



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, January 6, 2013 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL - All Present

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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

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IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

10. FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK, 3rd Quarter Quarterly Report (July-September 2013)

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

Arnie Serotsky - 188 South Grand Avenue – Good evening, and once again congratulations on your election to the Common Council and thank you for your willingness to serve the City of Poughkeepsie. I look forward to a great and progressive year for Poughkeepsie and to working collegially with Administration and Common Council on behalf of our city and its citizens to deal with issues, to solve problems and to move us forward. I look forward to working with the Common Council and Administration that will put aside individual and party differences to work for the good of the cause, the City of Poughkeepsie, rather than for personal and political interests. I look forward to working with the Common Council and the Administration that will consider the needs of all its citizens and of all the wards; not only those that elected them when making decisions on the everyday operations and on the City's future. At this time, I am publicly stating that I would like to continue my service to the City as the Chair of the Waterfront Advisory Committee. I believe this spring and summer could be a very exciting time for Poughkeepsie's Waterfront, in its role for the City's future. I would also ask that the Common Council make no decisions that will have an impact on the 8th Ward, its residents and the approximately 2,000 registered voters in the ward until we, the 8th Ward are represented on the Council. Thank you.

Ken Stickle - 118 Catherine Street – I originally came to complain about the parking situation with the snow, but after listening to Superintendent Williams, changed my mode of direction. I can honestly say, I've put in a lot of time to clean up College Hill Park with Councilmember Perry, and I'd like to see this Council come together and organize volunteer committees to clean our city parks, city streets...so on and so forth. The City can't do it by itself; they're broke. We do have enough concerned citizens who love the City, just like you on the Council...you all ran so you must love the City because you're only making \$9,000 (so you can't say you're getting wealthy off of this job). Chairman Mallory, you've got my phone number. I'd like to work with you guys as much as possible. I'd like the City to become another effect, like College Hill Park; to come back – in all wards. This is needed to bring jobs into the City, cut crime down, etc. Another thing is that everybody has to start realizing that we can give these kids all the education we want, but we have to make the parents responsible for their kids, too. It's not only the taxpayers paying out the money to the School Board – it's the parents who need to use their intuition with their children. So, I'm hoping that maybe each Council person will go out to the kids and their parents. Give me a call. I'm willing to help out.

Marta Knapp - 8 South Clinton Street – No relation to any of the local Knapps. I'd like to be clear about that. I'm here about the water meters, and have talked to some of the new Council members. I'd like to ask the Council to call an immediate moratorium on the installation of all smart meters on all buildings in the City. The

replacement of analog water meters with “smart meters” is a very dangerous move. The rush to get the new meters in, I understand over 900 meters installed already is so that no one knows what is happening until it’s too late. This reminds me of the switch to chloramine that the City Council approved and implemented in 2006. That’s when you poisoned the water. That was another health emergency, even though the Council was assured that it was perfectly safe. It was not, and the people of the city were lead-poisoned and experienced other health problems as a result. That finally ended around 2012. I have distributed flyers about smart meters this evening, and gave ShaRon one for each of you this evening. Ms. ShaRon McClinton, Ms. Ann Perry, Mr. Chris Petsas have all seen the DVD. Chris saw at least part of it. It’s called, “Take Back Your Power - Investigating the Smart Grid,” which I shared with them last week. Councilmember Perry said that they did not have this information before they voted on the approval of this plan. From the information I now have, the smart meters are a really dumb idea, because people’s health will suffer as well as privacy issues being violated. The radio frequency radiation emitted every few seconds by the Wi-Fi technology is very high in radioactive microwaves. Thousands of times more toxic than cell phones. Smart meters track you and your habits in your home through electrical devices in your home. Smart meters are known to cause house fires, raise utility rates by recording higher usage. Can results be rigged? Just because we are told there is no danger, that does not mean that smart meters are safe. Ulster County has supported an opt-out New York State Law against smart meter conversions, according to a recent Letter to the Editor this week in the Poughkeepsie Journal. We need an immediate moratorium on replacing those water meters and the “In-Line” New Jersey based company should be instructed to reverse what they’ve done so far. We need a public hearing on this issue and the public needs access to the information on smart meters. I have a DVD, and I’m happy to share it with groups of City residents who may not have access to the internet where this DVD is available at www.freedomphoenix.com – also try www.wifiinschools.com or call phone number 602-757-8624 and ask for Paul, who made the flyer I handed out copies of. I saw an In-Line van today, installing meters. I asked him if he knew what was going on and he replied that he didn’t know anything about it. Is it possible? Thank you for your listening. Seriously, think about what I’m saying because it’s happening too fast.

