

THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 22, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is August 22, 2022, and the time is 6:34 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 at the time attendance was taken:
(Councilmember Johnson, absent.)**

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

**Common Council Meeting – July 5, 2022
Common Council Meeting – July 11, 2022**

**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. Ken Stickle**
- 2. Lukee Forbes**
- 3. Gary Privratsky - 83 Worrall, HDLPC Chair**
- 4. Gus Kazolias**
- 5. Kashiem Davis - Clean Slate Coalition**
- 6. Laurie Sandow - S. Grand Ave. (submitted comments in writing)**

Laurie Sandow comments, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council meeting, August 22, 2022, Page 1 of 2

Every summer, I welcome the break in Common Council meetings. And every summer, the first meeting back jogs my memory about the Council's lack of diligence.

At the Council's July 11 meeting, their last meeting before the break, the agenda included a communication about the Council's SEQRA (State Environmental Quality Review Act) lead agency status, and updating the Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP)—something this Council has obstructed for at least two years. Why isn't there follow-up on tonight's agenda? Why aren't reports from the recent meetings of both the HDLPC and the ZBA—the Historic District & Landmark Preservation Commission (HDLPC) and the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA)—on tonight's agenda? Does this Council even know or care what took place at those meetings, or that neither of those August 9 meetings were simulcast or made available for webcast replay? Does this Council care about the meetings and decisions of any other board in this City, despite a repeated, but never utilized, agenda "Item 7. Reports of Committees and Boards".

On May 18, I filed a Freedom of Information request—a FOIL—for the Wheaton appraisal that the City Administrator ordered by phone, and not in writing; which Ackerly & Hubbell Appraisal Corp. contract engagement letter is dated April 28; and, which authorization to proceed was approved by the City Administrator on May 2, 2022. Four months since that FOIL, the city has yet to provide the appraisal and claims the City has yet to receive it. That didn't stop City Administrator Marc Nelson from lighting into me when I asked about it at Megan Deichler and Nathan Shook's recent full-of-baloney joint 8th and 4th Ward meeting.

On July 18, I filed a FOIL request regarding vacancies on the HDLPC. I've yet to receive any of those documents, even after a courtesy reminder, and even though some of those applications are many months old. In the meantime, Mayor Rolison has begun stacking the HDLPC with members who fail the necessary qualifications.

On August 8, Tinkelman attorney Kenneth Stenger, in collusion with City Corporation Council Rebecca Valk, filed a letter asserting that both the City's Common Council and HDLPC—through Valk—had requested the Court to seal certain Wheaton-related files. Members of the Council deny that Valk ever discussed this with them. Why is Valk's fiduciary breach not on tonight's Council agenda? What could those now-sealed files contain, when the City attorney so willingly misrepresents her clients?

Freedom of Information law requires the City to provide a date by which FOIL material will be delivered, but the City consistently violates this obligation. It's frightening, yet par for the course, that our City Administration, as well as our Council, are resistant to transparency and accountability, despite the Supreme Court's declaration that the "basic purpose of Freedom of Information is to ensure an informed citizenry, vital to the functioning of a democratic society, needed to check against corruption and to hold the governors accountable to the governed."

Tonight's Council agenda also lists a presentation by former Planning Director, now-Development Director Natalie Quinn regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Council members have still never spoken of their own attendance and experiences as Steering Committee members, nor has Quinn ever once exposed herself to a group (rather than one-on-one) public gathering where—in person, and on the record—she had to directly answer questions from the public. Instead, she opts for sticky-note settings like the phony "open house" that's scheduled for later this week. Has the Council read the hollow Comp Plan material posted to tonight's agenda page? How on earth does anything Quinn has produced qualify as a Comprehensive Plan, rather than a plan giving free rein for a single white, entitled City employee to manipulate City growth and gentrification to her liking. Where and how will this Council assure that the Comp and Zoning Plans will reverse Quinn's track record for exclusionary and entitled planning and zoning?



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August 8, 2022

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Hon. Christie L. D'Alessio
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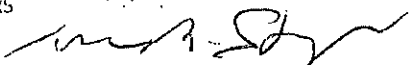
Re: Pelton Partners, LLC v. City of Poughkeepsie, et al.
Index No.: 2021-50400
SDG File No.: 39801.0019

Dear Judge D'Alessio:

Attached to this email is a proposed short form Order which I believe accurately reflects the terms of the agreement with respect to the sealing of the record of the settlement proceedings before the Court as discussed between myself, Your Honor, and Rebecca A. Valk on August 1, 2022.

Very truly yours,

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF DUTCHESS

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PELTON PARTNERS, LLC,

Petitioner-Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE, COMMON COUNCIL
OF CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE and THE CITY OF
POUGHKEEPSIE HISTORIC DISTRICT AND
LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION,

Respondents-Defendants
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ORDER

Index No. 2021-50400

Assigned Judge:
Hon. Christie D'Alessio, JSC

Pelton Partners, LLC, by Kenneth M. Stenger, Esq., and the City of Poughkeepsie, Common Council of City of Poughkeepsie and the City of Poughkeepsie Historic District and Landmark Preservation Commission, by Rebecca A. Valk, Esq., have requested that the Court's files and records in connection with the settlement proceedings had before it on May 17, 2022 and June 10, 2022, hereby be sealed pending a decision of the motion for summary judgment made by Pelton Partners, LLC, which is presently fully submitted for determination by the Court, and good cause having been shown, it is hereby

ORDERED, that the Court's files and records of the proceedings had with respect to the settlement proceedings which took place before the Court on May 17, 2022 and June 10, 2022, be sealed until such time as the Court has made a decision on the application for summary judgment made by Pelton Partners, LLC, which is fully submitted for decision.

Dated: August , 2022

Hon. Christie D'Alessio, JSC

- 7. Diamond Mima – 450 Maple St.**
- 8. Naomi Brooks – S. Grand Ave. (submitted comments in writing)**

Naomi Brooks
S. Grand Avenue
August 22, 2022 Common Council meeting

Good evening, and welcome back.

I know our city has to prioritize some overwhelmingly important things to address. Issues of violent crime, homelessness, mental illness, education and youth services, city infrastructure – to name a few - take a lot of time, effort, and resources. There are many talented people working on these large and intertwined issues.

I continue to champion for the smaller issues. The larger issues may be the framework of a city, but the smaller issues are its fabric, the parts that can be the pivotal in helping residents, investors, and visitors pick our city over others. The smaller issues are like little points of light, and they should not be overlooked either. Desmond Tutu said “Do your little bit of good where you are. It’s those little bits of good put together that change the world.” I frequently come before you to focus on these smaller points, because taken together, they make a huge impact – financially, socially, and emotionally.

One of these issues is following the criteria the common council made into law for the selection of Historic Commission members (see attached). If commissioners are selected both in a timely way, and that meet the criteria, then there is a commission that can concentrate on one of these points – protecting and celebrating our historic landmarks.

Our Historic Commission has recently had some huge and difficult tasks before them. Every commission member had a unique set of skills that helped make complicated determinations. That commission needed the full complement of shared expertise described in the common council’s law to offer the highest level of service. It is currently operating without a few key roles being filled, and with some members who do not meet the criteria for commissioner selection.

Your resolution that was tabled in late spring and rejected in early summer added common council approval to the mayor’s selection of Historic Commission members. This empowers the common council to assure that the commission is fully and correctly populated as described in our law. A shared approval process aligns with the shared government model we have adopted, and is recognized as being a preferred method of selecting commissioners by the Certified Local Government model. I urge you to again introduce this part of the resolution – that the common council approves the mayor’s selection of Historic Commission members.

Thank you.

☐ Section 19-4.5 Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission.

- (a) The Commission shall consist of seven members to be appointed, to the extent available in the community, by the Mayor as follows:
 - 1. At least one shall be an architect experienced in working with historic buildings;
 - 2. At least one shall be an historian;
 - 3. At least three members shall reside in historic districts or historic landmarks;
 - 4. At least one shall have demonstrated significant interest in and commitment to the field of historic preservation evidenced either by involvement in a local historic preservation group, employment or volunteer activity in the field of historic preservation, or other serious interest in the field; and
 - 5. All members shall have a known interest in historic preservation and architectural development within the City of Poughkeepsie.
- (b) Commission members shall serve for a term of four years, with the exception of the initial term of one of the members, which shall be one year, one which shall be two years, and one which shall be three years.
 - 1. The Mayor shall act within 60 days to fill a vacancy, including expired terms. A member whose term has expired shall serve until the Mayor appoints a successor.
 - 2. Any Commission member missing three consecutive meetings shall automatically forfeit his or her appointment, and as such, a vacancy shall automatically be created. Further, any member missing four meetings in a calendar year, except for major illness, shall forfeit his or her appointment, creating a vacancy.

9. Laura Forman – Washington St.

10. Ken Stier

V. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chair Salem: So we'll move to Chairperson's comments. And I want to keep this on the brief side because I do want to pull up the presentation from the Dutchess County Commission of Human Rights during my comments rather than have you wait until later.

So I'll go ahead and jump in on the LWRP. We did have a communication on that during our last meeting, and it was my understanding that it was being sent to the state. And now we're waiting for comments back to the state. And if Development Director Quinn, if you can address that during your presentation real quick, where we're at with that, I think that

would be helpful to folks, but there's no action other than approving it of the Common Council replied We're not setting another public hearing. We don't need to. We're kind of just waiting to hear back from New York State on what we put together. That was a two year plus process.

I want to comment quickly on the Community Choice Aggregation program. Many people have probably received letters either from Hudson Valley Community Power or Central Hudson regarding the community choice aggregation. This was an innovative novel, incredible program that we were a part of, along with other municipalities in the Hudson Valley to help stores are supply or energy supply from local renewable sources.

Unfortunately, because of legal and financial issues, the energy supplier that our community choice aggregation administrator was in contract with and we were in contract with along with the other partners of the program, ended their contract prematurely. So what that does and what that means for us is that we are no longer a part of that program. Our energy is now being sourced as it was prior by Central Hudson. It had been being continue to deliver from Central Hudson. But now you'll see if you were looking at your bill. Supply is coming from Central Hudson as well.

So what this means for anyone who is really excited to be engaged in the program, you know, myself included, is that we're just going to have to hang tight for now. I know that Jewel is looking for options to see how else we can engage with other energy suppliers so that we can source renewable here in the city. You know, one of the other things that folks have been asking me is whether or not they should sign up for a third party energy supplier. That's up to you. I personally wouldn't. Your cost is going to be higher most likely. And you're not because you're not buying as an aggregate. Right. So when we're pooling our buying power, we're driving the costs down.

And that's one of the novel parts of these programs that have worked successfully across the country and I believe will continue to work here if we just kind of hang on and see what happens as we move into the future. I really, really do still believe that community choice aggregation programs are one of the most effective ways local communities can fight against climate change, which will and is currently impacting our community at higher rates than other communities. Because we are a historically marginalized, lower income community, we're going to feel those impacts at a greater scale, and we already are. So just hang tight on that. If you want to have a conversation. You can so call Hudson Valley Community Power. You can call me if you want to talk about it. I'm willing to talk about it. 26 Oakley I've been getting some questions on this.

I know council members have been kind of working with other organizations and trying to figure out, you know, how we're going to move forward. This last we all talked about this, we were considering engaging with a lawyer to start to take legal action against the county for constructing the homeless shelter at 26 Oakley Street. Prior to us engaging in other legal action and any legal action we're going to instead and we have

asked for a meeting with the county. The county has accepted our call to ask for a meeting. And so we're going to hopefully discuss mitigating solutions that we can come up with before we jump right into the legal side of things. So I'm feeling hopeful for that meeting. We haven't scheduled the meeting yet, but once we have that scheduled and again, the county did respond and they are willing to talk before we have to take that next step. But so yeah, hopefully, you know, we'll be able to come up with something that works for our community that works for that community. As far as 26 Oakley is concerned.

Board and committee appointments. We are making appointments tonight for both the Land Bank and the Arts Commission. I do want to put out another call for more resumes and more cover letters for the Industrial Development Agency, as well as the Ethics Committee. So if you or you know someone you think might be interested in either one of those committees or boards, please have them send their resume and cover letter to me. My email is S Salem and that's spelled as you expect. SSalem at CityofPoughkeepsie dot com. And again, we're going to we'll put that up on the website and in the newsletter as well. But we are seeking more rounds of resumes so that we can conduct interviews for the IDA, the Industrial Development Agency, and the Ethics Committee on that. So again, if you're interested, reach out to me and that info will be posted online.

And I do also want to remind folks that if you didn't get a chance to vote early, early voting ended in New York this past Sunday. You have a chance to vote tomorrow, which is primary day. And it's important to get out and vote for the primary election. You're voting in the city of Poughkeepsie for a primary in the new 19th district.

If you were not in the city because you but you're here tonight, you're watching tonight, you can vote in a special election for the old 19th Congressional District, which is even, in my opinion, more critical. They're both critical, but it's a weird primary Election Day with a special election on top of it. And it's a little bit confusing. I've been confused a number of times on this myself. But again, if you're in the old 19th district, you have a special election tomorrow. If you're in the new 19th, in a number of other places in the state, there is a primary election tomorrow which you should go and vote in.

And I did also want to ask a question of Mark Nelson quickly. What is our progress with forming a committee for an RFEI on the Southern Waterfront?

City Administrator Nelson: Thanks for that question. Councilmember Menist and I met a week ago Friday. We've arranged some details about who would be invited to serve on that and we anticipate moving forward right after the Labor Day holiday break. And I defer to Councilmember Menist to add anything to that that set your understanding?

Councilmember Menist: Yes, that's my understanding.

We're working together on getting this moving forward as soon as possible. Obviously, for those who haven't been following the legislation was set up. It's not legislation excuse me, litigation was settled on the site after a lot of work from everyone you see up here over a very, very long time on that site will be ready for redevelopment very soon. And we're making sure to follow this process.

As much as possible to make sure that we're in the best position, to have the best possible development for the city moving forward, that's going to maintain public access to the site and also bring in new development to enhance economic opportunities in the city of Poughkeepsie. So we're going to move at an appropriate pace, do this the right way, and make sure we don't get stuck in another 20 year quagmire moving forward. So more and more to come.

Chair Salem: I just want to make sure there's opportunity for folks who are interested in serving on that committee to check in. Okay, great. Awesome, awesome. So that that concludes my comments. And I would like to now call up Shirley Adams and Lance Ringle regarding the Dutchess County Commission of Human Rights.

1. A PRESENTATION FROM SHIRLEY ADAMS, LANCE RINGLE & JODIE MILLER, Regarding the Dutchess County Human Rights Commission

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Thank you. Thank you, Chair. And it's good to be here tonight.

Several things I want to go over are related to things that have taken place previously and some things to update you on as relates to parks. Because of the increase in gun violence that the city has experienced over the past several weeks, we have increased our collaboration and the team that we have with the sheriff's office and the state police. And as a result of those discussions, we have additional patrols now in specific targeted areas in the city of Poughkeepsie, various times of the evening and obviously other types of times of night.

The sheriff's office has dedicated additional patrols to the 4 to 12 shift, working out of police headquarters with the 4 to 12 tour. The state police has also added additional uniformed troopers in the city at various times, and I know they are here because I've seen them. We've also gotten additional resources from the FBI Safe Streets Task Force, which the city has been a member of for several years also. And this was discussed in these chambers previously.

We have now we've rolled out our new enhanced camera system that currently is a major upgrade to the cameras that the city currently has. And we have a lot with this. And these cameras also now are not only video cameras, they're also audio related units and also can read license plates of vehicles in targeted areas and other types of characteristics of vehicles and individuals, color type make of vehicles, which is very important when many of the if not all of the vehicles that are used in these acts of violence have left the scene prior to our officers getting there. And in many occasions, our officers have literally right around the corner when some of these incidents are taking place.

I can tell you that these collaborative efforts which have been ongoing previously would have been stepped up now are not only in their frequency, but the additional manpower and added to these units will be here as long as necessary. That has been the commitment both from the sheriff and the troop commanders here in Dutchess County.

We also are working with the Police Benevolent Association and the administration on our recruitment and retention initiatives, again, which we did do back in 2018. We we're seeing similar circumstances involving that. One of the things that other departments did as a result of our department enhancing recruitment and retention initiatives, they're doing the same thing. So we are and how we set a standard that others are following not only here in Dutchess County, but in other departments, even in Westchester County. And everyone is trying to get officers to transfer. And we actually will be, I think, for the first time that I know of, we will be recruiting Dutchess County Fair this weekend and we'll also be at the Columbia County Fair at the end of August.

As far as painting was concerned, because it was talked about tonight, we received the promising \$1.5 million from the state this year in paving monies. And we are doing approximately 20 streets and parking lots in our parks as part of that paving initiative, which will be going on through the fall. So far, we've paved approximately ten streets and will be doing an additional ten. We've also paved and we'll be paving a lots of Pulaski, Stitzel, Kaal rock, College hill, Spratt and Waryas Parks as part of the Parks Initiative.

We are we have a meeting scheduled this week with Central Hudson to go over what their paving schedule is, I believe was last year or the year before we actually combined money with Central Hudson. This year, they're doing essentially their own thing. And we're going to be coordinating with them to know exactly what streets they're doing, at what time as to help better coordinate, especially with school coming back in session in just a couple of weeks.

I know there was some questions about a market street on the two way project that has not moved forward because we just haven't received the money to do what both.

We've been involved in grant and federal applications through the federal budget and we just haven't been able to get those resources because the largest part of Market Street reconnect is the signal costs to reset, analyze those intersections both at the arterials and at main and market. And those are multimillion dollar figures for those signals.

And as far as the railing goes, I share your frustration. I know we talked about it before. We hope to know this week because we talked about it last week. If we can't get it and we'll obviously still go through the procurement process, we may have to do something ourselves to get those sidewalks or get those steps back in, or it just doesn't make sense to not have some kind of a railing for individuals to hold on to who need that extra study for their you know, for their own unsteadiness and mobility. So that is something that we want to get done because that is a long way for anybody to have to walk around that for an update on two of our parks, Pershing Park is coming really nice if you haven't seen it. I was there for the weekend. That is approximately three quarters of \$1,000,000 project that is sort of winding down.

And I just wanted to just to say just a little bit about what that actually entails. So that is replacing trees, bench installations, picnic tables, bike racks, new asphalt up between the court and new community farm. New stone just around the back of the existing meadow doing landscaping of the court has been resurfaced new lights, solar and also hardwired.

And there's also some pending work that needs to be done along Pershing Avenue. Pershing Avenue, with additional landscaping and new glass, backboards are on order as news, new benches, tree planters that will be adjacent to the court. Now, with that said, the other park project, the bid has been awarded. It should be starting this fall. And that's for Malcolm X. That project is about \$1.6 million at Malcolm X, and that will include green infrastructure retention areas for water and landscaping, new site furnishing, which will be bike racks, just tables, picnic tables, basketball court resurfacing, new glass, backboards, fence improvements, replacing the steps adjacent to the court, new signage, new asphalt and new lights there as well.

So we're really excited about. Pershing coming to, you know, and within the next few weeks, hopefully. But again, there's play on the courts. We're just waiting for the new glass backboards for a two of the backboards that actually faced faces to the west.

The pedestrian safety action plan, which has been we were awarded back maybe 17 or 18, \$2.4 million for stupid pedestrian safety initiatives along the Main Street corridor. And they were recognized and documented as our highest area of pedestrian challenges and accidents. That's ten intersections and three mid-block crossings on Market Street. All the signals have been and the enhancements to the sidewalks and also the handicap accessibility along those areas.

And as I think an article talked about, the bump outs that are there are that they raise the pavement a little bit or the sidewalk four so you know where you are when you're getting

to that intersection. As you can see also to that, the curving now goes out many of those intersections into the street. That is traffic calming aspect of this. That work is nearly completed now. We have to sync many of the signals and the actual striping is underway. It's brightened it up. It looks really good. The most important thing is it's much safer. Also more just lastly, I think back to the parks.

We're going out to bid for the demo of the pool house and we hope to have that ready to go down in October. Also, really excited to let you all know that the new bilingual shared position with the school district has started, that's Julie Molina. She's working out of city hall and also out of the Poughkeepsie City School District, and she's already out in the community meeting with people in her new position. And we will really looking forward to what she can do to help us on the city side and also obviously on the school side to prepare information, materials and other things with community outreach to a Latino and Spanish speaking community.

We had three major events since the last time we met. First was River Fest. That went off again like last year, went very well, very well attended that. We then had a festival where several thousand individuals, mostly from the area of Mexico, which we enjoy, the largest population in Oaxaca were here or is art for an afternoon of celebration. And then just yesterday was again the Jazz in the valley, which has been here for many years, again at Waryas Park, very well attended again, great jazz here at Waryas on the River.

And then the last day for pools to be open is Monday. It's been a great, great summer pool activity. We'll get the numbers for you. But I can tell you they have been really busy, especially when we've had to deal with all the heat that we've dealt with. This is an extremely hot summer. All of our lawns reflect that and the grass on our playgrounds. Hopefully we'll get some rain here in the next few weeks and all those dormant and things on the ground will come back up a lot. Some things tomorrow as we get into the fall. And that's my report for tonight. Thank you.

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

-NONE-

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

1. **R-22-55**, Resolution Reporting the Standard Work Day

**STANDARD WORK DAY AND REPORTING RESOLUTION
RESOLUTION**

R-22-55

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body:

SECONDED BY _____

R-22-55						
☒ 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 to receive and print was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long.

2. **R-22-56**, Resolution Appointing Thomas Onaje Benjamin to the Arts Commission

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-56)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York General Municipal Law, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is authorized to make appointments of City residents to serve on the board of the City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Public Arts Commission serve at the pleasure of the Common Council; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the following individuals to the City of Poughkeepsie Public Arts Commission, to serve at the pleasure of the Common Council for a term ending **8/31/2025**:

Thomas Onaje Benjamin

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-56						
☒ 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 to receive and print was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long.

3. **R-22-57**, Resolution Appointing Jordan Schinella to the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County City of Poughkeepsie Land Bank

R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-57)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM:

WHEREAS, in accordance with New York General Municipal Law, New York State's Land Bank Program, and an intermunicipal agreement with Dutchess County, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie is authorized to make appointments of two (2) City residents to serve on the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County City of Poughkeepsie Land Bank ("DCPLB"); and

WHEREAS, the members of the DCPLB which are appointed by the Common Council serve at the pleasure of the Common Council; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby appoints the following individuals to the Board of Directors of the Dutchess County Poughkeepsie Land Bank, to serve at the pleasure of the Common Council for a term ending **8/31/2024**:

Jordan Schinella

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-57						
☒ 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:

- 2. A COMMUNICATION FROM FINANCE COMMISSIONER DR. MARTINEZ -**
Regarding City-Wide Garbage & Recycling Receptacles
- 3. A PRESENTATION FROM DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR QUINN –** Regarding
the PK4Keeps Comprehensive Plan

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

- 4. FROM CAPT’N CLIFFY’S,** a notice of intent to file for renewal of a NYS Liquor License.
- 5. FROM SHAKIA SMITH,** notice of personal injury sustained on or around July 4, 2022.
- 6. FROM JOHN BROWNE,** notice of property damage sustained on or around July 26, 2022.
- 7. FROM DORIS MELENDEZ MARTINEZ,** notice of personal injury sustained on or around May 18, 2022.
- 8. FROM ELIAS KASSIRER,** notice of personal injury sustained on or around July 3, 2022.

9. **FROM BRIDGET GALLAHER**, notice of personal injury and property damage sustained on or around June 4, 2022.
10. **FROM MATTHEW BLOT**, notice of property damage sustained on or around August 11, 2022.
11. **FROM TALIA TURK**, notice of property damage sustained on or around August 15, 2022.
12. **FROM CHRISTINA & ELIZABETH HOPPER**, notice of property damage sustained on or around July 21, 2022.

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Councilmember Thompson and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm.

Dated: August 30, 2022

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, August 22, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain

