



# THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Tuesday, January 17, 2012 6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall**

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### **I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

#### **ROLL CALL**

**All Present**

#### ***Mayor Tkazyik's State of the City Address:***

Good evening Council-Chair Johnson, members of the Common Council, welcome to members of the public, staff, union leadership, Department Heads, the press and City Court Judges Katherine Moloney and Frank Mora. Welcome also to the elected officials and business leaders in the room; County Executive Marcus Molinaro, County Legislature Chairman Rob Rolison, Town of Poughkeepsie Supervisor Todd Tancredi and Town of Lloyd Supervisor Paul Hansut. I look forward to working closely with each of you on a broad array of issues having great importance to our respective communities.

Shared services is a trendy term, but the City and Town of Poughkeepsie invented shared services decades ago with the Joint Water Plant and I will be looking to join forces with our neighbors in the Towns of Poughkeepsie and Lloyd and our sister City of Beacon even further. Working together is the only way we can survive; collaborating is the only way we can deliver core services in a debilitating economic environment with little help from the state or federal government. I met with County Executive Molinaro on his very first day in office and his approach to public service and working with all of us will bear great things for our city and our county.

Before I welcome incoming Common Council members, I must recognize former Councilmembers John Murphy, Lee Klein and Yvonne Flowers for their service to Poughkeepsie. Public service is a hard job and very often we only hear the complaints

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and not often enough do we hear, “good job”. Murph, Lee and Yvonne, thank you for your outstanding service to our city.

I am encouraged by the welcoming statements of Council-Chair Johnson at the re-organizational meeting and I’m optimistic this Common Council will work towards the betterment of the city.

Poughkeepsie is a diverse city of great beauty, with complicated challenges, coupled with the natural resources of her people; I know we can continue to effectively address those challenges.

Let us today begin by celebrating that diversity. Gwen, I congratulate you on being the first female and the first African-American to serve as Chair-woman of the Common Council. It will be my honor to work with you. Let us vow today to leave a legacy of leadership, to display for all a spirit of cooperation, to set an example of what two people who have walked very different paths and traveled very different journeys can achieve by working together. We share more in common than we differ. Together, we share in the goal of adopting a historic preservation ordinance that protects our architectural heritage, developers and homeowners. Poughkeepsie needs an improved zoning law consistent with contemporary priorities that guides smart growth, and after thousands of hours of debate, we need to finally adopt a plan that works. I know that in partnership with the private sector and our friends at the School District, we can achieve a youth center, we can improve our infrastructure, and we can upgrade our aging fleet of public works equipment. In this we share common ground.

Congratulations to the victors of the last election—Councilmembers Rich, Boyd, and Perry. I look forward to working with you during the next two years. I would like to recognize Councilmembers Parise, Solomon, and Johnson for being elected to 4 full terms on the Council for they are term-limited at the end of 2013. Let us now join in applause for the 2012 Common Council.

On this day of January 17, 2012, Pursuant to Section 3.02 of the Charter, I report to you on the State of our City. 2011 can easily be described as the toughest year for Poughkeepsie in our long history.

Extreme weather events besieged the City of Poughkeepsie and presented serious challenges to the Public Works Department. Over 76 inches of total precipitation was recorded in various forms whereas the normal amount of precipitation for this area is 46 inches. Our DPW labor force repeatedly worked around the clock to address damages from the various storms.

In late August, DPW addressed city-wide flooding and damage occurring during and after Hurricane Irene and followed by Tropical Storm Lee approximately one week later. Over 14 inches of rain fell across the city over 14 days, causing widespread flooding and associated damages. Although several other sewer plants in the Hudson Valley went offline due to storm damage, the Poughkeepsie plant was kept online throughout the event. The storms caused thousands of dollars in water, flood and wind damage to our

infrastructure and residential homes. The Fallkill Creek flooded many neighborhoods on the northside that people from the 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Wards are still recovering from.

The snow-leaf storm of October strained an already depleted overtime budget. This storm caused widespread damage to trees and utility lines. DPW processed over 500 work orders relative to storm clean-up, including curbside pick-up for residents to address their personal property damage.

Last September, DPW addressed a serious water main break that serves 40% of the city. The main was repaired within 24 hours in a remote area that was not easily accessible. A month later, DPW and contractors worked tirelessly on a sewer main break near Gerald Drive that was restored to service within 2 days, working nights and double shifts.

Please join me in applauding Commissioner DuPilka and the quick and effective work that all our DPW employees displayed in an extraordinary year of relentless weather conditions.

Hurricane Irene greatly contributed to the flooding, however, the greatest threat was felt in the 1<sup>st</sup> Ward in areas near the “Walkway Over the Hudson” when prudence dictated we evacuate residents due to high wind forecasts that the New York State Bridge Authority said the Walkway could not withstand. The Transit Division was mobilized to transport residents to emergency shelters impacted by both the flooding and high wind warnings.

Fortunately, Bridge Authority Director Joe Ruggiero and Walkway personnel have taken decisive action and are making structural improvements to the Walkway. I hope to announce this year that Walkway upgrades have been completed and evacuations due to wind forecasts will never again be necessary.

The Walkway Over the Hudson has been an economic engine and phenomenal addition to our community. The people of the Hudson Valley need to know the Walkway is safe and the Walkway is an invaluable asset. Town of Lloyd Supervisor, Paul Hansut, and I will be working cooperatively with the Bridge Authority and Walkway Over the Hudson for the installation of an elevator to connect pedestrians on the ground with the beautiful views of the Walkway.

February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2011 is an afternoon that will never be forgotten by our City, her people or her Police Department. All of 2011 will be overshadowed by the unspeakable violence that occurred that day and the everlasting effect the homicide of Detective John Falcone has on all of us, above all, his family, and his brothers and sisters in law enforcement.

For the only time in our history, one of our protectors was killed by gunshot; devastating a family, when their son, their brother, and their uncle was meaninglessly taken from them, forever changing a police force that had been ripped of one of their finest. There is not a police officer among us that wears the uniform without thinking of their fallen brother every single day.

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The loss of Detective Falcone tested Poughkeepsie's strength and brought her people together during a chapter of profound sorrow with an awe-inspiring display of unity behind a family and our police department. The overwhelming support from fellow law enforcement agencies and the community is a poignant reminder that the City and its people do not stand alone when tragedy strikes. It is only together that we persevere and it is only together that we can hope to heal.

Let us bow our heads, take a moment of silence and pray for the Falcone family, his friends, his colleagues and everyone affected by the loss of Detective John Falcone.

2011 saw the end of the war in Iraq, however, the war in Afghanistan continues and this month, one of our own is being deployed to fulfill his military obligations. Police Officer Labrada leaves us on January 28<sup>th</sup> for a full year of duty and we extend to him wishes for a healthy return, knowing of our pride and admiration for his service. While others are deployed, we are grateful for the safe return of Police Officers Richards and McSpedon from military duty overseas. It is by the efforts of all our military personnel serving at home and abroad that keep us safe so that we may enjoy the liberties we too often take for granted. Please join me in thanking Officers Labrada, Richards, McSpedon and all of those in the armed forces for their service to our country.

My friends, 2011 marked a year of tremendous challenges. Along with obstacles thrown at us by Mother Nature, during the worst economic and financial conditions in generations, we face exploding pension costs, increased employee benefit obligations, high unemployment, dropping home values, inconsistent revenue and severe cutbacks in state and federal aid. Local governments across the state are in the midst of enduring a perfect storm; 2011 brought in an unrealistic tax cap, mandate relief from Albany or Washington has failed to materialize, and we must maintain core services to the people when demand is at its highest. On this point, Poughkeepsie is the model for others to emulate.

The 2009, 2010, and 2011 budgets were presented and adopted with 1 percent or less tax levy increase with no layoffs and no cuts in core residential or youth services. The city workforce has been streamlined to the leanest in recent history and accomplished virtually all through attrition. The bond rating has been maintained in each of the past 4 years. In 2011, I maintained the hiring freeze applied in 2008 for all non-emergency positions and we continue to scrutinize the spending of every single dime of taxpayer dollars. Improved management practices, implementation of strong spending controls, and taxes within my control, have averted fiscal emergency and painful corrective measures.

However, we remain in a tenuous financial position amid unstable levels of state aid, fickle revenue streams, and pending litigation with potentially budget-busting consequences. One example among many pending court decisions is the lawsuit brought by a group of commercial landlords to demand that taxpayers provide their for-profit buildings with publicly financed garbage service. Should they succeed in court, layoffs will be unavoidable, Poughkeepsie will have no alternative other than a massive tax

increase, cuts to other vital services, such as youth programs, and will suffer a severe blow to our crime fighting abilities.

Despite these looming uncertainties, we have managed to create jobs, and have been the catalyst for local economic development. It is our implacable optimism that has begun the rebirth of our Main Street once left for dead, it is our wise utilization of natural resources that has waterfront development on the move again; and it is a reformed City Hall open for business in a new atmosphere of cooperation with the private sector. I can pledge, with the essential cooperation of the Common Council and my partners in union leadership that I will carry on Poughkeepsie's reputation of controlled spending, low tax increases and a positive business atmosphere.

One major issue we face is the growing list of vacant properties with people simply abandoning their homes. This is a tragic side effect of the economic conditions that have unfortunately become the new "norm". Not only is the City losing property tax revenue, but the impact is compounded by the increased expense of maintaining these properties by the City's workforce and abandoned homes tend to become incubators of crime, requiring attention by the police department.

Expanding the tax base will remain a top priority of my administration. Otherwise, the burden on remaining taxpayers will increase and more homeowners could abandon their properties, creating a mortgage default spiral in our community that will be difficult to pull-out of.

Other vacant properties are in need of immediate attention as well. The Hoffman House and Reynolds House should be returned to generating revenue, restored to usefulness by the public and finally retire the debt incurred by the purchase of this property. The City has effectively proven that public/private partnerships work and this riverfront property is a vital component of Poughkeepsie's renaissance. Further, what is left of the long vacant Nelson House is an eye sore on our downtown and business center.

County Executive Molinaro and I will be collaborating with our respective legislative bodies to generate a plan for this blighted section of Market Street. I will join with the County Executive in a proposal for this contaminated structure of mold, asbestos and water damage to be razed and replaced with a multi-use structure, including desperately needed parking and office space.

This example of County – City collaboration is but one part of our plan for Market Street. A comprehensive study will be completed with the goal of converting Market Street into a two-way thoroughfare to enhance businesses along the street and make county and city services more accessible and easier to navigate. Everyone can agree, even early naysayers, that the conversion of South Hamilton Street has improved the lighting, traffic and pedestrian conditions for the entire neighborhood. Making Market Street two-way will have exactly the same impact, improve on-street parking and enhance the aesthetics of one of the most visited parts of Poughkeepsie.

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Furthermore, County Executive Molinaro and I will explore partnering in how we deliver mass transit services. The bus systems have been a remarkable resource for the people of Dutchess County and bus fares have been kept affordable for all that depend on it. However, with cuts in federal subsidies, it is incumbent upon us to reduce administrative costs and end the subsidy that the general fund is transferring to transit on an annual basis.

Poughkeepsie has done a lot to modernize the bus fleet by taking advantage of transit grants to purchase fuel efficient hybrid buses and, as a result, the city has converted the entire fleet to diesel-electric buses. Having taken delivery of two new 100% stimulus-funded buses last week, the city is in a good position to enhance County Loop. In recent years, ridership has been steady, but the county and city have yet to fully investigate ways to eliminate redundant bus routes, overhead costs and determine the feasibility of reforming the two transit systems.

And not the least of these initiatives is a bold new partnership with County Executive Molinaro, The City and Town of Poughkeepsie, and The Dyson Foundation in a comprehensive waterfront development plan to be funded by the Foundation and implemented by the stakeholders of Poughkeepsie's entire waterfront. Poughkeepsie is the model for public/private partnerships with the southern waterfront parcel and the Bonura Family in cooperation with Chairman of the Waterfront Advisory Committee James Nelson, will create the forum to bring together developers and a dozen government agencies to orchestrate an integrated master plan. The foundation's contribution to the Hudson Valley is immeasurable and when they commit to a project they are "all in". I am profoundly excited about this intrepid new venture, coalescing southern waterfront, with Kaal Rock Park, Waryas Park, the Children's Museum, Hoffman House, Walkway and northern waterfront properties continuing through Marist College and the Town of Poughkeepsie.

The cornerstone of any economic development strategy and collaboration with county government as the county-seat includes a comprehensive crime fighting program. In order for people to continue to visit Poughkeepsie, spend money here, and open businesses in Poughkeepsie in the way that they have, it is our responsibility to keep Poughkeepsie safe. We have kept spending and taxes in-check and substantive gains have been made in the quality of life in the City of Poughkeepsie in spite of many obstacles.

The police department began the year with 1 vacancy and during the course of 2011, 6 more officers left the city; 4 of which were retirements and the other 2 were resignations, with another resignation earlier this month. We ended the year with 5 vacancies and with 16 members of the PD either out of work on injured status or working in a restricted capacity.

The hiring process is a significant strain on department administration and any turnover presents an unwanted distraction from traditional police work. 3 officers were hired at

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the conclusion of the process and all three are currently in field training, which will extend into the first quarter of 2012.

Poughkeepsie needs no reminder of the dangers of law enforcement, but it should be noted that the PD experienced 47 injuries to 37 officers in addition to the horrific tragedy last February. The department continues to be effected by this painful event and 2 officers are still out of work as a result. Injuries not only cause a shortage in police presence, but an attorney from the Corporation Counsel office is required to perform an individual review of each injury and serve as a claim manager under the contract. In the face of all these difficulties, police department personnel have performed admirably, while first working through the death of Detective Falcone and then with a diminished workforce. Although 4<sup>th</sup> quarter reports are not yet available, the current data indicate a decrease of one homicide from 6 to 5, all of which were involved with firearms. There were 15 shootings last year, including one self-inflicted compared to 14 from 2010. Throughout the year, statistics showed a steady decrease in robberies through October from 127 in 2010 to 87 in 2011. Moreover, there is a reported decrease in rapes from 20 to 11 and decrease in aggravated assaults from 224 to 155.

Property crimes have also decreased; burglaries decreased from 208 to 201 and a decrease in motor vehicle thefts from 34 to 19 along with a decrease in larcenies from 762 to 698. We ended 2011 with over 2,300 quality of life ordinance tickets being issued compared to 1,124 from the year before. And again through October, there has been an increase in arrests from 1,732 to 1,820.

One of my crime initiatives from 2010 was the launch of the Illegal Gun Tip program, which with appropriated seed money, resulted in the seizure of 6 illegal handguns with a total of 12 illegal guns since its inception. Last year alone, police personnel confiscated 37 illegal guns and in the clear majority of these cases, an arrest was made in the possession of these weapons.

The Fire Department also had a very busy year. Under the effective leadership of Chief Mark Johnson, firefighters responded to over 4,518 alarms, of which over 33 were serious structure fires. During the storms of 2011, the Fire Department worked with DPW and Police to respond to 224 water related calls, the majority of which were basement pump-outs for citizens in distress. There were zero civilian or personnel deaths and limited property damage due to the outstanding response times of arriving and operating at a fire scene in under 4 minutes 98% of the time. The new Marine Unit is a very successful component of our public safety strategy with 3 lifesaving responses in the first 3 months of operation. Along with integrating new radio technology and self-contained breathing equipment; professionalism, efficiency and employee morale are on the rise.

Our community is more than statistics, but these figures are an accurate snapshot of how hard the good men and women of the police and fire departments are working. Please join me in thanking Police Chief Knapp, Fire Chief Johnson and all our first responders for their efforts day-in and day-out, keeping us safe from harm.

The people that work here are of the finest caliber and I am in constant awe of their service to our city. Our workforce is our greatest asset, of which, none of my crime, financial or economic development initiatives would be possible.

A vital tool in keeping the economic engine running in Poughkeepsie is the adoption of 485-A. This is a real property tax law that local governments can adopt, established by the state legislature and intended to encourage mixed use development among dilapidated properties in central business districts and main street corridors. In the absence of the abolished Empire Zone Program, this local law will help to revitalize decaying urban neighborhoods, take once useable commercial space and incentivize property renovation into a mixed use of commercial and residential activities.

The Common Council has already adopted the law and I will be working with Chairman Rolison and school board members to do the same in their respective bodies.

I am proud of our success in creating jobs, in generating economic development and I'm just getting warmed up.

My first four years as Mayor have been the most challenging and rewarding years of my life. I have spent my entire adult life dedicated to Poughkeepsie because it is my home, where I was born and raised. I love Poughkeepsie and I am proud of what we have accomplished here, but look forward to the accomplishments of the next four years as well. Much has been done, but there is much left to do and I am eager to be working with all of you to make it happen.

It is with a collective optimism, hard work, and the daily grind, that we inch our way through the most tumultuous times in decades.

Poughkeepsie has prospered in a time of profound economic downturns. Poughkeepsie has created jobs in an era of historic unemployment. Poughkeepsie has controlled taxes in a period of exploding expenses, deteriorating revenues, and oppressive state and federal governments.

Ladies and gentlemen, Poughkeepsie remains on the move, Poughkeepsie remains a beacon of hope and Poughkeepsie has set the trend for other cities to follow. I haven't done this alone; it is through partnerships and strong relationships that we have accomplished this together. And it is together that we will build on the last 4 years and make the next 4 the most fruitful and robust period of economic development in our history.

May God bless you and God bless the City of Poughkeepsie.

Respectfully submitted,



John C. Tkazyik  
Mayor

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**Councilman Rich made a motion and seconded by Councilman Boyd to accept the minutes of the Common Council meeting May 23, 2011**

CCM 5-23-11						
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	Councilmember Solomon	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Parise	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Boyd	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Rich	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Councilman Rich made a motion and seconded by Councilman Boyd to accept the minutes of the Common Council meeting July 5, 2011**

CCM 7-5-11						
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	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Councilman Rich made a motion and seconded by Councilman Boyd to accept the minutes of the Common Council meeting August 29, 2011**

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CCM 8-29-11						
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	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

**ADD**

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 3. FROM COUNCILCHAIR JOHNSON**, Resolution R12-14, adding the Hudson Valley Press as an official newspaper for the City of Poughkeepsie.

**IX. PRESENTATIONS OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 4. FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR LONG**, a communication regarding the Final Impact Statement on One Dutchess Avenue (site formerly known as the Dutton Lumber site), dated December 29, 2011.

**IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.**

**Ruth Spense 60 Noxon Street-**

**Mike Granc 23 Manitou Avenue**

**Michael Thompson Fountain Place**

**Jacqueline Roman 54 Lincoln Avenue**

**Norman Rodriguez 134 Innis Avenue**

**Cataya Chapman 9 LaGrange Avenue**

**Robert Resiland 1 Sheldon Drive**

**Mae Parker Harris 16 Elm Place**

**Patrick Quinn 134 Innis Avenue**

**Constantine Kazolias 47 Noxon Street**

**V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS**

**Mayor Tkazyik**

**VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**Chair Johnson**

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.**

**Mayor Tkazyik** informed the Council

**R E S O L U T I O N  
(R-12-12)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH**

**WHEREAS**, the Charter of the City of Poughkeepsie calls for the establishment of a Liaison Committee to the Poughkeepsie Board of Education (the, 'Liaison Committee"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Charter calls for the Liaison Committee to consist of two (2) councilmembers appointed by the Mayor with concurrence of the Common Council; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor, John Tkazyik has appointed Councilwoman Boyd and Councilwoman Perry to the Liaison Committee; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby concurs with Mayor John Tkazyik’s appoint of Councilwoman Boyd and Councilwoman Perry to the Liaison Committee.

**SECOND BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD**

R12-12			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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**2. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.**

**Corporation Counsel Ackermann** informed the Council

**RESOLUTION  
(R-12-13)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH**

**WHEREAS**, The Kearney Realty Group (the “Developer”) has made obtained planning board approval for the development of approximately 8.46 acres located at an unnumbered parcel on Hudson Avenue (Tax Map# 6162-65-581285); and

**WHEREAS**, such development will require the construction of a private drive; and

**WHEREAS**, Dutchess County 911 requires that all private drives be named, identified, numbered and clearly marked for emergency response purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Developer has petitioned Dutchess County 911 to reserve and utilize the name “Hudson Avenue Extension” and they have determined that no conflicts exist and the proposed name is available; and,

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie Emergency 911 center has reviewed the name and concurs with same; and

**WHEREAS**, the local municipality must accept or deny the proposed street name; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby approves and accepts the proposed use of the name “Hudson Avenue Extension” by The Kearney Realty Group for the proposed private drive to be located at the parcel known as Tax Map Parcel # 6161-30-151783, located on Hudson Avenue.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD**

R12-13			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.**

Corporation Counsel Ackermann informed the Council

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13, §§13-126, §§13-181.3, §§13-189.2, §§13-189.8 and §§13-182.3, OF THEMOTOR VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC  
ORDINANCE  
(O-12-01)**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH**

**SECTION 1.** Section 13-126(c)(2) of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “**Residential parking permit areas**” is hereby amended by the deletion of the following portion of the district thereof labeled “**District 3: Historic District**”:

Street	Side	Description	Parking Regulation	Time Regulation
South Clover Street	Both	From Main Street to	Two-hour and permit parking	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,

		<del>Delano Street</del>		Monday through Friday
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**SECTION 2.** Section 13-181.3 of the Motor Vehicles and Traffic Ordinance entitled “Parking prohibited at all times, except Monday for a twenty-three hour period starting at 9:00 a.m. shall be amended by the following deletion:

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited at all times, except Mondays for a twenty-three-hour period starting at 9:00 a.m.:

~~Delano Street, from South Clover to Union Street, North and East side~~

**SECTION 3.** Section 13-189.8 of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance entitled “No Parking twenty-three hours starting at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays” shall be amended by the following deletion:

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited for a twenty-three-hour period starting at 9:00 a.m. on Mondays:

~~Delano Street, south and west side, from South Clover Street to Union Street~~

**SECTION 4.** Section 13-189.2 of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance entitled “Parking prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Mondays” shall be amended by the following addition:

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Mondays:

**Delano Street, south and west side, from South Clover Street to Union Street**

**SECTION 5.** Section 13-182.3 of the Motor Vehicle and Traffic Ordinance entitled “Parking prohibited at all times, except Monday from 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon” shall be amended by the following addition:

When appropriate signs giving notice thereof are erected, parking on the following streets or parts of streets shall be prohibited at all times, except Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon:

**Delano Street, from South Clover to Union Street, north and east side**

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD**

Underline and bold denotes **ADDITION**  
 Bracket and Strikethrough denoted [~~DELETION~~]

<b>O-12-01</b>						
			<b>Yes/Aye</b>	<b>No/Nay</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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**IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 1) **FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK**, a communication regarding the appointment of George Lukacs as the City Historian.

I would like to thank Mayor John Tkazyik and each member of this Poughkeepsie City legislature for the opportunity to continue to serve as City Historian. I am proud of Poughkeepsie's rich history and have used my position as City Historian to research and present exhibits to educate thousands of residents, historians, and tourists. Just a few of the projects I accomplished last year included important research on the Steamboat "Reliance", that was built at Poughkeepsie in 1854, used as a cargo vessel for the Wm T. Reynolds Co. and at the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861, was donated for the war effort as a gunboat and troop carrier. In July I organized and presented the Third Annual Poughkeepsie Industrial Fair at Upper Landing, highlighting Reynolds House, and Hoffman House. Ninety year old Hugo Gardina set up his, hand crafted, wooden, Thumping Mill, using the Fallkill Creeks water power, while Joe Magnorella worked his blacksmith skills with a portable forge. Historic displays in Reynolds House showcasing Poughkeepsie's industrial history treated the hundreds of visitors to an educational experience that was enthusiastically received by all, including the media. We had newspapers, radio shows, an on-line journal, and television cameramen televising our event. In September I followed up this event with a philatelic exhibit and special cancellation at our historic Post Office to honor Nicholas Power, our first Post Master and first publisher of the Poughkeepsie Journal. A terrific article came out in the Poughkeepsie Journal about this exhibit as well.

Now 2012, will be a pivotal year for Poughkeepsie's history as it will be the link to expand tourism for our City. I am planning our fourth annual industrial fair at Upper Landing in July. While on October 12<sup>th</sup> of this year the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the departure of the only all Dutchess County Civil War Regiment, (the 150<sup>th</sup> NY volunteers), left the Main Street Landing for military action in 1862. I am making plans with the 150<sup>th</sup> regiment re-enactment members to help celebrate this event, and working with the Post Office for a special cancellation to honor the brave local residents who fought and died in the Civil War. I would now like to ask this thoughtful legislative body to help protect the City's interest in the historic Upper Landing property. I have found many important firsts for this property, including the earliest reference to Poughkeepsie in a document requesting a mill

be built at the Fallkill in May, 1683. I also found references to the home of Leonard Lewis being used in June, 1717, as the meeting place for discussions on the construction of Dutchess County's first Court House at Poughkeepsie. Leonard Lewis's home was at Upper Landing and references exists that mention that an inner foundation may still be found within Hoffman House.

I have also recently been selected to be on the transportation/industrial sub-committee of the Dutchess Heritage Committee that is planning for the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2013, of the creation of Dutchess County's first legislature in 1713. Presently Hoffman House & Upper Landing are designated as public park land, and given the historic nature of this property it needs to be a pivotal part of this upcoming celebration. Poughkeepsie needs to be proud of its history, and continue on a path to be a tourism center for the Hudson River Valley and beyond.

I am, George Lukacs, your humble City Historian. 1/17/2012.

- 2) **FROM MR. CURTIS SHELL**, a notice of property damage sustained on October 13, 2011. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**
- 3) **FROM BARBARA METZGER**, a notice of property damage sustained in October of 2011. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Rich**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Perry**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Chair Johnson and Councilmember Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m.

**Dated:**

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**City Chamberlain**



**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

Common Council Chambers

Tuesday, January 17, 2012

6:30 p.m.

**Mayor Tkazyik's State of the City Address**

**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL**

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**Common Council Meeting of May 23, 2011**

**Common Council Meeting of July 5, 2011**

**Common Council Meeting of August 29, 2011**

**IV. READING OF ITEMS by the City Chamberlain of any resolutions not listed on the printed agenda.**

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Three (3) minutes per person up to 45 minutes of public comment on any agenda and non-agenda items.**

**VI. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**VII. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

**VIII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- 1) **FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK**, Resolution R12-12, confirming the Mayor's appointments to the Poughkeepsie Board of Education Liaison Committee.
- 2) **FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN**, Resolution R12-13, approving the use of "Hudson Avenue Extension" for a private road by the developer of a veterans complex off of Hudson Avenue.

**IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

- 1) **FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN**, Ordinance O-12-01, amending parking regulations on So. Clover Street and Delano Street.

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