Judy Green - 8 South Clinton Street - I am here to make three requests tonight. One is a public hearing to discuss the imminent danger to the City of Poughkeepsie residents posed by the installation of smart meters that monitor our water usage. A moratorium on further installation of these meters until current members of the Common Council can be informed of the multiple dangers associated with smart meters. Three, a resolution to back a State Law allowing customers to opt-out of having smart meters installed on their dwellings. The City of Poughkeepsie upgrades to smart meters, under the guise of increased revenues are due to outdated and inefficient current meters that supposedly do not accurately monitor water usage is blatantly false. Smart meters are actually less efficient and consistently give inaccurate and excessive readings that are then passed off as false data previously received from the old meters. The supposed upgrade to smart meters technology is

actually a covert increase in our water and sewer rates. The World Health Organization classifies smart meter electromagnetic fields as a Class 2b carcinogenic, cancer causing agent and lists it as being thousands of times more toxic than cell phones that are known to disrupt DNA on a molecular level. Scientific research indicates that increased rates of autism and behavioral problems in children have been linked to radio frequency radiation. A number of counties in various states throughout the country have banned smart meters, and a few of them actually have made them illegal because of their known health hazards. The number of class action lawsuits over the installation of smart meters is increasing across the nation. Smart meters are not federally mandated, so we do have a choice. It's my impression that the only purpose of government is to safeguard the health and safety of the citizenry they represent. Therefore, I'm asking the newly elected Council to put aside your differences and the entrenched patterns of divisiveness, and do the job that the people of the City elected you to do – and represent us. Thank you.

Mae Parker Harris - 16 Parker Avenue – Good evening, everyone. Happy New Year to you. It was wonderful to see the inauguration tonight. Two years ago, those newly elected...it never did happen. I spoke to it many times throughout the year – when were they going to swear in the City Council? I'm glad to see Ms. Perry finally got her due, because two years ago, she'd never gotten it this way. Congratulations, Ms. Perry and all the other Council members. Ms. Parker Harris also spoke of the smart meter dangers and problems. She had people view the DVD at her home about a week ago. She reiterated the health hazards associated with the smart meters. She had the meters installed about 2 days ago and wants to have them removed. She doesn't want to put the next door neighbors at risk due to the close proximity.

Richard Riordan - 202 Smith Street – He talked about sanitation fees and recycling. (See attached handout).

Mike Grande - 43 Manitou Avenue – Complained about the garbage lying around on the street. Wants someone to pick it up. There have been numerous calls to the Department of Public Works and emails from previous Council member Gwen Johnson and nothing has been done about it. He spoke about “22” where there is old plastic and exposed insulation on an upper floor where he believes someone may be someone occupying the third floor, and it's supposedly a two family. It makes the City look run down. I suppose I might be able to put it in the back of my truck, but I certainly don't want to pay to get rid of it. Referred to a previous speaker who is asking for volunteers to help, but it's really the City's responsibility. There are some beautiful homes in the City and he'd hate to see it get run down.

Sheila Drew - 66 Washington Street – Happy New Year to all of you and to the new members – especially to my Councilman, Chris Petsas. Came to talk about the same thing again – the bus system. Lives in a senior citizen building. The bus comes right up to the door. This is especially nice when it's cold outside. I have a daughter with special needs. Although she's an adult, she reacts more like a teenager. She needs to ride the bus independently. The routes are understandable, the drivers are helpful.

She doesn't have a problem with them and is now in a supervised apartment. She can take the Northside bus and come see her own mother when she wants to. That is why I want to make sure that the newly elected Council members are up-to-date with the situation. The Loop bus isn't the kind of service we need. Thank you, have a very Happy New Year and God Bless.

Constantine Kazolias - 47 Noxon Street - I wish all you people the best, you know that. There's a pilot here and as far as I'm concerned, these pilots have been the ruination of the City of Poughkeepsie...this is an escalating clause and everything else and some of these pilots give money to the municipality, not to the School District. I don't know what this pilot refers to, so I'll just bring that to your attention. Another thing, the Court of Appeals...they don't rule on the law. They rule on what they see fit (by law), as far as I'm concerned...from my experience. Back in the 1970's, we had a lot of properties off the tax rolls...dilapidated...whatever you want to call it. Thirty or forty years ago there was revolving credit which the Civic Center group over there borrowed \$750,000 at 7½% interest. It's supposed to be revolving credit. I'd like to know what happened to that. Is it closed, or what? I heard the County Executive, Marc Molinaro say that there's \$3.12 million going to Hudson River Housing. As far as I'm concerned, unless you take these houses, rehabilitate them, have them owner-occupied so the city can start growing. It should be a collective effort here; something that can help us put these properties back on the tax rolls, not just looked into. I can feel sorry for the person that's drug or alcohol addicted, but they have to change from being a victim to becoming a contributor in the community. The Sanitation Department – it seems like a lot of work is being done by the Sanitation Department and is not being charged to those departments which they're doing the work on and maintenance (gasoline, etc.). I'd like to see a breakdown, so this way we know what it's really costing to run Sanitation. The young girl that's running the finance Department is doing a good job. When are we getting a Finance Commissioner? Kingston got a \$300,000 grant for containers. Let's look into that. There's a lot of things that can be done here that should be done. Let's put the city back on track. Lots of luck to all of you. You got my blessings. Believe me, you're gonna need it.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Tkazyik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening, Council members, members of the public. I'd like to wish you all a Happy New Year. Congratulations to all the newly elected Council members. I look forward to working with all of you for a productive 2014 and 2015 during this legislative session as the great challenges that face the City, but of course, to continue to champion around the successes and progress that we've made. And, of course, to continue to move our city forward. First, I'd like to commend all the hard work the men and women of the Department of Public Works who've had to deal with all the storm related events over these past couple of weeks, as well as our Police Department and Fire Department. Make sure you keep those fire hydrants clear of snow. And, of course, to our radio dispatchers

who field all those calls. Let's give them all a big round of applause. I will deliver the Annual State of the City Address at the next regularly scheduled Council Meeting, which is Tuesday, January 21st at 6:30 p.m. Just to highlight a little bit regarding the comments regarding the water meter radios...all of these radios are FCC approved. All the radios are being used and installed in accordance with FCC approval. I'd just like to add that to the discussion. Also, tonight on your agenda – two important items for the City. One first, being a resolution consenting to the modification and extension of a pilot agreement with the Bonura and DeBrizzi Enterprises which are owners and operators of the hotel, with the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency. Back in 1986, when the then owners and operators of the hotel and conference center, they entered into an agreement with the Dutchess County IDA. This now extension and modification comes before the City of Poughkeepsie because of the rules in which the County IDA functions. The consents from both the School Districts and the Common Council are needed. The Bonuras intend to invest over \$7 million into the hotel and the parking facility in which they purchased from the City of Poughkeepsie through auction. As many of you know, the hotel and conference center is a key anchor to our economy here in Poughkeepsie, as well as it is a tourism destination for the thousands that come for events and parties and entertainment venues. So tonight, Mr. Joe Bonura is here representing his family as owners to ask for the consent for this modification. I'd ask the Council to strongly consider that the Administration supports its efforts and we also support the Inter-municipal Agreement with the Town of Poughkeepsie for the operations and oversight of the Town's Section 8 Program, as we continue to provide more affordable housing opportunities for our residents throughout Dutchess County. So I look forward to favorable action on those two items this evening. That concludes my comments. Thank you.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Mallory: Good evening, and Happy New Year to all and I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday. I want to start off by thanking the Majority Leader in all his supports and supporters who were able to provide us refreshments and a re-swearing in for those that weren't able to attend. It was well attended, even though it was short it was well needed. I'd like to welcome the new Council members: ShaRon McClinton, Randall Johnson, II and Chris Petsas to city government. I look forward to utilizing your ideas, visions, in a mutual effort in moving the Council and the City in a positive, productive direction. I'd like to welcome Lee Klein, who brings Council experience along with my colleagues Ann Perry and Joe Rich. We are elected to serve and represent our wards. Over the course of two years, we will face tough decisions, and we need to be prepared to compromise when looked for. We were voted in to represent our wards, but I find it very disheartening that the 8th Ward doesn't have a voice on this Council. The Dutchess County Board of Elections needs to certify the election results immediately, so the 8th Ward is properly represented. Thank you very much.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Petsas to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Before you is a resolution consenting to the extension of an existing PILOT agreement, and a modification of that PILOT agreement with the operator and owners of the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. The original PILOT agreement was entered into some time ago, and it is set to expire in 2017. Currently, the PILOT agreement provides for a \$100,000 annual payment plus a 5% net on the operating surplus of the hotel. That has been approximately \$18,000. The new PILOT agreement will continue in, for the most purposes, in the same amount. There is an immediate increase to the PILOT which will be an initial \$10,000 and there is an anticipated growth in the net profit of the operation of the hotel, which would add to the PILOT agreement payment to the City. The operators of the hotel plan to invest approximately \$7.3 million into the hotel and they have approached the County IDA for the extension and modification of the PILOT agreement. Conditionally, the County IDA has approved that, with the condition that the local taxing authorities; that, being the City of Poughkeepsie School District consent to it. The reason the consent is needed is because it deviates from their uniform taxing policy. Joe Bonura, Jr. from the hotel is here, if Council would like to suspend the rules and can give a presentation of the plan for the hotel and will maybe explain a little from the PILOT agreement in that respect.

Councilmember Rich made a motion to suspend the rules to allow for Joe Bonura, Jr. to speak, **Councilmember Klein** seconded the motion.

Joe Bonura, Jr.: Good evening, everyone. It's good to see you all again...some new faces too. Mr. Bonura gave a history of the hotel from when it was built in the 1980's and went bankrupt quickly. It was taken over by someone else but consistently lost money on a yearly basis for 9 years. It was auctioned off three times, but no one met the minimum bid. In 1994, Joe Bonura's father, Joe Bonura, Sr. has a closed auction bid with his late partner, Mr. Cosimo DiBrizzi and successfully won the auction. In February, we will have owned it for 19 years. A lot of money has been invested during this time, with a couple of renovations along the way. The building is again in need of work. However, the parking garage was thrown into the mix. So, previously the garage was owned by the City and has fallen into disrepair. There are expensive repairs that need to be made. Five elevators need to be replaced. The parking garage elevators need to be repaired as the inner workings are "shot." They don't function well, people get locked in them, they're unsafe and aren't up to code. The three additional elevators are in the hotel. They're from the '80's...they need to be replaced as well. That's a big expense. The HVAC needs to be replaced. The units that are up on the roof are 25 years old. The chiller in the back of the building is 25 years old. They're inefficient, don't work and it's almost impossible to get replacement parts for and they're very expensive. The pipes in the garage are full of sand and salt. When sand and salt sits there for years, it turns into concrete. At that point, the water won't go down the pipes anymore and they can't be cleaned.

They've got to be cut or replaced. Between the garage and infrastructure improvements, it adds up to over \$7 million that we need to spend just to continue to operate this business. If we don't, the place will literally crumble – plain and simple and will have to be closed. A decision had to be made whether to stay in business or literally run it into the ground. That's an option. Either invest heavily to go forward for the next 20 years, or stop, take the money we can get out of the business, run it as best we can and close it down. In order to stay in business, we needed to extend the PILOT agreement allows for the taxes to be reasonable. The building is assessed at over \$20 million value, although that's not realistic. We had an appraisal done. After improvements, it's appraisal value was estimated to be worth \$8 to 9 million range. That's a generous estimated appraisal, and Mr. Bonura stated he doubts if he could sell it for \$8 to 9 million now. He further stated he would be putting in \$6.5 million into the building and the existing PILOT actually goes into 2019, not 2017 – an extension of 5 years, I could be wrong, or if it is calculated from when we first approached it in 2013, then it would go to 2018. They are proposing to amend the PILOT agreement and immediately take an increase in taxes of 10% (\$10,000), then escalate it to a \$20,000 increase after 9 years, and then go to a \$30,000 increase after that which would be in another 17 years. So, increase now, then again in 9 years, then increase in 17 years from year one. In addition, we hope that the net income will go up in the project, the whole point in being in business, we hope to continue to make profits there and the City and School District will benefit as they have in the past with 5% of that profit. We had nothing to do with that PILOT, but we decided it was fair to accept an increase in taxes. We think it's a fair compromise for the City, the School District and for us, but without this PILOT agreement, the taxes are to the point that no one could operate this business. It would be impossible – it's hundreds of thousands of dollars more than could be afforded in the best of times. So without a PILOT or without a great reduction in assessment the business would close. The County IDA has been familiar with this for months. We've been meeting and talking with them for several months. Our understanding is the City has to concur with their assessment, and so does the School District. We've met with the School District already and explained our position in this. I'm here to do the same. We've had to put down deposit money for the elevator repairs because each one is custom made, and it takes a minimum of 4 months lead time for the first one and they need five repaired. So the deposit was put down even before the mortgage approval was made. There is a 4 month window and if that window isn't met, it shuts for one year. This needs to be done in the very near future or they'll be facing another year with the elevators in disrepair, breaking down all of the time. This is important to them and their business, but without this agreement going forward, we can't close on the mortgage... (technically, we could close on the mortgage, but if we did, and we never got the PILOT approved, we'd go out of business in 5 years), so no one in their right mind would sign up for a \$6.5 million mortgage, knowing that your taxes are about to go so high that you can't possible stay in business. That's why we're here. I think I covered most of it, but if I left out some things, please, by all means, I'd love to hear any questions that you may have and I'd hope to clarify that.

Councilmember Klein: Thank you for your presentation, Mr. Bonura. Mr. Ackermann, when you tell me the County has approved...can you tell me what authority in the County has approved this already?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The County Industrial Development Agency (DCIDA) has preliminarily approved the project, contingent upon the consent of the City of Poughkeepsie and consent of the School District.

Councilmember Klein: When did they provide that consent or that approval?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That approval was earlier in December...December 12th, I believe.

Councilmember Klein: The numbers you reported to us, Mr. Bonura and Mr. Ackermann...how are those numbers formulated? Is that proscribed by State Law or by policy at the County, State or local level?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Those numbers are negotiated between the applicant and the County and are based on economic benefit, investment and the application is made a part of the resolution, so you can see part of the formulation of that of those numbers.

Councilmember Klein: Has the City of Poughkeepsie School District responded to this particular issue, in terms of a consent?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: It is my understanding that they are scheduled to entertain their consent this week also...

Councilmember Klein: They're having a board meeting this week?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That's correct. There have been discussions between the applicant and the School District, but it's not been formally before the board at this time. It's anticipated to be before the board this week.

Councilmember Klein: Mr. Bonura, how much money has been given on deposits for improvements so far?

Mr. Bonura: We gave the elevator company \$270,000 and about \$150,000 to the HVAC firm.

Councilmember Klein: These are monies on deposit for these improvements?

Mr. Bonura: Yeah, that came out of our pocket, believing that this project will go forward that covered the engineering costs and all the upfront analysis, and now it's time to make it happen.

Councilmember Klein: Engineers and mechanics and personnel to install or make these improvements – are those contracts negotiated? Are they finalized...?

Mr. Bonura: Yep.

Councilmember Klein: They're all ready to go? All signed up?

Mr. Bonura: All signed up. They need their money to move forward.

Councilmember Klein: Thank you.

Mr. Bonura: A part of it is actually to pay off the temporary loan that we paid you guys for the parking garage when the auction happened. We had no idea that the price of the parking garage was going to get as high as it did. So we borrowed money on a temporary line of credit. We need to pay that money back with a mortgage. So, it's also time to do that.

Councilmember Klein: So it's interest going on the line of credit.

Mr. Bonura: It's a revolving line of credit, which must be paid off for 30 days, if any of you dealt with banks in the past, you know how lines of credit work. You can only have it for a year, then they have to be paid off and then you can open it again.

Councilmember Klein: The total amount on deposit so far for these improvements is how much?

Mr. Bonura: Well, if you count the parking garage...\$1.7 and another...we already have another \$2 million laid out.

Councilmember Klein: Invested now?

Mr. Bonura: Invested now. So, some of that needs to be paid back to us, the bank and all put into one big mortgage.

Councilmember Klein: How many people do you anticipate having on board to perform these improvements, Mr. Bonura, in terms of all engineers, designers, mechanics, installation personnel?

Mr. Bonura: Well, it's hard to say what's going to happen behind the scenes, in the factories. I don't know what they do, but we...

Councilmember Klein: On site. In the City of Poughkeepsie.

Mr. Bonura: At least 40 people doing construction work, between the elevators and the HVAC at the same time. Then we'll have to stage in when we have to do the plumbing work and the concrete work. That'll be additional people, but not all at the

same time; it would be kind of hectic trying to coordinate everybody at once, but we're going to do our best. It'll help us maintain the jobs that we have. You know, if there's a lot of people we employ in the City of Poughkeepsie, they're city residents, they walk to work. Some of our managers live in the City of Poughkeepsie. They started out as servers and worked their way up. Without investing in the building, those jobs will slowly go away over time, because business will go elsewhere. If you're not new and fresh, and if the heat doesn't work, they're not coming.

Councilmember Klein: I understand. Thank you, Mr. Bonura. Thank you, Mr. Ackermann.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Joe, if you could just briefly explain the report that you had commissioned and what it detailed, and the importance of the General Municipal Law, Article 18, Designation of Tourist Destination.

Mr. Bonura: When we were working with the DCIDA, they asked us to show what kind of tourism we brought into the area. They wanted to know how many people we brought from an area outside the Mid-Hudson Economic Development region, which is Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan and Westchester counties. So, we did an analysis of people that stayed in the hotel from zip codes outside of those counties during a 5 year period. There were 71,343 room nights at the Poughkeepsie Grand, and 89% of the people that stayed at the hotel come from outside that 5 county region. We didn't know that number when we went into the study, because it's not something we look at every day. We're ultimately, more interested in the bottom line and how we're doing as a business. Out of the 71,000 nights, 64,000 of them came from outside that region. So, that qualifies us as a tourism destination, considering that much of our business comes from outside that Mid-Hudson geographic area. I'm sorry, I said 5 county area; it's actually a 7 county area. That made the IDA and us very happy.

Councilmember Petsas: The number of employees that you employ down there...

Mr. