



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 6, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

Common Council Chambers

Welcome to the regularly scheduled Meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is September 6, 2022, and the time is 6:30 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: 6 present, 3 absent at the time attendance was taken: (Late arrival; Councilmembers Johnson, Cherry. Councilmember Diechler; absent.)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Common Council Meeting – August 22, 2022

Common Council Meeting – August 29, 2022

**Motion to accept the minutes: Councilmember Long
2nd: Councilmember Thompson**

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

-NONE-

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. **Gus Kazolias**
2. **Daniel Atonna – 116 College Ave., For the Many**
3. **Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave. (submitted comments in writing)**

Laurie Sandow comments, City of Poughkeepsie Common Council meeting, September 6, 2022, Page 1 of 2

I'll begin by saying that, for me and many others in this City, Sarah Salem's September 13th trial date can't come soon enough. And I'll follow that by saying that under Salem's so-called leadership, this Council's descent into go-along-to-get-along silence and collusion is a betrayal of your oaths of office. Not one councilmember was elected to turn this body, which is obliged to public service, into a body that functions as a backroom den of thieves.

On July 11, the last meeting before the six-week summer break, three Councilmembers were absent (Cherry, Long and Menist) and one arrived late (L. Johnson). On August 22, the first meeting after the summer break, one councilmember was absent (L. Johnson). On August 29, the second meeting after the summer break, four councilmembers were absent (Long, Flowers, Menist and Cherry). In what world of public service is six weeks paid vacation insufficient? And though a quorum of councilmembers was present at the August 29 meeting, they conspired NOT to work, but instead adjourned to caucus.

This Council doesn't have a trickle-down strategy; it has a tinkle-down strategy. The Council pisses on the public with consent agendas and attendance misconduct (repeated absences, late arrivals, early departures), effectively flipping the bird to the public with a "tough luck, so sue me" attitude. Rather than be motivated by "the fierce urgency of now", in Dr. Martin Luther King's words, this Council is driven by their own fierce urgency to collect a paycheck for the shortest, least informative, most meaningless meetings possible.

Consent agendas were developed for use in purely routine and non-controversial matters. They weren't invented—except under the twisted existence of the current Council—to cover up councilmember ignorance, and refusal to do the work and record their own informed opinions on the record. Yet, on tonight's agenda, there are six—count 'em, six—consent agenda items that, if passed, will change the face of this City for years to come.

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Among the consent agenda items are Comprehensive Plan and SEQRA (NY State Environmental Quality Review Act) resolutions where six black Councilmembers hand the reins of City planning and development to Natalie Quinn, the white,

entitled city employee whose Innovation District looms large in this City's current housing crisis, rewarding exclusionary market rate housing while barely mentioning affordable housing. This is the same Natalie Quinn who more than once has accepted "no questions, no comments" from councilmembers, but has never taken questions and comments about the Comprehensive Plan from the public, in a public on-the-record meeting; the same Natalie Quinn whose "vacation day" allowed her to duck public questioning by being absent from a bi-annual Informational Meeting; the same Natalie Quinn who scheduled a Shadows and Grandview walk-on presentation at the last Planning Board meeting (August 16) without ever posting that agenda item to the public, either before the meeting or afterward. If you search the agenda, you won't find it listed. If you weren't there, you'd never know that it happened.

Alongside the Comp Plan sham on tonight's agenda is the accompanying SEQRA negative declaration (neg dec). It would be no surprise to learn that more than half this Council is entirely unfamiliar with SEQRA. Who actually prepared tonight's document? Which councilmembers read it in its entirety before approving its addition to the consent agenda? Worse still, the councilmembers challenging Dutchess County's 26 Oakley SEQRA negative declaration are on the verge of passing a resolution where the entire city is swallowed whole by a negative declaration resolution. New York State's Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) requires all state and local government agencies to consider environmental impacts equally with social and economic factors during discretionary decision-making. But who gives a damn?—certainly not our councilmembers when it comes to passing a negative declaration, with their vote, knowledge, and/or lack thereof protected by the secrecy of a consent agenda. Will a single councilmember have the spine to stand up and break the silence? I hope so, but sadly, I am not holding my breath.

4. Diamond Mima – 450 Maple St.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

We are still looking for candidates interested in serving on the Industrial Development Agency. So if that's you or if that's somebody that you know, please have them send their cover letter and resumé to me. My email is at Salem at City of Poughkeepsie dot com to get interviews scheduled and get that seat filled and there's always opportunities that open up.

So, you know, if you're interested in serving on some other board or committee, just reach out to your council member, reach out to me and we can connect you with opportunities that are upcoming. And that concludes my comments.

VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

VII. NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

~~VIII. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:~~

CONSENT AGENDA:

IX. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

A motion to move Resolution R-22-58 to the Action Agenda was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Cherry.

~~1. R-22-58, Resolution Approving the Sanitation Can Budget Amendment~~

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

2. R-22-59, Resolution Supporting The New York Clean Slate Act

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-59)**

**INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM & COUNCILMEMBERS LONG, MENIST,
JOHNSON, SHOOK, FLOWERS, CHERRY, THOMPSON & DEICHLER:**

WHEREAS: The New York Clean Slate Act (S.1553D/A. 6399C) was introduced on June 7th, 2021, as a comprehensive Justice reform measure to provide those with certain judicial convictions once they become eligible to be automatically sealed after they have served their time; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that 2.3 million people in New York State have criminal conviction records; and

WHEREAS, people with criminal conviction records face thousands of civil barriers to employment, licensing, housing and educational opportunities long after they have completed their sentences; and

WHEREAS, racial disparities and socio-economic discrimination are rampant throughout the criminal legal system, and statistics and anecdotal evidence show that convictions for even low level offenses result in cyclical harm and structural instability for individuals, families and communities; and

WHEREAS, excluding individuals with criminal records from full participation in society through a system of perpetual punishment creates intergenerational trauma and exacerbates racial and economic inequality; and

WHEREAS, studies have shown that historically Black and Latinx New Yorkers are far more likely to be stopped, arrested, prosecuted, convicted and incarcerated in the criminal legal system than white New Yorkers; and

WHEREAS, people of color are far more likely to be discriminated against based on a conviction record; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that people who have been to prison lose an average of \$484,400 in earnings over their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, it has been estimated that excluding individuals with conviction histories from the workforce costs the economy between \$78 billion and \$87 billion in lost gross domestic product; and

WHEREAS, approximately 95% of incarcerated people return to their communities after serving their sentences; and

WHEREAS, giving people access to jobs, housing, education and licenses to practice a trade increases their participation in the economy and reduces the likelihood they will return to prison, thereby making our communities safer; and

WHEREAS, only approximately 2,500 of an estimated 600,000 eligible people — or less than 0.5% — have had their records sealed since New York’s current application-based sealing law went into effect in 2017; and

WHEREAS, A system of automatic sealing and expungement of criminal records is essential to provide relief to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, the Clean Slate Act would remove systemic barriers to stable housing, employment and education and allow millions of New Yorkers to participate fully in civic life and in their communities; and

WHEREAS, numerous other states, including Pennsylvania, Michigan, Utah and Connecticut, have already passed “Clean Slate” legislation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie calls on the New York State Legislature to pass and the Governor to sign the Clean Slate Act.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-59						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Thompson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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	Councilmember Deichler	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☒
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	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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

3. R-22-60, Resolution Approving Legal Fee Agreement with Joule Assets Inc.

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-60)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____:

WHEREAS, by Resolution R-22-39, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council authorized the commencement of litigation, on behalf of the City, along with Joule Assets Inc. (“Joule”) and other participating municipalities as Plaintiffs (collectively referred to as “Plaintiffs”), against Columbia Utilities LLC for the purpose of enforcing the Community Choice Aggregation Supply Agreement (Supreme Court, Ulster County, EF-2022-1113); and

WHEREAS, the resolution authorized the retention of Hodgson Russ, LLP as outside counsel; and

WHEREAS, Hodgson Russ, LLP was retained at no cost to the City because Joule is responsible for the payment of all legal fees incurred in the litigation; and

WHEREAS, Joule has requested that the City execute the attached Legal Fee Agreement, attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, which provides that: in the event that there is Award paid or payable to the Parties and/or the Program Participants, and prior to the payment to the Parties or Program Participants, proceeds of such Award will be paid first to: (a) any outstanding Legal Fees owed to Plaintiff's Counsel in relation to the Litigation, and then (b) to reimburse Joule for any Legal Fees previously paid by Joule to Plaintiff's Counsel in relation to the Litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the attached Legal Fee Agreement.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-60						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled	Councilmember Long	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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A motion to receive and print was made by Councilmember Long and seconded by Councilmember Thompson.

4. **R-22-61**, Negative Declaration Under SEQRA for the proposed adoption of the PK4Keeps Comprehensive Plan

RESOLUTION

(R-22-61)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMMON COUNCIL CONCERNING A DETERMINATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SIGNIFICANCE PERTAINING TO THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

INTRODUCED BY _____:

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council assigned the task of reviewing and updating the City's Comprehensive Plan to a steering committee that worked, in conjunction with the City of Poughkeepsie's Department of Planning & Zoning, czbLLC and Ingalls Planning & Design, to solicit feedback from the broader public and developed a draft document

known as *PK4Keeps: A Comprehensive Plan for Poughkeepsie* (the “Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee submitted the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Common Council for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan is a Type I action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(1) and the proposed plan will not require permits and approval from any other local, regional and State agencies prior to adoption of the plan and a coordinated SEQRA review is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council referred the matter to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development to review the draft plan pursuant to GML §239-m and General City Law §28-a(6)(b) by resolution R-22-38 adopted on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development issued its comments by letter dated _____

WHEREAS, the Common Council, as the only involved agency, declared itself lead agency for the SEQRA review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan by resolution R-22-38 adopted on May 2, 2022 ; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the draft comprehensive plan was held on June 21, 2022 and, thereafter, a Final Comprehensive Plan dated August 2022 was prepared; and

WHEREAS, in consideration of issuing this negative declaration the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie the Common Council considered the following;

1. Full Environmental Assessment Form including
Parts 1-3 Dated August 22, 2022 (Parts 1 & 2) and August 30, 2022 (Part 3)
2. Supporting information contained in FEAF dated August 30, 2022

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

1. That the attached Negative Declaration dated August 30, 2022 is hereby accepted and incorporated as part of this resolution.
2. That the Common Council, as lead agency, hereby determines that the proposed action, as previously outlined herein, and for the reasons set forth in the attached determination of non-significance, will not result in a significant adverse impact on the environment and thus declares, authorizes and approves that a negative declaration in the form and substance annexed hereto be authorized and approved.

3. That based upon the determination that the proposed action will not have a significant impact on the environment, the Common Council further determines as lead agency that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required for the proposed action.
4. That pursuant to Section 617.12(b)(2) of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), the Common Council shall, as lead agency, maintain a file of its determination and supporting reasons that shall be available for public inspection in the Office of the City Chamberlain, First Floor, Municipal Building, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York 12602; and shall file a copy with the City of Poughkeepsie chief executive officer.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

Information required by 6 NYCRR §617(a)(1):

Name and Address of Lead Agency:

City of Poughkeepsie Common Council
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

Name, Address and Telephone Number of a person who can provide additional information:

Natalie Quinn, Development Director
62 Civic Center Plaza
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
(845) 451-4047

R-22-61						
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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

A motion to move Resolution R-22-62 to the Action Agenda was made by Councilmember Menist and seconded by Councilmember Cherry.

5. ~~R-22-62, Resolution Adopting the PK4Keeps Comprehensive Plan~~

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

- 6. R-22-63, Resolution Authorizing The City to Agree to an Amendment to The IMA Between and Among The Member Communities of The Hudson 7**

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-63)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM_____:

WHEREAS, the Hudson River Estuary is the primary drinking water supply for over 100,000 people in the City and Town of Poughkeepsie, Village and Town of Rhinebeck, Town of Hyde Park, Town of Lloyd and Town of Esopus; and,

WHEREAS, maintaining and enhancing water quality in the Hudson River and its tributaries is essential to the public health, economic well- being, environmental resources and quality of life for these communities; and,

WHEREAS, source water protection is a series of measures, defined and encouraged through federal and state programs, including the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments of 1996 and New York's Drinking Water Source Protection Program, designed to take a watershed approach to protecting public drinking water supplies from contamination; and,

WHEREAS, a review of source water protection-related programs by the Center for Watershed Protection and Riverkeeper in 2018 recommended a number of actions, including the formation of an intermunicipal drinking water council and securing of funding for the council to hire support staff; and,

WHEREAS, a memorandum of agreement was entered into on 31st day of May 2018 by and between the seven municipalities to form the Hudson River Drinking Water intermunicipal Council (the Hudson 7); and,

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie has a voting member on the Council; and,

WHEREAS, Riverkeeper has provided an interim coordinator on a part-time basis for the Hudson 7 for the past five years with an end date of approximately January 1, 2023; and,

WHEREAS, a subcommittee formed by the Hudson 7 to define a coordinator position in 2020; and,

WHEREAS, through its first five years, the Hudson 7 has addressed significant source water issues, and has been recognized by all levels of government and the business community as a respected stakeholder in issues affecting the quality of the Hudson River; and

WHEREAS, ongoing work by the Hudson 7 includes developing a first-ever source water protection plan via New York State's Drinking Water Source Protection Program, negotiating protections for drinking water intakes during permitted construction and remediation activities, liaising with the U.S. Coast Guard and other agencies on industrial spill prevention and response, and other activities; and,

WHEREAS, none of these activities are possible by any municipality or drinking water utility alone, and have only been possible through the collective effort of members of the Hudson 7 and its partners; and,

WHEREAS, a key to ongoing progress on these and other issues requires dedicated support staff for the council; and,

WHEREAS, Dutchess County (DC) and Ulster County (UC) have each committed \$25,000 annually for three years to support the hiring of a full-time coordinator for the Hudson 7; and,

WHEREAS, DC's funding is contingent on all Hudson 7 members contributing to support the cost of a coordinator position. DC wants to be a voting member, as a party contributing monies; and,

WHEREAS, DC has also committed up to \$19,999 for legal services to support the hiring of a coordinator; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie's commitment to hiring a coordinator is Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$5,000) Dollars per year for an initial three years, along with the commitments of the counties and other Hudson 7 municipalities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie approves the revised Intermunicipal Agreement as attached at Exhibit A and authorizes the Mayor to execute the same.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-63						
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	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐
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X. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

ACTION AGENDA:

XI. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

1. R-22-58, Resolution Approving the Sanitation Can Budget Amendment

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-58)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS LONG, THOMPSON PATTERSON, SHOOK AND DEICHLER:

WHEREAS, the Common Council by resolution R-21-93 adopted a budget for the fiscal year 2022 (the “2022 Budget”); and

WHEREAS, the City undertook a Pilot program wherein City provided Trash cans were given to the homeowners fronting on both the east- and west-bound arterials; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County undertook a sanitation study in 2018 in which it was recommended that the City standardize and provide trash cans throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to make changes to the adopted budget by means of a budget amendment to provide funding for a city-wide Trash Can initiative (less the properties included in the Pilot program mentioned above); and

WHEREAS, approval of this resolution will not result in a funding increase to the 2022 Budget for the City of Poughkeepsie, but it is necessary to transfer the funds to appropriate budget lines; 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

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 Budget adopted by the Common Council as Resolution R-21-93 is amended as shown on Schedule A, annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-58						
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A motion to receive and print was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Long.

5. **R-22-62**, Resolution Adopting the PK4Keeps Comprehensive Plan

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-62)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMMON COUNCIL
ADOPTING THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

INTRODUCED BY _____ :

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council assigned the task of reviewing and updating the City’s Comprehensive Plan to a steering committee that worked, in conjunction with the City of Poughkeepsie’s Department of Planning & Zoning, czbLLC and Ingalls Planning & Design, to solicit feedback from the broader public and developed a draft document known as *PK4Keeps: A Comprehensive Plan for Poughkeepsie* (the “Comprehensive Plan”); and

WHEREAS, the Steering Committee submitted the draft Comprehensive Plan to the Common Council for their consideration; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan is a Type I action pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) 6 NYCRR 617.4(b)(1) and the proposed plan will not require permits and approval from any other local, regional and State agencies prior to adoption of the plan and a coordinated SEQRA review is not required; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council referred the matter to the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development to review the draft plan pursuant to GML §239-m and General City Law §28-a(6)(b) by resolution R-22-38 adopted on May 2, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Dutchess County Department of Planning and Development issued its comments by letter dated June 21, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council, as the only involved agency, declared itself lead agency for the SEQRA review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan by resolution R-22-38 adopted on May 2, 2022 ; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the draft comprehensive plan was held on June 21, 2022 in compliance with General City Law §28-a(7)(a) and (c); and

WHEREAS, a Final Comprehensive Plan dated August 2022 was prepared and is attached hereto; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council adopted a Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance as to the adoption of the Comprehensive Plan on September 6, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council hereby adopts the attached Final Comprehensive Plan, dated August 2022.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____.

R-22-62						
☒ Accepted ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Chair Salem	Voter	☒	☐	☐	☐

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

1. R-22-64, Resolution For Budget Amendment Due To Sales Tax Payment

**RESOLUTION
(R-22-64)**

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM _____:

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie General Fund owes the City of Poughkeepsie Capital Projects Fund Six Million Two Hundred Sixty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty Four and 00/100 (\$6,267,864.00) Dollars; and

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie and the City of Beacon have previously entered into a Sales Tax Agreement with the County of Dutchess and that Agreement will expire in February of 2023; and

WHEREAS, by resolution R22-26, the Common Council authorized the Mayor and the Commissioner of Finance to amend the existing 2013 Sales Tax Agreement with the City of Beacon and County of Dutchess (the “2013 Sales Tax Agreement”) and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the 2013 Sales Tax Agreement provided for a one time distribution to the City of Poughkeepsie in the amount of Three Million and 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars to assist in reducing the City’s deficit; and

WHEREAS, the amendment to the 2013 Sales Tax Agreement was approved by the New York State Comptroller by letter dated May 31, 2022; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council hereby authorizes the transfer of the Three Million and 00/100 (\$3,000,000.00) Dollars to the Capital Projects Fund from the General Fund to reduce the City’s deficit.

SECONDED BY _____.

R-22-64						
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XII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

XIII. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR NELSON** – Regarding The Proposed Sale of Sale of City Owned Property at 171 S. Cherry Street
- 2. A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR NELSON** – Regarding Accepting a Grant from the MHR Foundation

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

**R E S O L U T I O N
(R-22-65)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CHERRY:

WHEREAS, The Millman Harris Romano Foundation “MHR” is family foundation based in Poughkeepsie whose mission statement is to improve the quality of life in the Poughkeepsie community through education, the arts, and community service; and

WHEREAS, the City has received an offer of a restricted-use monetary grant from MHR to fund the replacement of the existing twelve (12) light poles that border Bartlett Park and continue onto Circular Road; and

WHEREAS, the attached exhibit illustrates the specifications of the “Grand Series” light poles proposed to be installed at this location,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Common Council to accept these funds on behalf of the City as same will contribute to both the safety and further beautification of this area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council accepts the restricted-use grant from The Millman Harris Romano Foundation in an amount up to \$35,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the proposed grant disbursement agreement in substantially the same form as attached hereto and to take all steps necessary to process and receive such grant.

SECONDED BY _____.

☒ 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	☒	☐	☐	☐

XIV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A motion was made by Councilmember Cherry and seconded by Councilmember Menist to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 pm.

Dated: September 9, 2022

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, September 6, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain

