



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 7, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Virtual

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Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is February 7, 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: (8 present, 1 absent: Councilmember Flowers)

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

Motion to accept the minutes: Councilmember Long

2nd: Councilmember Cherry

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

NONE

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

On tonight's agenda, there's an item reading: "Veto Override so that LL [Local Law] 21-06 shall be effective". I urge all councilmembers to vote in favor of this override. In December 2021, this Council passed Local Law 21-06 to make much needed improvements to the city's preservation ordinance; improvements that were proposed only after months of good faith work between the Council, the preservation commission, the City attorney and City Administration. Therefore, it's a mystery why, after months of that work, the Mayor would choose to veto the law. It's also a mystery whether the Mayor's veto was, in fact, made in a timely and legal fashion. News of the veto was never posted to the City website. After nearly two weeks, I have yet to receive an Administration response to a Freedom of Information request for time-stamped documents verifying the veto. Why is that? Two different sections of the City's Charter [§2.07 and §3.02(f)], spell out the process of timely vetoes and overrides. Tonight, I urge all Councilmembers to override the alleged veto. Whether a timely veto exists, and whether the Administration acted in good faith, can and should be debated at a future date.

The erosion of democratic norms is growing ever-more entrenched and epidemic in this City's sadly dysfunctional, backroom world. The Administration is not the only party with a questionable relationship to democratic norms. As I have raised during previous public comments, this Council has issued a meeting schedule that violates the City Charter, has yet to create the Charter-mandated Redistricting Commission, and so much more. Rather than support and encourage public comment, Chair Salem repeatedly terminates public hearings after only 1/2-hour, forcing remaining speakers to show up on a second future date. How long will this Council continue to abide by this intentional sabotage of public input? Does Salem provide Councilmembers with the names and number of speakers registered for any given meeting, so that the Council can provide a timing extension to accommodate all registrants? If not, why not?

At the January 18th Council meeting, a presentation was made by PK4Keeps consultants and City Planner and Acting Development Director Natalie Quinn. Evan Menist is one of four councilmembers who sit on the PK4Keeps steering committee, where it is common knowledge that attendance is a dismal failure, and that steering committee documents look nothing like the documents released to the public. Contrary to the misrepresentation by Evan Menist, a transparent, inclusive process would be one that's on tape, open to the public, and has full disclosure of documents, minutes and attendance records. (Sarah Salem, Yvonne Flowers and Debra Long are the other three councilmembers who sit on the PK4Keeps steering committee.)

It was shocking at the last meeting to see that after the PK4Keeps presentation, four out of nine Councilmembers had no comments and no questions at all. Does our current crop of Councilmembers not feel obligated to educate themselves about agenda items and City issues before collecting a paycheck? Instead, councilmember

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silence and collusion ruled the roost, not only about a Comprehensive Plan that's gone without updating for more than 20 years, but about how districts and spot rezonings being spearheaded by Natalie Quinn are undermining this City's affordable housing, diversity and equity. In the meantime, Quinn is resolutely changing the face of planning and zoning long before any new plans can be issued, with an aim toward creating an entitled, millennial, developer-favorable, Disneyworld future City—a nightmare already well underway, mostly under cover of shrouded LLCs, dark backrooms, and ridiculous confirmation-bias, colored dot surveys that pretend to measure public input.

2. Naomi Brooks, S. Grand Ave. - submitted written comments

I am speaking about the Mayor's veto on amendments to the historic preservation part of our code of ordinances through Local Law 21-06. The amendments will enhance the city's ability to protect historic properties. They are the product of many months of conversation resulting in agreement among city staff, Common Council, and Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission members. The Common Council members in attendance at the December 20, 2021 meeting unanimously approved these changes.

[The amendments will enhance the city's ability to protect historic properties against demolition by neglect, and will implement a demolition review process before issuing a demolition permit. This work will happen in concert with the city building department.

The amendments will change the order of the administrative review process where an application needs additional city approvals. This will provide early design guidance for large projects to reduce changes that have shown to be costly to both developers and the city, in terms of time and money.]

The HDLPC, as directed by our City Code of Ordinances, is comprised of professional architects, historians, community members living in landmarked properties, and others showing significant commitment to historic preservation. Their decisions are guided by recognized standards for rehabilitation, using specific criteria.

Other volunteer boards and commissions within the city have the same structure: appointed members with deep content knowledge and experience, who are guided by criteria set within our Code of Ordinances, who provide approvals or denials for the applications before them.

I am grateful to these people, who give freely of their time and expertise without pay, whose motivation lies only to use that knowledge and experience to make this city the best it can be. We rely on such advice in our everyday lives as well, often turning to others to guide us. We have friends who are better chefs, hire construction workers to do jobs with finer detail than we can. We consult with accountants and lawyers and doctors. It is a network that helps make our lives better.

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The Mayor's veto message characterized the amendments as "an unnecessary and unwise delegation of power by our city's duly elected legislature to a Commission comprised of unelected volunteers". The Mayor appoints these volunteers! They are here to provide additional expertise! Could the City be run by the Mayor alone, without guidance and input by members of the various departments, each carrying out tasks in their areas of expertise? As a citizen, I voted for a mayor who in turn hires staff to help fulfill the city's duties. As a citizen, I voted for a Common Council representative and expect them to be able to count on similar support mechanisms, so they can fulfill their duties in the best way. Again, the changes approved by Common Council were a product of many months of conversation resulting in agreement among city staff, Common Council, and HDLPC members. I am baffled by this about-face on the part of the Mayor. Please allow these amendments to stay and override the Mayor's veto.

3. **Peter Van Aken**
4. **Ken Stier**
5. **John Rath, 154 Mill St.**
6. **Gary Pritvasky, HDLPC**
7. **Laura Strait, 112 Mill St.**

V. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

First, I'd like to thank DPW for the recent storm cleanup. We just experienced an incredible and terrifying at points ice storm this past weekend. And, you know, I'm so thankful that folks that lost power here in Poughkeepsie had it restored fairly quickly, which was not the case for a lot of folks across the river and up north, some of which are still without power and so without heat, which is, you know, a very horrible situation to be in, especially if you have young children or you're elderly or you have pets, even just yourself, it's not a good situation to be in, especially when we're seeing temps drop below zero, which I do want to mention too.

Part of the reason the cleanup is so difficult and you know, we have a lot of folks out at DPW to thank for being out there on an ongoing basis is because of the low temps and the inability for the salt to even be effective or any of the other kind of melting techniques. And still, you know, even today, some of the sidewalks are just covered in ice. It's like a skating rink out there in parts of the city, you know, on the sides of the roads, on a lot of the sidewalks.

There's one over here in front of Mural Square. The whole square is a sheet of ice and the sidewalk then extended onto Main Street is a sheet of ice. So just use extreme caution. There's a lot of black ice as well, just again, because we're getting periods of changing temperatures and as much as folks are throwing salt down, it's just not, you know, you can.

You can see the remains of the salt not really doing anything on the ice, which you

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know again, it wreaks havoc on the environment, as well, is like the leftover salt that you see on the streets. And really, the most effective thing that you can do for that is if you notice the salt isn't doing anything, if you're able to sweep it back up, that actually helps a lot with runoff and the other negative impacts of that salt, which we're also seeing on a lot of the streets in the city of Poughkeepsie.

There are some gnarly potholes up and along a lot of the neighborhoods in Poughkeepsie that weren't there just before the storm and just before these kinds of shifts in temperature. And I know, you know, folks have probably been calling those in and there was actually a sign out as you got on to parts of the arterial calling out those potholes. So just be cautious if you're driving, if you're walking. Take it easy.

So COVID, I know that we have had a number of at home test distributions and they tend to run out incredibly fast and there are throughout the county more and more distribution sites and testing sites now being set up. So just keep an eye out for that.

I know, you know, the city has been doing, John Penney specifically, a good job at keeping everyone aware of when the city is hosting distributions of tests and masks. I know Assembly member Jacobson recently did another distribution of at home tests and masks.

So just keep your eye out, either on Facebook, on the city website, the county website is a good resource as well. At Dutchess Outreach, the food pantry actually has a nice stock of at home tests. So if you're coming in for food, feel free to ask for a test. If you don't have masks, ask for those as well. We have a limited stock of N95 masks for free and just, you know, continue to use precautions. We're seeing what we want to see. The curve is going down finally.

You know, I keep checking the New York Times graphic and I see New York now is shade shaded in orange, which is a good thing because the rest of the country still looks pretty dark or dim, I should say. So we're headed in in a good direction, in a positive direction. And, you know, as a council, we'll have to start to consider soon in caucus what it's going to look like for us to come back into the chambers at some point. I know that City Hall previously and probably still is not, we still can't even go back there because the technology isn't reinstalled after HBO did some shooting in there.

But I know that I've been talking with John Penney and our tech team, and they're ready to get that those chambers back up and running so that we can, when it's time, get back to meeting in person. I know Governor Hochul did extend the executive order to allow for virtual meetings for governing bodies, and the extension actually doesn't have an end date, it's just until the pandemic is over, is the literal phrase that they have in a lot of that press release. So, you know, it's going to be a situation that we're going to have to continually monitor and obviously, too, take into consideration comfort levels.

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If we're able to meet virtually, folks don't feel that they want to be in person even wearing a mask inside, which those measures, I don't think, are going to be taken away as quickly, then we're going to have to play it by ear to see where we're going. But the bottom line is we're headed in the right direction, which is great. That means people are getting vaccinated. People are getting boosted. People are staying home if they're sick and they're continuing to wear masks.

Boards and committees, I know someone mentioned the redistricting commission and our caucus is aware of the number of expiring terms on a lot of the boards and committees and commissions that the Common Council makes appointments to. So we're going to be going over that list. I know the WAC has some expired members that we have appointments for and a number of other bodies. We're going to have to go through those lists and see if there are folks who are interested in renewing terms or, you know, put out a call for applicants. And as for the redistricting committee, or commission, we are fully aware that we want and we do want to get this body up and running. We do need more applicants in order to do that. So another call will be posted for that. Hopefully, we can get folks on that committee up and commission up and meeting as soon as possible, understanding the importance of that.

Council meeting change of process. We're doing it tonight. We're starting a different kind of structure and we're going to be conducting our council meetings as I mentioned during our last meeting with a consent agenda and with a separate action agenda.

The consent agenda is really incredible actually, it's something that proves that we're meeting in caucus and we're able to come together as a body and have discussion so that we're not bringing that all out on the floor. So the items that you see on the consent agenda, we all got together, we caucus together, we were able to determine which items we wanted to put on that side. And so there will not be any discussion on those items. We'll kind of be going through each item, taking a vote on them and then from there moving to the action agenda. Items that are on the action agenda will have discussion. You'll notice tonight if you take a look at the agenda, there are no items on the action agenda tonight. And that is another direct result of caucus, which we are doing regularly.

I want to give a big shout to our Majority Leader, Councilmember Menist and Vice Chair Councilmember Natasha Cherry on just really coordinating this leadership team and helping to coordinate caucus, really bringing the rest of the council together. Really, all the council members have been, you know, we've all been doing really well in 2022. So I do want to say that this change is a direct result of those conversations, conversations that we had in leadership. And I really think it will benefit all of us and the flow of the meeting, the efficiency, and we'll be able to get a lot more done on behalf of our constituents here in the city of Poughkeepsie, and leave off the things that don't need to happen in meetings. So that is a positive thing and we're trying it out tonight.

And with that, I just, you know, one other thing, a number of folks mentioned

during public participation in, you know, about the veto, the mayor's veto on the historic legislation law, local law 21 06. And just to clarify, I did receive a phone call from the mayor expressing his intent to veto. However, you know, what we didn't receive, what we typically receive is an email. We as a council, we usually receive an email on the deadline for the veto, and we didn't we didn't get that, which was odd to us. And really, it kind of left us in a state of not really knowing whether or not the phone call and the veto was actually going to be taken, taken on. And you know, a lot of people worked really hard for this local law, and I think it is a great change. I think it helps not only preserve our historic infrastructure and character of the city of Poughkeepsie, prevents demolition by neglect, but it also helps to restructure the development process in a way that makes more sense, in a way that's been advised by the PACE Land Use Center and, honestly, just the back and forth in the iterative process of workshopping with the council and the Corporation Counsel and the administration and the historic commission was really a thing that I thought was really demonstrated how collaborative the process was to getting to the point of us passing this law. So I'm, again, I stand behind our ability to override the veto. And I do want to say, the way that we received the veto message was not, you know, traditionally what we're used to. And with that, I will now conclude my comments and we will move to the mayor's comments.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you, Chair.

Just wanted to let everyone know that the city is in receipt of additional test kits. We received them today and we're going to be working with our partners on how they're going to be distributed. We do know that the county has given kits to various non-profits within the city, and we want to make sure that we don't duplicate that and get them into the hands of entities and individuals that may not have had the opportunity in the past. What we did with the last group, we had a successful giveaway at police headquarters where almost all of them were received by members of the public. We did also utilize the housing authority and other housing complexes to distribute that.

So we're going to look at where they went and where they can additionally go. We're going to utilize the resources of the Poughkeepsie library district here in the city to have a location there, so it might be easier time wise, and when we do that, we will obviously let everyone know and they'll be released to our social media outlets and the media so individuals from our community will know where they're going to be able to get these kits. We believe, and I said this I think the last time we spoke, that we would be getting these hopefully every week or every other week. I think what we're seeing because I'm hearing this sort of anecdotally that some of the kits, the rush is not on as it once was, which is probably a good thing. But at the same time, we want to get these in the hands of people. You may not need the kit today. You might need the kit two weeks from

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now or a month from now, so please don't hesitate to grab them. You don't, obviously, there's no requirement to use them immediately. You need them just when you have the opportunity that you need to use them.

Chair, you spoke about the inclement weather has been a super challenge for the Department of Public Works here in the city and as you had stated, regionally, we were very lucky with the recent ice storm that we did not have the power outages that our friends across the river in Ulster County had. I had a conversation with Mayor Steve Noble Friday morning and as of Friday morning of last week, seventy one percent of the city of Kingston was without power, and today there was a press conference involving county executive Pat Ryan. The governor was there, emergency management people. This is, I think they're calling it the largest outage, possibly in Central Hudson history. And it was just that corridor there, really in Ulster County that was impacted the way it was with the ice. But as we've seen, everyone is working together to get the resources there to Ulster County and hopefully within the next couple of days, the majority of people will be back online.

They've made significant process, progress in the past couple of days and we really were very fortunate that we didn't have it. We had, as you all know, a significant amount of ice. The Department of Public Works came in on Friday early and worked till two o'clock in the morning on Sunday, both with some plowing at times.

But the majority was the application of salt on our streets to keep them passable. And I can tell you that on Friday and then on Saturday, I did have the opportunity to visit every single ward in the city, and the roads were really in really good shape considering the amount of ice and what they were dealing with. So my hat's off, as you said, Chair, to our DPW for they come in, they stay as long as they can. We split them in two shifts. And I do know that we've ordered a lot more salt to our DPW compound to be ready if there is a next event. I do know that this week we're going to be dealing with some warmer weather, which is good. We'll be able to maybe address some things in some areas that we haven't been able to get to because the things, it was a flash freeze that we still have not been able to recover from. And that's difficult. So, you know, just go slow. Stay safe. Watch where you're walking. And hopefully, if February is going to be kind to us, the weather will warm up versus getting colder.

One of the things, and you also spoke about it, Chair, was the sign board that was on the arterial highway. I saw on the eastbound at Church Street. I've never seen that before, and I know there was a reason it was there because if you look at some of the holes that have opened up on our arterials in addition to city streets, we're dealing right now with an unprecedented amount of potholes and other road insecurity that I don't think we've seen this early. And that's because of the warm weather, the rain, the flash freeze and things just give out. So the Department of Public Works is mobilizing to address this, but I just I don't want to be anything but cautious in saying, this is going to be tough. This is going

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to be difficult because we're not even really quote unquote into the normal pothole season. But we will be doing the very best we can and also working with our state partners.

I think I may have mentioned this in the last Council meeting was that Governor Hochul has created in her preliminary budget to the Legislature this new pothole fund.

And we will be looking at that and obviously trying to make sure that we're able to access some of those dollars to recover monies. And this is going to be an ongoing challenge for not just the city of Poughkeepsie, but for communities, especially in this region that deal with more of the warmer and the colder weather versus some of the communities north that have colder weather longer.

And while they don't have, they certainly have potholes, I don't think they may experience exactly what we do being right where we are in the middle of this and warm and freeze line. A state of the city, we're working on that now. It's our expectation to do that, obviously in early March, want to do it in person. So this is something that we're looking at timing wise. And as the chair said before as well, how some of the restrictions and guidance may be loosening, talked about chambers and hopefully we can all get back to in-person, you know, sooner than later. But obviously we're going to do what's right for everybody's public health.

Excited to announce that the children's cabinet has been recognized by the state for its literally groundbreaking work. We had a meeting back in December that was attended by the Board of Regents Chancellor Lester Young and one of his Board of Regents, and at that meeting, they were there for the entire meeting and we're now going to be going to Albany in February, actually a week from tomorrow to present to the Board of Regents on the concept of what a children's cabinet is, how it has made tremendous progress in the collaboration that it that it that it's constructed to do.

And we're really excited about that because we believe and we have heard from Chancellor Young and his colleagues that they believe this is something that can be beneficial to school districts and communities throughout the state. And as I've said before, we are the only community in the state of New York outside of New York City that has a cabinet. And so that is going to be at 9:00 a.m. on the 15th. It will be, I believe, live on the NYSED website, which is WWW dot regions dot NYSED, N Y S E D, dot gov slash meetings. And then we also will attempt to archive that to make sure that we'll be able to put that on our city website. And if you want to find more about the children's cabinet, you can go to WWW PK children's cabinet dot com.

We're very encouraged by the help of members of the council as we put together our response to getting the ARPA money was that our website and our ARPA guidance, which is which is on the city website, was actually spotted by

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The Associated Press and they did a story about the city of Poughkeepsie and other communities and how ARPA is going to be used, potentially could be used, how you do it. And they were here in the city of Poughkeepsie for a few hours. And that is now an AP story.

So if you have the opportunity to take a look at it, they did a pretty good job. I mean, they actually did a really good job and I want to thank the city administrator who was first contacted by the AP staff and then led myself. I was there for a bit, the prior commissioner, John Penny and Marc took the AP photographer to different sites in the city, and one of the areas that they were most interested in was the improvement to the parks and specifically the Pulaski Pool House and the Spratt Pool House and how we're looking to put money in areas that will have long lasting effects for f our city. The along with ARPA, so the Conference of Mayors has also looked at our ARPA link, and they now have that in in their publications, and we're excited about that as well.

And also just to let you know, the winter conference of NYCOM is next week. It's actually in Albany the day before we go to the State Education Department and myself and Paul Pontieri, who is the village mayor of the village of Patchogue on Long Island, we are now the co-chairs of the Community Revitalization Committee, which is which is exciting. I've been on that committee since they started it in '17. So we get to have the opportunity to collaborate with many of both our village and cities throughout the state on community revitalization, which is centered around many things. But that will be next week as well.

Thank you, Chair.

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

- 1. R-22-16, Approving the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Poughkeepsie and Vassar Brothers Hospital**

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

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM: _____

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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 _____.

R-22-16						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	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 Cherry to receive and print.

- 2. R-22-17, Approving a 2022 Budget Amendment to allow for a Full Time Engineer Position**

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-17)**

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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 _____.

R-22-17						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	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 Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long to receive and print.

3. R-22-18, Accepting a Grant from New City Parks

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(R-22-18)

INTRODUCED BY _____ :

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 _____.

R-22-18						
			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	☒	☐	☐	☐

Councilmember Menist made a motion to move R-22-19, to the Action Agenda for discussion and was seconded by Councilmember Johnson.

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:

R-22-19, Veto Override so that LL-21-06 shall be effective

R E S O L U T I O N
(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

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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 _____ :

R-22-19						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	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	☒	☐	☐	☐

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)

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Shook to defer the remaining petitions to Corporation Counsel.

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.

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- 4. FROM CAMILLE GEORGE,** a notice of property damage sustained on or around January 20, 2022.

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm.

Dated: Monday February 14, 2022.

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Organizational Meeting held on Monday, February 7, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain

