chase Bank, Riverside Bank, a division Salisbury Bank, TD Bank, Rhinebeck Bank and M & T Bank, all of which are located in the City of Poughkeepsie, be and they hereby are designated as the banks in which the Commissioner of Finance is empowered and directed to deposit all monies of the City of Poughkeepsie; subject to such rules and regulations as the Common Council may from time to time prescribe and subject to such laws and regulations as may be prescribed by the State and Federal Governments from time to time hereafter in relation hereto; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of Finance be authorized to invest idle cash balances in her or his custody with any bank or trust company authorized to do business in New York State and

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to otherwise make investments pursuant to the investment policy, as adopted and amended from time to time by the Common Council and subject to such laws and regulations in relation thereto as may from time to time be prescribed by the State and Federal governments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Chamberlain be and hereby is directed to mail a copy of this resolution to each such depositories.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-05						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

6. Resolution R-22-06, Approving The Poughkeepsie Journal as the official newspaper.

RESOLUTION
R-22-06

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____ :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the "Poughkeepsie Journal" a newspaper published in the City of Poughkeepsie, be and is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie for the year 2022.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

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R-22-06						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

7. Resolution R-22-07, Appointing the City Chamberlain and Deputy Chamberlain as a Marriage Officers for the City of Poughkeepsie.

RESOLUTION
R-22-07

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the City Chamberlain and the Deputy City Chamberlain as Marriage Officers in accordance with and subject to the provisions of Domestic Relations Law §11-c; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Marriage Officers are hereby appointed for a term of one year, subject to the pleasure of the Common Council.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-22-07						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

8. Resolution R-22-08, Adoption of City's purchasing policy.

RESOLUTION
R-22-08

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____ :

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby adopts the purchasing policy of which a copy is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____ .

R-22-08						
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A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

9. Resolution R-22-09, Adoption of the Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records.

**RESOLUTION
R-22-09**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____ :

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie that *Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1)*, issued pursuant to Article 57-A of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Law, and containing legal minimum retention periods for local government records, is hereby adopted for use by all officers in legally disposing of valueless records listed therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with Article 57-A:

(a) only those records will be disposed of that are described in Retention and Disposition Schedule for New York Local Government Records (LGS-1), after they have met the minimum retention periods described therein;

(b) only those records will be disposed of that do not have sufficient administrative, fiscal, legal, or historical value to merit retention beyond established legal minimum periods.

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R-22-09						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Menist to adjourn the meeting at 6:52pm.

Dated: Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 3, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual

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Let's all recite the pledge of allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL - ALL PRESENT

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing Meeting December 20, 2021

Common Council Meeting December 20, 2021

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to accept the minutes.

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

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Laurie Sandow, S. Grand Ave. – submitted written comments

I'd like to welcome the New Year and offer congratulations to the re-elected and incoming first-time councilmembers. Considering how many of those sworn in today have never spoken, and possibly never even attended a previous Council meeting, it's going to be fascinating to watch as you reveal yourselves.

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The first fascination is what a bad start this council is off to, posting a deceitful agenda to the public that lists the Mayor's comments as the 6th item, while the Rules just passed at the Council's Organizational Meeting send the Mayor's comments to 10th on the list, the nextto-last agenda item, at the rear end of each meeting.

This not only leaves the public scratching our heads, it tramples the public's sensibilities as well as our interests. After being removed from the Council agenda in September 2020, the Mayor's comments were finally restored in August 2021. No sooner did that happen, when a certain childish Council faction began using those comments for a time-consuming, politicized game of "Gotcha". The very same council that itself, to this day, adamantly refuses to respond to, or otherwise open themselves to engage questions and answers from the public. This very same Council is now using their own self-created Gotcha delays as the excuse why they must defer the Mayor's comments until the end of meetings. Shame on the councilmembers, new and old, who consented and colluded with this new rule—whether conscious, clueless, or willfully deceitful.

The City Charter Preamble describes the Council as (direct quote) "representatives of the people of the City". I defy a single councilmember to defend this latest Rules revision as one representing the will of the people. Not only doesn't this Council oversee the City's daily operations, half the time members of this Council don't even oversee, or make public, their own operations. Let's take, for example, Chair Salem's recent letter regarding the Wallace Campus, or ex-councilmember Brannen's letter regarding a different development. Was the public consulted before these letters were written? Were these letters disclosed and released to the public after being written? No, of course not. Some new Councilmembers are anxious to get their first resolution on the books. Let me suggest you start by cleaning the Council's own house:

- Sponsor a resolution that will nullify all votes by any specific councilmember who shows up late, and/or leaves early, at any given Council meeting;

- Sponsor a resolution where councilmembers must remain visible on camera during a meeting's entirety;

- Sponsor a resolution requiring that the list of all Zoom attendees at Council meetings be made visible to the public while the meeting is in session, and that each attendee must register individually, and not through a list submitted by a third party or proxy;

- Sponsor a resolution requiring Open Data; and that City documents be posted with time stamps, using a text format that's searchable, as opposed to the current image format;

- Sponsor a resolution where any public hearing and any deadline for public comments at any City board, committee, commission, etc., must be prominently posted on the front (landing) page of the City website at least seven days prior to each and every hearing or deadline, and where relevant documents are linked to the notification;

- Sponsor a resolution where councilmembers must use only their City-provided Email addresses for all City-related matters, and not personal addresses and/or personal social media. Include a schedule of penalties that will be imposed if/when councilmembers block access and/or prevent viewing or comments by any member of the public;

- Sponsor a resolution where councilmembers who fail to attend public hearings cannot sponsor or vote on any future legislation related to the hearing(s) they did not attend;
- Sponsor a resolution that prevents motions for adjournment from being used as antidemocratic weaponry, including but not limited to quashing walk-on resolutions;
- Sponsor a resolution where councilmembers who don't have medical excuses don't get paid for meetings they fail to attend, and where the reasons for all so-called "excused absences" are made public;
- Sponsor a resolution getting rid of the Council's willful intimidation of the public via the presence of a Sergeant-at-Arms; Hold regular Ward meetings that are announced and open to all City residents. Welcome the public, rather than reject them. Keep the public informed;
- Start abiding by Freedom of Information requests. Whether yourself or fellow councilmember, stop breaking the law and/or aiding others in non-responsiveness and fraudulent responses to Freedom of Information requests;
- Always remember that you are public servants, and that Zoom has put a wall between yourselves and the public. The public is acutely aware of the lack of attention and chosen distractions of Councilmembers during meetings, which are documented on-screen— Council members texting each other, their friends and others while Council meetings are in session; councilmembers with loud TVs and other distractions in the background; councilmembers whose cameras are not properly set; councilmembers interacting with family members, etc. Stop complaining that it's comments posted by the public in the Zoom chat that are distracting you.

If you want to serve the public and make your mark on this Council and this City, there's an endless list of ways to do that. Begin your service by cleaning the Council's own house. Wishing you all a happy new year.

2. Ken Stier – submitted written comments

Happy New Year to Everyone & Congratulations to this new Council, especially to the new members.

There are three issues I want to mention briefly here this evening which I think need pretty urgent Council attention and focus. I will soon be submitting fuller comments on all three, including a letter I intend to send to the Dutchess County Supreme Court involving one of our community's longest standing controversies which is now bogged down in court – and where I think there has been some egregious legal shenanigans.

But first, the upcoming rehabilitation of two Fallkill bridges – at two key intersections: Brookside Ave & Garden Street, at the even more crucial five-way intersection at Washington Ave, Verrazzano Blvd, N. Bridge, Brookside and Fallkill Place. I have been in close contact with the City's engineering department, have a good deal of respect for them, but it is no criticism of them that I say that this multi-million dollar project is simply too darn important to be left just to them. Besides fixing the deteriorated bridges, this project offers a one-time opportunity not just to remedy traffic and pedestrian woes, but to truly transform these critical crossroads, so

heavily trafficked by out-of-towners visiting the Walkway, into something genuinely appealing. How many of us aware that two pocket parks are contemplated for the Washington intersection? That's why the Parks department (DPW) needs to be involved and others too, all overseen by the Council. (Scenic Hudson has also offered important suggestions.)

Secondly, the Wallace Campus planned for Main Street. With ~200 units it's big, and will have a momentous impact. It seems poised to be voted on soon and seems likely to be approved by the Planning Board. But again, such a hugely consequential project should not be left just to this one entity, a volunteer board which went out of their way to insist that economic and social impacts were not really part of their remit. That's why the Council has to quickly get up to speed on this, consult experts and maybe have their own public hearings.

I am agnostic about the project. I still need to do more reporting about its likely impact. But as it is now configured, I do have concerns. Dutchess County, the whole region, clearly needs more affordable housing. No argument there. But most successful affordable housing projects, especially in sensitive City locations, are mixed housing, including some market rate. This has none. Instead, it has 30 units of supportive housing which are for folks with major life challenges. They of course deserve decent housing, but I do question whether it serves Poughkeepsie's best long-term interests to have these folks smack in the middle of our City's central business district (CBD), on a block finally getting some revival traction.

Anyone familiar with day-to-day conditions there know they are pretty ugly. This project could easily metastasize that into a larger mess. I'm also concerned that there seems to be a disconnect between what police brass say about this area and future challenges and what rank and file cops know and tell you privately. In short, the City faces huge risks with this project which can only benefit from more independent analysis – including some already in the pipeline: a housing study underway at Patterns for Progress, and the City's own, long overdue comprehensive plan. A project of this magnitude should be subjected to all necessary deliberation, which I think has not been case yet. Remember the down-the-road consequences will be set and owned by this Council, on your Watch.

Thirdly, I have come to the conclusion that this administration of Mayor Rob Rolison is engaging in malfeasance – a word I don't use lightly. And it gives me no pleasure either to reach that conclusion. I like Rob, think he is a decent person, but he, and Marc Nelson - who I like even more – have, I think, gone over the line in support of the developers Steve Tinkelman and Wayne Nussbickel in their effort to build in Wheaton Park, in gross, repeated and aggressive contravention of the City's established regulatory processes. I will soon be sharing with you a letter which details why I think this is the case, and what it means for the Council.

Thank you.

Ken Stier
31 Verrazzano Blvd
845-345-9301
January 3, 2021

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January 7, 2022
Judge Hal B. Greenwald, J.S.C.
Dutchess County Supreme Court
10 Market Street
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Dear Judge Greenwald,

I write to bring to your attention highly irregular and I believe unethical submissions made in bad faith to the Court by attorneys on both sides in the case Pelton Partners, LLC v. City of Poughkeepsie, Common Council and the Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission. (Index No.2021-50400). The Court, it appears, has been defrauded.

In one instance, Paul Ackermann, then still the City's Corporation Counsel, signed a stipulation of process (11/12/21 – NYSCEF Doc. No. 126) on behalf of his three clients, that they agreed to adjourn the underlying litigation for 90 days so that the Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission (HDLPC) could consider an amended application from Pelton Partners. Actually, the stipulation, as you signed 11/22/21) commits that the application "will be considered and acted upon, by the HDLPC." The problem with that is that two of Mr. Ackermann's clients, the HDLPC and the Common Council, were not only not consulted, they were not notified of this submission made on their behalf. Furthermore, I feel confident to say that neither would have agreed to this adjournment if they had been consulted. It also seems clear that Mr. Ackermann, who has been intimately involved with this controversy from the outset in his decade's employment with the City, almost certainly knew this to be the case. It would seem then, that Mr. Ackermann not only violated professional ethics related to conflict of interests, but did so in bad faith. Knowing how City Hall works he would have almost certainly done this at the direction of City Administrator Marc Nelson, at the behest of Mayor Rob Rolison.

In another instance, plaintiff's counsel, Kenneth Stenger submitted what I believe was an intentional effort to deceive the Court. I refer in particular to his November 11, 2021 letter (NYSCEF Doc. No. 123) to the Court in which he tried to explain why a second stipulation of settlement (NYSCEF Doc. No. 125) was only signed by himself, not also by Mr. Ackermann. That lacunae, he averred, was simply due to "some confusion as we tried to wrap up in the midst of Paul's transition from public service to private sector." This seems a ludicrous explanation and I expect it raised red flags for the Court.

Although the stipulation of agreement was naturally conditional on HDLPC issuing a certificate of appropriateness, my reading of Mr. Stenger's letter was that he slyly tried to conflate the conditional with a purported actual agreement reached by all parties. "This submission is made on behalf of all parties," he wrote. Mr. Stenger, I believe, is too accomplished a legal practitioner to have not known that this was a

falsehood – viz., that in fact all parties were not actually involved in the decision, and that no such accord would have resulted if the Common Council and the HDLPC had been consulted. Most egregious it seems, of course, is his fairly transparent effort to mislead the Court.

If the Court is in any doubt about this version, I hope the Court will act on Mr. Stenger's offer, again made on Mr. Ackermann's behalf, that "Paul will make time in his personal schedule to appear on this issue." I believe that Mr. Ackermann balked at signing this second stipulation because it was simply a fiction too far.

The truth is that there has been considerable behind-the-scenes pressure from City Hall upon the Corporation Counsel office to try to advance the agenda of the opposing side (Pelton Partners) by making these mis-representations. I believe that Sarah Wilson, who resigned from the Corporation Counsel's office, effective January 7, 2022, could provide additional corroboration.

Another reason compelling this communication, is that Poughkeepsie's new lead attorney, Rebecca Valk, apparently sees no need to correct the record even though she has been appraised by the HDLPC that both stipulations squarely contradict the Commission's repeated position. It is also concerning that Ms. Valk serves on the New York State Appellate Division (2nd Department) disciplinary committee.

This Court will decide the matter before it on strictly legal grounds but why not benefit from the broader context, which I have reported on extensively over the three plus years since I moved my family from Brooklyn to Poughkeepsie and became aware of this issue, one of the longest running controversies in our community. (The article link below exposes City Hall's earlier sub rosa efforts in this case.)

It is bad enough that the plaintiffs have repeatedly demonstrated that they do not respect the statutory authority of the HDLPC (evidenced, inter alia, by submitting "amended applications" that do virtually nothing to address the multiple reasons the HDLPC cited for denying developers a 'certificate of appropriateness,' and instead offer entirely inappropriate inducements outside the Commission's remit), but now we are witnessing that City Hall is in open league with the developers over the interests of the citizens of Poughkeepsie. Under the latest charter revision, there are supposed to be co-equal branches of government, but by recent actions Mayor Rolison and his team demonstrate that they feel entitled to arrogate to itself the power to determine what is best for the City, in clear contravention of the City's established regulatory processes. This clear partisan support for the developers, rides roughshod over the mayoral-appointed HDLPC and the Common Council's overwhelming endorsement of the Commission, even to the point that City Hall is now willing to bend the law. This would seem to constitute malfeasance.

I am far from alone in hoping that this most recent demonstration of bad faith by the plaintiffs, and more shamefully, by City Hall, will hasten a Court decision to end this painful charade.

Respectfully,

Kenneth J. Stier

3. Naomi Brooks – submitted written comments

New year, new beginnings! I wanted to take a moment to welcome the new council members, and to thank the returning ones for continuing their good work. I was a resident of the first ward and am now in the eighth, but my interest lies in the open spaces throughout our city; the interesting industrial, social, and architectural history that exists in each ward; and the amazing geography we have access to along the Hudson River and the lands beyond.

I've been a pretty regular commenter at city meetings for the last 7 years. One of the projects that is still ongoing and has taken a lot of my attention is the plight of the city-owned Pelton Mansion at Wheaton Park. The shortest bit of background:

Eight years ago, Poughkeepsie was in dire financial straits. The city put out a request for proposals on the development and reuse of the Pelton site at 36 N. Clover Street, a 2.26 acre property in the Mt. Carmel neighborhood. A successful local developer submitted the accepted proposal, and for the last 7 years their project has, time and time again, come before the Common Council and various boards and commissions.

Why is it taking so long? In the same time frame, multiple projects representing close to 1,000 housing units have been proposed, evaluated, approved, and built. This project has stalled due to the developers' inappropriate original plan and subsequent meager revisions causing years of delays. Thoughtfully considering each submission has used countless hours of our city's administration and Common Council members' time, as well as the unpaid time of our boards and commissions. It is based on a contract written when the city was under a different administration, the Council had different members, and the city's financial position gave the developers the upper hand in negotiations.

The N. Clover project hasn't moved forward because it hit a stumbling block – the Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission denied a Certificate of Appropriateness, determining that the landmark's historical significance would be severely compromised by the inappropriate project. The developers responded by suing everyone, and the lawsuit is still pending.

I've sent the Chamberlain a short q&a I wrote 3 years ago this month with the slightly more detailed comments about this project, to be included in the minutes for this meeting. Please take a few moments to read it, because in 3 years nothing has really changed.

This city is in a very different position now, with a better bond rating and lower budget deficit, and new businesses being attracted at an accelerating rate. As a community, we cannot settle for mediocrity when great promise lies ahead for using Wheaton land and the Pelton mansion in a more creative manner that takes advantage of its open spaces and its history.

We are on the cusp of adopting a revitalization plan of the waterfront with an expanded definition of the area, and a city-wide comprehensive plan. Let's align a new request for proposals with the missions of those updated documents. It is time to hit the reset button for what to do with this property and building.

The appraisal on the property, done over a decade ago, was for an economic time now past.

The appraisal asked for the value of the property's "best and highest use", that is, to get the most money from the sale of the property. The "best and highest use" was to build new housing.

Why does this matter now? In 2008, the city was in dire financial circumstances with no substantial prospects for new development or business. This is no longer the case, and it would be better to look for longer-term revenue from this property rather than revenue from a one-time purchase. A new appraisal could address a broader range of uses, and have updated figures reflecting the current economic times.

The request for proposals was narrow and limiting.

The request for proposals was issued with very specific criteria, including type of respondent and type of project. The timeline for submission of proposals was so short that it effectively removed anyone without prior knowledge of the proposal, or immense resources to devote to answering the request.

Why does this matter now? In opening the request to a wider range of project types and entities prepared to create those projects, the city would invite innovative ideas that mesh better with current and future trends for using key properties such as this.

The current developers have many clauses in their contract that benefit them, not the city.

The contract of sale includes many ways that the developers can either lower their purchase price or cancel the contract, including if they are not allowed to build a certain number of residences and if they do not receive the tax breaks they request.

Why does this matter now? The process of bringing the project in front of various city boards is not over yet. This means that for years, the property has been left vacant and still owned by the city. Having the contract in place means that no one else can move other plans forward, yet the developers can opt out for a number of reasons.

There have been many objections to almost every aspect of this project over many years.

An outpouring of public comment against removal of this parcel of land from a park designation was the first in a vocal opposition. The Common Council, Planning

Board, and Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission all had major concerns with the proposed project, which necessitated public comment sessions and many revisions. The sheer number of times revisions needed to be made is an indicator of how poor a fit this proposal is with the criteria, guidelines, and visions that the city uses to approve new projects.

Why does this matter now? The city does not maintain this property as a park, does not have one-time income from the sale of the property, and does not have ongoing tax income from the use of this property.

If not this proposed project, then what?

Alternatives to a large residential project (44 units and 67 parking spaces) would be more in line with current research findings about urban planning. Residents and tourists are looking for walkable places, green spaces, and a variety of cultural, recreational, and shopping/dining experiences. This property is in a key geographical location, steps from the train station, walkway, and waterfront. It can be used as a key welcoming point to the neighborhood and the city.

Suggested alternatives include a visitors center, café, museum, art/performance space, gallery/shop, and more. State and Federal grant money to support endeavors like these, as well as area not-for-profits, can be combined to offer a competitive plan. In the long term, tax revenue from such endeavors could equal or surpass the current plan. Research has also shown that having a vibrant attraction in an area raises the value of surrounding real estate, a “ripple effect” return on investment to an alternate project.

What can we do to ensure the best use of this property?

Contact members of the Common Council, the City Planner, or Mayor Rollison. All phone numbers and e-mail addresses are on the city website. Ask that they re-open the process to entertain new ideas, and ask that they secure and maintain the building and grounds in the interim, as all property owners are required to do.

-Naomi Brooks , January 2019

V. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

I want to keep it brief tonight.

Happy New Year, everyone.

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable New Year celebration, holiday celebration and welcome to 2022. As we enter this New Year, we're in a different spot than we were in 2021. However, we are still experiencing a surge of COVID cases throughout Dutchess County, throughout New York State, throughout the country. And you know, it's a

little concerning. However, I feel optimistic in knowing that we did do a distribution of at home kits. I hope that the mayor will be able to fill us in a little later on when we'll be able to do a bigger distribution of at home testing kits. It's important, if you can, to continue to wear a mask in public places. Masks work. And if you're not boosted, if you're not vaccinated and you can get vaccinated and you can get boosted, go get the shot. It's unfortunate, you know, to see people end up hospitalized.

The majority of folks who are hospitalized don't have the vaccine and it could have been prevented, they could have just gotten sick, right? They could have just gotten a cough, could have had a fever, didn't have to go to the hospital if you just had the vaccine. But once you're in the hospital, it's too late for that. So it's critical to get the vaccine. And then, you know, will help, you know, help to kind of lessen the spread of the virus if we're all kind of pitching in together and doing that. I know getting an at home test, if they're not being distributed by a city government or the county, is expensive. Some of the tests cost upwards of 23 bucks for a box of two. That's a lot of money.

And knowing that you know the only effective way to limit this virus is to be able to test day after day after day. So taking one single test isn't, unfortunately, really going to tell you all the time whether or not you're testing positive. We need a supply of at home tests for everyone so that we can test on a weekly basis, on a daily basis, so that we can see it within the stages of, you know, I came in contact with the virus. Now I'm showing symptoms and now I know I'm either negative or positive. Otherwise we're just going to keep spreading it like wildfire.

Additionally, you know, beyond COVID, I feel very optimistic knowing that we have, you know, American Rescue Plan funds, or we can really dig in to programs throughout the community, to youth programming, our new division of Youth Development and Opportunity is being funded over a million dollars. That's thanks to the work of our previous council, and now it's up to this common council to ensure that those funds get spent and attributed correctly. But I feel that we're in a really strong position as a community, as a city, and I want to especially, you know, give a nod and congratulations to our incoming common council members who have never served on the common council before.

And I want to, of course, give a nod to our council members who have been serving for years, or maybe just even the last term. And I want to give a special congratulations just in case you didn't catch the organizational meeting to Councilmember Cherry for being elected our vice chair and Councilmember Menist for being nominated as the majority leader for us for this term.

And that concludes my comments.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **A COMMUNICATION FROM COUNCILMEMBER FLOWERS**, on an Inter-Municipal Agreement with Poughkeepsie City School District and the City of Poughkeepsie on the Student Athletic Basketball Program

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long to defer the below communications to Corporation Counsel.

2. **FROM CGR ASSOCIATIES LLC.**, a notice of intent for Los Amigos Mexican Restaurant of Poughkeepsie Corp. to obtain a Liquor License.
3. **FROM NATARA BUSH**, a notice of personal injury sustained on September 17, 2021.
4. **FROM EDNA RIVERA**, a notice of personal injury sustained on October 2, 2021.
5. **FROM MANDEEP SINGH**, a notice of personal injury sustained on October 7, 2021.

XI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you, Chair and happy new year to everybody both here in the council meeting tonight and to individuals that are watching and to all of the residents of the City of Poughkeepsie.

Give you an update on the home test kit distribution. As many of you know, we gave out over 600 home test kits. That's what we received on the day before Christmas Eve. The way that this went with the county and it's a state to county to local municipality distribution at this point, is on Monday the week before Christmas, we were advised that the county would be receiving test kits from the state. We were not. We didn't know how many there were going to be getting, approximately 11,000, and I don't think that that's what they ended up receiving. The test kits were going to be distributed to municipalities based on a percentage of population. We received a little over 600 on Wednesday. We had put a plan together prior to that to distribute them at 505, utilizing Police Department staff, which we did. All test kits were distributed. Then came the conversation about what would come next.

And it was a bit unclear when the next supply from the state would be coming to the county and when to the municipalities. We were under the impression early on that we would be receiving additional test kits the following week. We weren't sure when because the county didn't know when they were going to be getting them. We didn't know the number.

We were hopeful, as all municipalities were, that as the governor had had said that they were going to be ramping up the amount of kits that they were going to be getting and they'd be going down to the local municipalities.

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I can tell you that a decision was made by the state and not too long after that was discussed amongst all of us with the mayors and supervisors that school districts were going to be receiving test kits additionally, as well. What happened was all of the test kits have gone. Well, what we thought would be coming to us and the school districts went to the school districts. We don't know as of right now when we will be getting additional test kits from the county through the state. We are ready to distribute. A lot is going to have to do with how many we get and obviously what the hours will be.

Our expectation is we do want to be agile in the locations that we can give them to and to the areas that they're going to be distributed. Also, we had conversations with the school district on, you know, on what they're doing. We don't want to duplicate. We want to make sure that test kits are given out so we're not, you know, we're not giving them to the places that they already have them.

This is really a bit of a work in progress. John Penney on our end and the emergency management team are working on this. As soon as we know we will let you know.

I think hopefully that as test kits become more available, we'll be able to do other things with them and have them say set in set locations where people can come get them versus, say, a drive up or a walk up, which 505 went really well.

From everything that was going on there that day, people were able to get the kits that they needed. And hopefully at some point in time again, when test kits become more available, we'll be able to do different things and we're and we will be working with the council members.

But right now, that's all we know. I know the federal government, the president has said about getting, you know, half a billion test kits and get them into the system. I think hopefully, as we saw early on in the pandemic when testing was critical and there were only certain areas that you could go and certain places to get tested, that it changed and they became more available. And that's what we believe will happen with the home testing as well.

I want to congratulate all the new council members tonight at the swearing in ceremony here at City Hall. It's always good to see that, you know, people, you know, coming on, getting excited about being able to be members of this common council, which you know is so important to the city of Poughkeepsie and, Chair, I'm just going to end with this tonight.

I'm not sure why I was moved down the agenda. All right. This was the first that I saw it. We didn't you and I didn't have any discussion about that. And certainly at some point in time, I guess we can. I don't think it makes a lot of sense to be at the end of the meeting, but that's me. I also think that I heard from several council people about the question and answer session that went on after I was removed from the council agenda, put back on the council agenda. And there was this Q&A that sometimes went probably longer than some people wanted. What I would respectfully say is we shouldn't be doing a Q&A, that there are times between council

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meetings when we can have these discussions, whether it's a phone call, whether it's an email, whether it's a leadership meeting. I don't think it does any of us any good, especially to have questions asked of the administration that we're not prepared to answer, because it just it's not a good time allotment for the public who are on these meetings and sometimes extremely long. So that's my feeling on that. I hope we can have some follow up dialogue on that. But again, for the first meeting of the year, I look forward to working with all you and thank you, Chair.

A motion was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Cherry for a 5-minute recess due to the Chair's technical difficulties.

A motion was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Long to resume the meeting.

XII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Menist to adjourn the meeting at 7:42pm.

Dated: Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Organizational Meeting held on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**

Official Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 18, 2022 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed introductory Local Law, entitled "Local Law Amending Section 18 1/2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York"; Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program.



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 6:00 p.m.

Virtual

Welcome to the scheduled meeting of the Public Hearing in the City of Poughkeepsie. The date is January 18, 2022 and the time is 6:01 pm.

THIS HEARING IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING COMMENTS ON THE proposed introductory Local Law, entitled "Local Law Amending Section 18 1/2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York"; Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program.

Councilmember-At-Large Salem called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

I. WELCOME

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Five (5) minutes per person public comment.

1. Joan Mandle
2. Laurie Sandow – submitted written comments

In this City, the reality is that decisions on every level are made behind closed doors, and by breaking laws under cover of darkness and under cover of pandemic. This applies to the Administration, as well as to the Common Council. If you'd like to hear more on that subject, I encourage you to stick around for the Council meeting that follows.

But back to tonight's Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) public hearing:

The fact is that Sarah Salem, Sarah Brannen and Evan Menist were so opposed to the possibility of tonight's public hearing that Salem refused to put R-21-94 on the agenda for the December 20, 2021, Common Council meeting. Then, when the Resolution was walked-on, the three puppeteers tried to shut it down with an adjournment stunt.

Tonight, not only will we be hearing from some very well-informed and legitimately concerned members of the public, we'll also be hearing from many speakers who've never shown interest or concern for the waterfront, or attended waterfront-related meetings. They'll be speaking because they received correspondence from Sarah Brannen that included a 40-page talking points memo. *(And as it turned out, the public did NOT hear from all registered speakers, because once again, Salem deprived the public of their voice by scheduling the public hearing for termination after only 1/2-hour, introducing yet another delay and forcing the remaining speakers to show up at a February public hearing that will be held in a vacuum. A Freedom of Information request has been submitted to discover time-stamped requests to speak, and whether Salem manipulated the order of speakers.)*

With half the Council being brand new to their seats, I'm not sure you'll yet have enough knowledge to distinguish those who have been involved, from those who only rally when Brannen, Salem, and Menist sound the alarm. Hopefully, the Council will begin to recognize the Greek Chorus taking their talking points from Brannen's 40-page memo, rather than from their own knowledge and experience. Oddly—but not really—for someone pretending to be seeking a waterfront solution, Brannen intentionally withheld her memo from members of this City's Waterfront Advisory Committee, while blasting the document to the Common Council as well as to members of the Brannen/Salem/Menist pipeline.

Here's a little actual history. First, in order to destroy the institutional memory of the Waterfront Advisory committee (the WAC), in May of 2018 the Council replaced Arnie Serotsky, the long-time chair of the WAC, with a chair Terricena Brown, a member of the Exempt Fireman's Association, and a person with neither knowledge, nor prior interest in the work of the WAC. As chair, Brown, on more than one occasion was absent at the beginning of WAC meetings, requiring a phone call to ask whether she'd be attending the meeting.

When the WAC's draft LWRP was issued in December 2019, rather than work in partnership with the WAC, the Council instead created their own secretive committee, which never met in public and never released a report. Let me read an excerpt to you from an August 24, 2020 letter that Sarah Salem wrote to the WAC (see attached):

"Despite some good work to draft the LWRP, we identified a number of deficiencies...To address these shortcomings, we have taken a number of steps. First, we formed an advisory group consisting of two WAC members, Europa McGovern and Lia Harris; Nathan Shook of the zoning board of appeals and industrial development agency; Randall Johnson, County legislator and member of the industrial development agency; and Jen Benson and Dan Shapley of Riverkeeper. All Council members were invited to join this group and two—Evan Menist and Sarah Brannen—volunteered....Our aspiration is to complete the draft within existing resources, appropriated in the 2020 Council budget, and within the coming few months."

Nearly 17 months have passed since Salem's letter to the WAC. Did the Council's secret committee ever open their meetings to the public, release meeting minutes, and most importantly, release THEIR complete draft before the end of 2020? No, of course not. And to worsen an already bad situation, the Council's backroom conniving not only obstructed protection for a much larger, expanded waterfront boundary that included the Fallkill, the Council's obstruction also allowed the City to pretend that they couldn't produce a Comprehensive Plan until the Council's LWRP committee had completed its work.

When the glow had worn off the Council's failure to produce their own LWRP draft, they instead moved onto a new obstructive process at the southern waterfront. The Councilmembers who are always first to proclaim themselves as lifelong Hudson Valley and/or Poughkeepsie residents—where were they when Delaval was alienated through an 11th hour high-speed ride to Albany? Nowhere. Where were they when Bonura's project was approved. Nowhere. Where were they when One Dutchess was discussed and approved? Nowhere.

My comments are not at all in defense or support of Bonura's projects at the waterfront. Nor are they in defense or support of abuses by the Ice House, which the Council has not addressed at all. But don't kid yourselves that Brannen's interest or her 40-page memo is about, as she claims, "protecting our precious waterfront". If the LWRP issue had not been forced through a walk-on resolution at a December 2021 council meeting, the LWRP would still remain obstructed, sitting in the Council's circular file, and tonight's public hearing would not be taking place at all.

Sarah Salem, Chairperson, Common Councilmember At-Large, City of Poughkeepsie, ssalem@cityofpoughkeepsie.com
August 24, 2020

Dear Waterfront Advisory Committee members,

We are deeply grateful for your voluntary service on the city's Waterfront Advisory Committee, an important vehicle for ensuring our shared waterfront will continue to be a vibrant place for generations to come. Additionally, we appreciate your contributions to the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) over the past year and a half.

The Common Council is undertaking our review of the draft LWRP and is committed to having a document that reflects the priorities of the community and will offer clear guidelines for development and waterfront improvements for years to come. The previous LWRP was drafted in 1998 and, although it was never adopted by the state and therefore is not a recognized policy framework, it nonetheless has been used by the city for more than 20 years. One of our other main goals is therefore to ensure the LWRP is approved by the state.

We recognize the WAC's eagerness to have a new set of guidelines, especially given the ongoing development in the waterfront revitalization area. We too are eager to have an LWRP that establishes a clear vision for the city's development, priorities, and policies. There are also a number of exciting projects in the draft LWRP that would enhance the waterfront.

Despite some good work to draft the LWRP, we identified a number of deficiencies in the document that we aim to address. These include the need for a clear vision and goals; a more readable, data-driven, and cogent inventory and analysis; an intentional balance of environmental conservation and economic development; updated maps and visual aids; and community engagement that reflects the diversity of our community. To address these shortcomings, we have taken a number of steps. First, we formed an advisory group consisting of two WAC members, Europa McGovern and Lia Harris; Nathan Shook of the zoning board of appeals and industrial development agency; Randall Johnson, County legislator and member of the industrial development agency; and Jen Benson and Dan Shapley of Riverkeeper. All Council members were invited to join this group and two- Evan Menist and Sarah Brannen- volunteered.

In addition to this advisory group, the Common Council is endeavoring to hire a consultant to assist in editorial, administrative, and analytical tasks. This consultant will be critical to moving the project forward in an expeditious manner. We have also engaged a graduate student intern who has been working to summarize community engagement findings and best practices, as well as gather supplemental data to improve on the existing draft. The Council members will also be exploring the possibility of some time-bound additional community engagement in the coming weeks to address the lack of diversity in the engagement process thus far.

Our timeline for completing this review and editing of the draft LWRP hinges on the hiring of a consultant to assist the Common Council. The process to draft an LWRP and offer it for review to the Common Council has taken eight years and cost more than \$150,000. Our aspiration is to complete the draft within existing resources, appropriated in the 2020 Council budget, and within the coming few months.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me to request a meeting and we would be glad to discuss the project further with you.

Sincerely,

Sarah Salem

Chairperson, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council

cc: Sarah Brannen, 4th Ward Councilperson, LWRP Review Committee Co-Chair

Evan Menist, 2nd Ward Councilperson, LWRP Review Committee Co-Chair

Chris Petsas, 1st Ward Councilperson

Lorraine Johnson, 3rd Ward Councilperson

Yvonne Flowers, 5th Ward Councilperson

Natasha Cherry, 6th Ward Councilperson

Randall Johnson Jr., 7th Ward Councilperson

Matthew McNamara, 8th Ward Councilperson

THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK



Sarah Salem, Chairperson
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August 24, 2020

Dear Waterfront Advisory Committee members,

We are deeply grateful for your voluntary service on the city's Waterfront Advisory Committee, an important vehicle for ensuring our shared waterfront will continue to be a vibrant place for generations to come. Additionally, we appreciate your contributions to the draft Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) over the past year and a half.

The Common Council is undertaking our review of the draft LWRP and is committed to having a document that reflects the priorities of the community and will offer clear guidelines for development and waterfront improvements for years to come. The previous LWRP was drafted in 1998 and, although it was never adopted by the state and therefore is not a recognized policy framework, it nonetheless has been used by the city for more than 20 years. One of our other main goals is therefore to ensure the LWRP is approved by the state.

We recognize the WAC's eagerness to have a new set of guidelines, especially given the ongoing development in the waterfront revitalization area. We too are eager to have an LWRP that establishes a clear vision for the city's development, priorities, and policies. There are also a number of exciting projects in the draft LWRP that would enhance the waterfront.

Despite some good work to draft the LWRP, we identified a number of deficiencies in the document that we aim to address. These include the need for a clear vision and goals; a more readable, data-driven, and cogent inventory and analysis; an intentional balance of environmental conservation and economic development; updated maps and visual aids; and community engagement that reflects the diversity of our community.

To address these shortcomings, we have taken a number of steps. First, we formed an advisory group consisting of two WAC members, Europa McGovern and Lia Harris; Nathan Shook of the zoning board of appeals and industrial development agency; Randall Johnson, County legislator and member of the industrial development agency; and Jen Benson and Dan Shapley of Riverkeeper. All Council members were invited to join this group and two- Evan Menist and Sarah Brannen- volunteered.

In addition to this advisory group, the Common Council is endeavoring to hire a consultant to assist in editorial, administrative, and analytical tasks. This consultant will be critical to moving the project forward in an expeditious manner. We have also engaged a graduate student intern who has been working to summarize community engagement findings and best practices, as well as gather supplemental data to improve on the existing draft. The Council members will also be exploring the possibility of some time-bound additional community engagement in the coming weeks to address the lack of diversity in the engagement process thus far.

Official Minutes of the Public Hearing of January 18, 2022 for the purpose of receiving comments on the proposed introductory Local Law, entitled "Local Law Amending Section 18 1/2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie, New York"; Local Waterfront Redevelopment Program.

3. Cornelia Harris
4. Naomi Brooks

Councilmember Cherry made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing to resume on February 22, 2022 and was seconded by Councilmember Menist.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

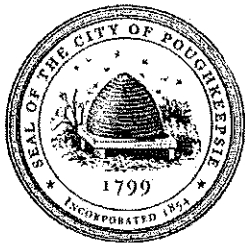
The Public Hearing ended at 6:31pm.

Dated: January 26, 2022
Edited: January 31, 2022

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Public Hearing held on January 18, 2021.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin N. Davis
City Chamberlain



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COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 18, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual

The Council Meeting was conducted using videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is January 18, 2022, and the time is 6:32 pm.

I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered, wherever we are, on the traditional territory of the Lenape people and this territory was a critical resting place along a popular trade route for people of the Lenape Nation and other cultures as is evidenced in the earliest derivation of the name 'Poughkeepsie' with an indigenous string of words, U-puku-ipi-sing, that, when translated, means 'reed-covered lodge by the little water place' or resting place.

Let's all recite the pledge of allegiance.

I. ROLL CALL

II. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any items not listed on the printed agenda.

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. Naomi Brooks – submitted written comments

Tonight's comments are concerning the grant recently awarded for sewer system repair and replacement along the Falkill Creek. Although these comments should be addressed to administrators in the city who write and submit grant applications, and then determine the distribution of grant funds, I wanted a place to make them publicly so here we are.

The press release on our city website says that approximately 3.5 million dollars will be spent on the chief goal of making sure the sewers are in good working order, and repaired where needed.

Mayor Rolison is quoted in this press release as saying “We will continue modernizing our system, in order to provide better environmental protections and use the latest technologies to foster green infrastructure.”

Our city has recently been certified as a climate-smart community, which means we are implementing policies and programs that, among other things, enhance resilience in the face of changes in our climate.

Making sure the sewer systems are in good operational order is certainly a worthy endeavor, and that is the press release’s stated chief goal of this grant. But taking strong steps to decrease the amount of inflow TO both sanitary and storm sewers would value the commitment we made to be climate-smart and foster green infrastructure. I was unable to find out how much of this grant money will be spent in such steps.

Identifying building and landscaping features that reduce the amount of storm water that enters any of our sewer systems would also be a good use of some of this grant money. Implementing changes to our building codes that reduce the volume of sewage into our sanitary sewer systems would also be a good use of some of this grant money. Implementing changes to our zoning codes that protect and maintain the porous surfaces left in our city, and enhance the ability to capture storm water with increased landscaping so it doesn’t need to be removed through a storm sewer, would also be a good use of some of this grant money.

I hate to think our city is using this extraordinary grant to finally make the repairs left unattended for far too long, but forgetting to also examine how to lessen the strain on those systems in the future.

2. Laurie Sandow – submitted written comments

Two weeks ago, this council got off to a bad start. Tonight, two weeks later, this council has gone from bad to worse, now violating its own Rules as well as City Charter mandates. This Council’s first Resolution of the year—its own Rules of Conduct and Procedure—is violated by tonight’s agenda, altered by one or more rogue parties without public discussion or vote. The City’s Charter is also violated on several fronts:

One—The deletion of minutes as a line item on tonight’s agenda—with the January 3, 2022 meeting minutes not only missing from tonight’s Council packet; but also non-existent in the files at City Hall, despite the Charter requirement;

Two—An illegal rescheduling of Special Informational Meetings away from the Charter mandated months of March and September;

Three—Still no redistricting committee, which was required to be appointed no later than the first day of March 2021. (For the math-challenged, that’s LAST year.) Three-and-a-half—Still no appointments to the Council’s standing committee on finance, required within 60 days of the body’s organization.

When it comes to bad starts, the Administration is hardly better. No public posting about the departure of Asst. Corporation Counsel Sarah Wilson. A buried, now-vanished, two-week only posting for Development Director, in the grand tradition of cover-your-rear-end postings. Continuing secrecy of the PK4Keeps process. Secret settlement discussions with Tinkelman at Wheaton, and Bonura at the southern waterfront. A website that continues to obstruct and undermine public engagement. Documents posted without time stamps, without a clue of file size, or whether they've been altered and are replacements for previous versions. I wish I had time to continue...

Returning to tonight's illegally altered agenda, we find: Restoration of Mayor's comments, which would be an upside, if only it were done legally; Also illegal, and definitely not an improvement, is the shift of "New and Unfinished Business" to follow the Mayor's comments. Really? A line item with pretensions of importance, yet so bogus that the contents of New and Unfinished Business aren't disclosed in writing? Or could it be another excuse for grandstanding, gotcha, and a new way for councilmembers to add agenda items without public notice, create chaos, avoid Ward meetings and constituent contact, knowledge and involvement, and/or duck out early?

Speaking of the irrational, incomprehensible, and illegal, the Council couldn't wait two seconds to violate the Charter, delete minutes from the Council meeting agenda, and mis-apply an Open Meetings Law amendment, using a webcast transcript to replace printed minutes. Let me read from that substitute. Keep in mind that I am quoting directly, word for word: "Can you call the roll? Along, yes, I council member menaced. All right. Council member Lorraine Johnson. There are reports the announced no sugar. All right. 20 twenty jump of no flowers. All right. Oh, council member cherry pie. Councilmember Thompson, I. Councilmember Dipolar, I chair Salem, I approve nine zero." * On tonight's agenda, more than two years after the secretive process began, the public will finally get a presentation about PK4Keeps. But what the public can see in tonight's Council packet—for the few who can actually navigate the City website to download the packet—is a world apart from what the Steering Committee receives from Natalie Quinn and the consultants. The City and the consultants manipulate the public's participation, and have reduced the public's voice to a bunch of colored dots and confirmation bias surveys. PK4Keeps pretends to be an Inclusive Process, while excluding the public from their meetings, refusing to videotape and webcast, or to disclose attendance and meeting minutes.

* <https://totalwebcasting.com/view/?func=VIEW&id=cop&date=2022-01-03&seq=1> † From Charter Section 2.04(a): "...The city chamberlain, or his or her deputy, shall serve as recording secretary at all meetings of the common council and shall record, transcribe and maintain all minutes of its proceedings, which minutes shall be and remain available for public inspection during all regular business hours of the city chamberlain.

3. Andres San Millan

4. Doug Nobiletti – submitted written comments

To the Common Council, I have studied a document submitted and prepared by Former 4th ward Council member Sarah Brannen and wish to highlight and comment on what I believe is the most critical issue our city is faced with: competitive development surrounding the city, rather than complimentary development. Our central business district has been under assault by the numerous new developments mostly located in the Town of Poughkeepsie. Developments such as Eastdale boast 37 NEW businesses committed, and Hudson Heritage, which touts a substantial new grocery store among its many , serve to cannibalize business opportunities for our failing Central Business District. Approximately 7 years ago, as president of the highly respected Downtown Poughkeepsie Partnership, (DPP) I was taken to lunch by George Carfagno, the Hudson Heritage project manager at the time. During our meeting he told me how the highly publicized crime in the downtown area, specifically our “Main Street’s reputation” was killing their financing opportunities. Lenders around the country make no distinction between “Town” and “City” when doing their research on the security and wisdom of making nearly a half billion dollar investment to such a project. And yes he specifically said “Main Street’s reputation”. Now we can see how undesirable Main Street is, especially since one of the key businesses at Eastdale, refused to come down from Rhinebeck, one which I’d been courting for years to come to Main St. The owner, a friend, stated they would “only consider it if space was available at a fully developed waterfront”. Eastdale made an offer he couldn’t refuse, and still we sit with lots of vacant spaces, or a few businesses which can classify as “less than desirable”. These highlighted problems support the need for “UNIQUE” business development at our extensive waterfront, development which complements our business district, development that offers residents and visitors a unique experience and will eventually lead to creating desirability of our already existing business spaces in our downtown districts. I fear we will continue to see an influx of repetitive business types, the continued attrition of existing businesses, and fear we will gain another “Dollar” type store in the newest planned development on Main Street, The Wallace Campus. How about setting a GOAL as a River-Centric aquarium? That will surely bring visitors.

Thank you,
Doug Nobiletti

Sarah Brannes Comments: Economic goals 4) Create quality jobs for city residents. 5) Increase tourism, small retail development, and open air markets/vendors. 6) Increase adaptive reuse of underutilized and vacant properties. 7) Site density of development along Main St. and Mt. Carmel and other already developed areas, i.e. “infill” development. Environmental goals 1) Improve water quality, habitat, and natural resource protection. 2) Climate change adaptation, energy efficiency, and green building. 3) Preserve public scenic views. Social/cultural goals 8) Protect and celebrate the unique character of the City of

Poughkeepsie, particularly our cultural diversity. 9) Protect the city's historic resources. 10) Improve public access to waterfront and better connectivity and accessibility throughout the WRA. 11) Increase water dependent uses and recreation. Legal/ procedural goals 12) Ensure consistency with state and federal regulations

IV. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

I want to thank DPW for the recent storm cleanup, and just as a reminder to building and homeowners and landlords. Remember that, you know, the sidewalk in front of your property is your responsibility to plow. So if you could just please, please, please do your part. Otherwise, following the storm that we just had, following a really frigid and low temps, you know, if you're not clearing the sidewalk, it's really dangerous for pedestrians, for, you know, kids, elderly, pets, folks just walking up and down on the sidewalks. It's almost in parts not you're not able to navigate parts of them. So if you can please remember as soon as you're able to get out there and plow and salt, do what you got to do to clear away that ice.

I want to mention, you know, home test kit distribution. It was reported to go extremely well and test kits went out very, very swiftly. So I would just ask for an update from the mayor in his comments if he's able to give that. I know that it's up to whatever kits are administered to us by the state and the county. So really, as soon as we're able to receive them, it looks like we're getting them out.

We did talk about in leadership finding different methods of distribution of those kits to make them more accessible to people. So doing them in different locations, maybe doing them at schools or housing complexes, just thinking of creative ways to ensure that folks who can't get out to the pharmacy and can't, you know, shop online and afford the tests themselves have access to those free tests and have access to those N95 masks, which the CDC is saying are the only effective masks against the coronavirus pandemic, whether you're vaccinated or not. So it's important that folks have access to them, to those two things. And, you know, are able to get them for free. The federal government did open COVID tests dot gov, for people to order up to four at home rapid test for free. It was supposed to, the website was supposed to go live tomorrow, but it actually went live today. So if you're at home and you want to jump on over to that website, again, that's COVID tests plural, dot gov. It sends you to the USPS website and you can actually put in your home address, and the test will ship out at the end of January. So one person per household can go on to that site. Fill it out. I did it today, it was super simple and be assured that you will get four free at home COVID tests sent to your door. So that's pretty exciting.

Again, it's really important to use the same precautions that we've been using. It looks like the curve is headed down. It's sloping down.

We're almost at that point where maybe we're over this this hump of Omicron and

the increased number of cases and hospitalizations. But in order to really flatten it, we're going to have to continue to get vaccinated if you can, get boosted if you can and you haven't been yet, and continue to wear your masks if you're inside in public places around other people.

And as always, if you're sick, stay home, take a test if you have it and try and do the thing that makes the most sense to help keep you safe, your family safe and everyone else around you healthy.

I do want to mention that this past Saturday, the eviction moratorium in New York did expire, and so that left millions of tenants across the state of New York at risk for eviction. In the city of Poughkeepsie, we did recently pass good cause eviction legislation, which offers added protections to the state law that already exists. So what it does is just empower tenants to ensure that the reason they're being evicted is actually, you know, it's a good cause.

So, you know, besides not paying your rent, there are other kinds of reasons that landlords or predatory landlords, I should say bad landlords, not good landlords use to try and kick tenants out of their homes. Good cause prevents you from being evicted if that is the case. Regardless of whether or not city of Poughkeepsie has good cause or another community has good cause, you should not self evict. You need an order from a court in order to be removed from your home.

So unless you're at that stage, you actually went through a proceeding, there's an order for your eviction, you should not leave your home. You should not self evict. You should stick your home. If you have questions about that, legal services of the Hudson Valley is a great resource. They offer advocacy and support for tenants that believe their rights are being violated. And if you if you have a question as to whether or not an eviction is just or you, you know, you got a note from the landlord saying you should leave and you're wondering if you should leave. I'm telling you don't leave unless there's an actual order. But if you have questions about that, please reach out to legal services of the Hudson Valley. I know community voices heard is a good advocate, for the many formerly known as noble reason Hudson. They're advocating for tenants rights, and I'm sure many of the common council members on this call could also direct you in the way of figuring out whether or not your where, where to go if you believe your rights are being violated.

LWRP, Local Waterfront Revitalization Program Plan. Yes, we had a hearing tonight.

We are, we had to adjourn that hearing to February 22nd, which is a Tuesday at five forty five p.m. and that's prior to our council meeting that we have on Tuesday because we had a large list of folks who were interested in making a comment. Regardless of that, and once we hear from the rest of the public on that document, on that project that we've been working on, we're now further than we were before. And so we will take all of those comments. We'll continue to

take internal comments from common council members and work with the WAC, work with the administration and, you know, get the LWRP ready to be sent up to the state for its final approval in a timely fashion.

I think it's important that we have and we are continuing to go through this public process of participation and evaluation, understanding, tonight we heard the myriad of reasons why this is incredibly important for the city, especially as we face the threat of climate change, especially knowing that there are parts of the document that need to be updated because it's been over, you know, a couple of years since a number of projects have come through, and it would be a loss not to include them in that document.

So I'm looking forward to continuing to hear from the public, working with the new members of the common council, working with our returning members, working with the administration, WAC, again to really get the draft ready to go so that we can see it approved by the state. That's the key right there, so we can send up whatever we have at whatever point we have it.

It's a matter of whether or not the Department of State is going to like what they see. And you know, if we're going to have a document that we're actually going to be able to put to use, our waterfront advisory committee wants a document that they can put to use and protect our coastal zones.

And then so council meetings, we're adjusting the processing flow for our council meeting. You may have noticed on this week's agenda if you took a look that mayor's comment is popped back under chair's comments. And that was done after we met in leadership and we met in caucus and we all decided, it was a unanimous decision that we want to ensure that we're not taking, you know, we're using our time wisely at council meetings.

So the initial change of putting mayor's comments down on the bottom of the agenda, wasn't to put the mayor down on the bottom of the agenda in a malicious way. It was to see if we could try and adjust the meeting to save time and, you know, improve the flow. And so I thought, and you know, the caucus thought that by putting the mayor's comments down by new and unfinished business, we could continue to hear from council members and have council members directly address the mayor following his comments.

After more thought, and you know, the order of business isn't unchangeable. And I'm actually well when I'm done with this statement, I'm going to ask Corporation Counsel Valk to kind of clarify the chair's authority as far as setting the order of business and meetings when I'm done, and I'll call on you for that. Thank you, Ms Valk for being here.

However, you know, we now you'll notice on the agenda that we pop mayor's comments back up under chair's comments and we move new and unfinished business under mayor's comments. So this puts up front your opportunity to hear from me.

Well, first, the most important part, our opportunity to hear from you, to hear from the public during public participation and your opportunity to hear from me and your opportunity then to hear from the mayor and then your opportunity to hear from members of the Common Council earlier in the meeting and to give the opportunity to council members to address the public following public participation, to address the mayor following mayor's comments, to address me following my comments. So we're going to give it a try. We're going to see if this makes the meeting flow a little better.

If this helps us save a little bit of time, maybe we'll shave some time off the agenda. And then we'll save some time at the end of the meeting for announcements. So that's when you'll hear about upcoming events or exciting things that are happening in each of the council member's ward or in the city on a whole.

Another change that we're going to make at upcoming meetings, probably as soon as the 7th, is creating, you know, a split agenda, kind of similar to how our county legislature conducts business, how our state legislature conducts business and other levels of government end up conducting business.

So we'll have, you know, an agenda that has items for action and items that require more discussion, as we move through, you know, business that we have on the agenda and as we continue to caucus together, as we continue to have leadership meetings with the mayor and the city administrator.

We didn't make that change for this agenda.

However, we all decided in caucus and in leadership that this change will save us time and to the benefit of the public will offer us more opportunity to see more business that's important and get it up front in order to get it done for the benefit of the city of Poughkeepsie.

So with that, I want to clarify with corporation counsel Valk how what process we would need to go to in order to codify any changes of, you know, how business appears on the agenda.

Corporation Counsel Valk: So right now, the charter puts the power with the common council to adopt rules and procedures, which you did at your organization meeting. And among those items you have in and this is the custom and practice of the city of Poughkeepsie, to lay out the order of business for your standard meeting.

The charter also vests with the chair the authority to set the agenda.

The question that was posed to me today was whether or not a new item could be added to the agenda or if that required a vote of the full common council.

And I advised the chair that I believe it's her authority to control the agenda because in addition to leading these meetings, it's also her job to make sure business is getting in front of the common council.

So it was my opinion that she does not need to be held in by necessarily those categories that are in your rules of procedure, that she can add something to the agenda, even if it doesn't quite fit within one of those items.

I did recommend that since you have it in your rules and procedures, if there's going to be a long term change that perhaps you'd want to discuss that as a council, but the chair does have the authority as far as the agenda goes.

Chair Salem: Great. Thank you so much for that clarification, I really appreciate it.

Corporation Counsel Valk: Welcome.

Chair Salem: So now I'd like to address too something that I heard in public comment about the meeting minutes. Our City Chamberlain was down members of the team in the last week and could not get the meetings up for this agenda, however, has assured us that those meetings will be up and ready at the first meeting of, those minutes will be up and ready for the first meeting in February.

So we had folks who were sick, namely the city chamberlain, I'm glad you're not sick anymore. Hi, Jasmin. And you know, as it happens, working as hard as they can to get the minutes off in a timely way. So we'll get those minutes up in the first meeting in February.

And I do want to congratulate the new appointed chair of the Finance Committee that I appointed this past Friday. Council member Debra Long, congratulations. I'm happy to have you as the chair of the Finance Committee. I know you're going to do good work. You have a good crew with you as finance committee members. And I, you know, I can't wait to see the meetings up and running. We'll get all of your names up on the Finance Committee landing page on City of Poughkeepsie website.

Thank you, Jasmin, for that and thanks to Al who will get that done. And I just want to offer my congratulations to you. And that concludes my comments.

So now we will move to Mayor's comments.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you, Chair.

You had talked about our meeting, our leadership meeting. I want to thank you for

that. It was a really good meeting to get together with the leadership team of the council to talk about some of the very things that you spoke about this evening on some of the changes that you're anticipating. And obviously, we will support you with what you need to make that work. But it really was. It was really a good meeting and we look forward to the additional meetings and there's actually a schedule being set. So that's a good thing. Thanks. Thanks for that, Chair.

You talked about the eviction moratorium expiring. One of the things that just went and I know we've talked about this in the past, but it's important to note that we did contract with legal services of the Hudson Valley for an attorney to be in our city court to handle all of those legal issues and navigating the system. Also now with good cause eviction being in place, the legal services of the Hudson Valley will be there. I was looking on my paperwork here and then I saw something in the chat and I appreciate that for who posted that. The phone number for legal services of the Hudson Valley is four seven one zero zero five eight.

So if anyone has any questions about that and about what their service will be and how they will be there and how you can contact and interact with them, I would strongly suggest that, you know, you give them a call if you can, you know, prior to being possibly in court or having to worry about something that may or may not be coming your way, as it may have to do with some of the challenges that individuals have had in paying rent.

As far as the testing and the home kits that was brought up, I want to let you know that as of today on our one o'clock County call, COVID call, we did anticipate getting some kits this week, but I think it's going to be next week. But what I can tell you is that the county will be distributing kits this week. I do know that at least three organizations within the city of Poughkeepsie have been slated to receive kits and then they will distribute them. Dutchess Outreach, Community Action Partnership, and Hudson River Housing, which is good because they're getting now to different places that they have not really been in larger numbers previously. When we do receive additional home testing kits, as we spoke about in the leadership meeting, we're going to look at different options to get these out to our residents in ways that we haven't done so far.

We've had two really good home test kit giveaways where we've distributed close to 1900 kits, I believe is the number. But we're going to do some things differently to give individuals who may not have been in a position to grab them during the day based on scheduling and timing as far as that is concerned. So we will obviously make sure everyone knows as soon as we know when kits will become available and then how they're going to be distributed. But I don't have specifics on when those three organizations will be receiving them, but I do know that most likely those three organizations will be letting people know that they have them and how they can, they can get them.

You did mention, which was great, that the U.S. Postal Service site, looked at that today, that's up and running. Also too, J.C. Penny has is now just some

individuals have asked about did we see the state has been established on some different sites in the Hudson Valley. J.C. Penny, my understanding was as of on our call today is also a state site. So there are additional resources that are being put into the J.C. Penny site, both for testing and vaccinations.

The best thing to do is to go on the county website at Dutchess NY dot gov to get that information on what the proper times to go there is and to be able to sign up for either a testing, but specifically the vaccinations.

Snow removal. We had an event, obviously we're all aware of that started on Sunday night and went through yesterday. So just a bit of reference about how that worked. We brought crews in at eight o'clock on Sunday evening and they started to pre-treat the roads. They worked two, three, four shifts. They worked for 24 hours. They came in at eight o'clock and our last crews went home eight o'clock last night. We rotate crews in and out, so they're well-rested.

Snow Team A, Snow Team B, one of the things that has been particularly challenging with this storm, even though we did not get and we're very lucky we didn't get the accumulation that other parts of the region that the Hudson Valley and especially the Northeast got, because the ground is so cold because we had those frigid temperatures, the salt and the pre-treating doesn't work as well as it does if the ground wasn't as cold as it was.

And so therefore, now we're in a situation where you know, we're doing the pushback. We're hoping tomorrow I believe the temperature is going to get up to around 40 but even the high 30s or mid 30s is good is that we can additionally drop salt down and be able to push back. But this this is just one of these things that because also too, because of the wetness and the rain that took place, which started about 5:30, quarter to 6:00 in the morning, which complicated matters too, if we if we if it stayed cold, we would've been able to push that snow without it freezing. And that's just one of the things that goes into the Department of Public Works and how they address each storm. And each one can be a little different based on size and duration and temperatures.

Happy to report that we were able to continue, all of our equipment was up and running. I think we had one truck that went down but went into the garage and was repaired and was back out on the street.

Last week was Friday was the last day for now retired Fire Chief Mark Johnson, Deputy Chief Joe Franco is now the acting fire chief for the department.

There was an announcement made last week and some information the week before about two grants that the Poughkeepsie City School District and the city of Poughkeepsie received for school safety. These are both Department of Justice federal grants that the school district and their grant team and the city and our grant team specifically Ashley Raneri in the police department worked on two grants.

One is for seventy five thousand dollars, which will go towards helping establish a school resource officer within the middle school. And the other grant is a \$500,000 grant, which will help the school district in safety and security measures in their school buildings, being able to modernize equipment and update many of the things that will go to help create a safer environment within the school buildings and outside the school buildings. And when we get more information, some of the specifics, we'll let the council know, you know, Natasha Cherry, Councilperson Cherry and Councilperson Flowers, our liaisons for the city to the school district, and we'll work with those two individuals to make sure that information gets out to all of you. CDBG, the 2022 allocation is now, and the grant applications are available on our website.

Jackie Greenwald, who is our CDBG coordinator, can also be reached for information on that at J Greenwald at City of Poughkeepsie dot com, and also too, any other questions related to that, you can also call anyone here up on the third floor, specifically Stacy Bottoms, who works in my office.

We were notified today in a New York Conference of Mayors Executive Committee meeting, which I'm a part of, that the governor has released her budget to the state legislature. Two hundred and sixteen billion dollar operating plan. There are some really great additions and also some really great things that stayed in the budget and if, Chair, if you can give me a minute, I'll just highlight some of them which are really particular to what we benefited from here in the city and what we will see additional benefits from. In funding stayed flat. We the conference has made that a priority. It's not obviously a done deal until the Legislature passes the budget. We will continue to lobby now with the state legislature for an increase in in funding. My understanding is school aid went up by about two point one billion dollars.

A couple of things that are specific to the city, which is important, is that the monies that we saw last year, which helped us with our paving program, and they were additional monies for the first time outside of the standard chips and Pave New York, which has kind of come in and out, have been included again in the budget. So chips is at five hundred and thirty six million, the extreme winter recovery is at one hundred million, the touring routes money which we received, I think approximately \$400,00 last year is back in the budget again, that's one hundred million. Pave New York is 150.

There are two new programs that we're being made aware of, and this is all kind of preliminary because a lot of the budget bills have not been, they have not been printed yet. But Bridge New York is increased to 200 million from one hundred million, and there's a new program called POP, Pave Our Potholes, and that's \$100 million, which we certainly hopefully we will be getting some of that because we, as many other communities, we have, we have potholes. Water infrastructure was increased by 500 million.

Restore New York, which has been absent for a bit, was restored. That is to help blighted properties specific to rehabilitation. That's two hundred and fifty

million over three years, which is really good because in the past, the city and individuals who have invested in the city have been able to get Restore New York grants.

Some of the buildings on Academy Street were awarded Restore New York grants prior to me coming here. Unfortunately, not all of them were able to be accessed because of situations with projects.

The Environmental Protection Fund was increased to 400 million. And then just I'll end with this because there's lots of other things. But when we get the NYCOM, you know, the version that NYCOM will put together, we will distribute that out to the council. But the governor has been very, very vocal in her concern as it relates to gun violence, and she has declared that a public health emergency. And so the GIVE program gets refunded at eighteen point two million. Twenty five million is going to the community based programs, such as snug. Ten million for pretrial services, that for probation and other diversion programs. We're using our community based providers. And then this, I believe, is a new program, 25 million for securing communities against hate crimes. And then there is a \$50 million grant program for capital investments in communities most impacted by gun violence and then another 20 million for more operational and programming investments.

Obviously, as this becomes clearer, we will we will compete for these monies because certainly we have been impacted by the increased gun violence.

And also one other item, Chair, and then I'll add two items which are important, broadband funding, which we certainly saw was very important for communities that were struggling with broadband. And that is one point six billion dollars. And then there's a small business assistance fund of a billion. So, Chair, thank you again.

Appreciate the opportunity to speak to you, the council and the public tonight.

VI. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

VIII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

- 1. R-22-10, Resolution approving the Inter-Municipal Agreement with Poughkeepsie City School District and the City of Poughkeepsie on the Student Athletic Basketball Program**

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-10)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS FLOWERS & MENIST

WHEREAS, Poughkeepsie City School District (PCSD) owns and maintains gymnasiums and related facilities at its High School, Middle School, and five elementary schools; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of utilizing PCSD's gymnasiums for the Student Athletic Basketball Program (SABP); and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie and governing boards of PCSD have determined that it is in their mutual interests to enter into an Agreement for the purpose of allowing the Student Athletic Basketball Program to use the gymnasiums for the 2021-2022 program year; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie and governing boards of PCSD have determined that it is in their mutual interests to share the costs of running such program which operates for the benefit of youth in the City of Poughkeepsie who are students of the Poughkeepsie City School District; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie has allocated \$5,000 in its 2022 operating budget for the SABP; and

WHEREAS, Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law specifically authorizes and encourages municipal corporations to enter into an agreement with each other in order to provide cooperatively, jointly and by contract any facility, service, activity or undertaking which each participating municipal corporation has the power to provide separately; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Inter-municipal Agreement in form and substance as attached hereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-22-10						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

2. R-22-11, Resolution Approving Appointment to the Joint Water Board

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-11)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRPERSON SALEM :

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Inter-Municipal Agreement between the City of Poughkeepsie and the Town of Poughkeepsie dated August 3, 1995, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is authorized to make appointments of City residents to serve on the Joint Water Board; and

WHEREAS, by resolution of the Common Council dated May 2, 1996, two (2) members of the Joint Water Board shall be appointed by the Common Council with one (1) member being a member of the legislative branch and (1) member shall be appointed by the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, there is currently a council appointment vacancy which the council is desirous of filling; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Poughkeepsie and its citizens that the Joint Water Board should have a full complement of members in order to properly conduct the business required of the Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the following individual to the Joint Water Board for the term as indicated below:

Councilmember Megan Deichler (Expires: 12/31/2024)

SECONDED BY _____.

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R-22-11						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long to receive and print.

- R-22-12, Resolution Adopting Proposed Amendments to the Natural Resources Inventory (NRI)**

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-12)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTING PROPOSED
AMENDMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY ("NRI")**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRPERSON SALEM AND COUNCILMEMBER MENIST:

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted Local Law No. 2 of 2019 on September 9, 2019, thereby amending Chapter 19, Article VI of the Code of the City of Poughkeepsie by adding section 19-6.4 entitled "Natural Resources" and the attached Natural Resource Inventory ("NRI") which can be found on the City's website at <https://www.cityofpoughkeepsie.com/DocumentCenter/View/180/Natural-Resource-Inventory-2019-PDF?bidId=> ; and

WHEREAS, section 19-6.4(2) acknowledges that the NRI as adopted by the Common Council may be amended from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on December 6, 2021 the Common Council introduced the attached "List of Addendums" that details the proposed amendments to the NRI; and

WHEREAS, the proposed resolution is a Type II action exempt from environmental review under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA).

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie that the attached "List of Addendums" that details the proposed amendments to the NRI is hereby adopted.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-22-12			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Shook	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Flowers	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☐	☒	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

4. R-22-13, Resolution Appointing Jeff Kosmacher to the Public Arts Commission

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-13)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRPERSON SALEM:

WHEREAS, by Executive Order EO-16-1 the Mayor established the City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission (the, "Arts Commission"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the executive order, the Common Council has authority to appoint three members to the Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy on the Public Arts Commission has been created by the resignation of member Elizabeth Dahmen who was appointed by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Poughkeepsie and its citizens that the Public Arts Commission should have a full complement of members in order to properly conduct the business required of the Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council now wishes to appoint a member to fill the unexpired term of Elizabeth Dahmen; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby makes the following appointment with a term to expire as indicated below:

Jeff Kosmacher

Term Expires: 7/31/22

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-22-13						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

5. R-22-14, Resolution Setting a Public Hearing for The C-PACE Law

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC
NOTICE AND HEARING
(R-22-14)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRPERSON SALEM AND COUNCILMEMBER MENIST :

BE IT RESOLVED, that an introductory Local Law, entitled “Energize NY Open C-PACE Financing Program” be and it 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

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proposed local law at six o'clock P.M., on February 7, 2022 and such hearing will be held via videoconferencing (as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law); and

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 _____

R-22-14						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

A motion was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

6. R-22-15, Resolution Extending Governor Hochul's Executive Order Number 11.1

**RESOLUTION
(R -22-15)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRPERSON SALEM

WHEREAS, on December 26, 2021, Governor Kathy Hochul issued Executive Order No 11, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the difficulties caused by the pandemic, Governor Hochul issued Executive Order No 11.1 on December 26, 2021, thereby extending Executive Order No 11. This extension of the Governor's Executive Order modifies subdivisions 7, 7-a and 8 of section 459-c of the RPTL and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of RPTL, the effect of which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a Resolution directing the Assessor to

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grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all property owners who received such exemptions of the 2021 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for such persons to file renewal applications to request such exemptions.

WHEREAS, Executive Order 11.1 further allows the governing body of said assessing unit, in any such Resolution, at its option, to include procedures by which its Assessor may require a renewal application to be filed if there is reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner or died; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to said Executive Order, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie wishes to adopt such Resolution directing the Assessor to grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all eligible senior citizens and individuals with disabilities with limited income, and granting the Assessor the authority to require renewal applications for due cause, as discussed above, utilizing procedure outlined below;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, pursuant to the authority granted by Executive Order 11.1, issued by the Governor of the State of New York, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby directs the Assessor to:

- 1) Grant exemptions on the 2022 assessment roll to all individuals who received the senior exemption on the 2021 assessment roll and all individuals who received the exemption on the 2021 assessment roll because they were recognized as a person with disabilities and limited income, thereby dispensing with the need for any such individuals to file renewal applications for such exemptions, except that;
- 2) The Assessor may, at their sole discretion, require a renewal application to be timely filed with his office if he has reason to believe that such individual, who qualified for the aforementioned exemption on the 2021 assessment roll, may have since changed their primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred such property to a new owner or died.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

R-22-15						
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IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

X. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

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1. **A PRESENTATION FROM ACTING DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR QUINN & CZB, INC.**, regarding PK4Keeps: Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code Update (www.pk4keeps.org)
2. **A PRESENTATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL REBECCA VALK**, regarding a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Poughkeepsie and Vassar Brothers Medical Center.
3. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR NELSON**, regarding hiring a full time Engineer

X. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 9:07pm.

Dated: Monday January 31, 2022.

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Organizational Meeting held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain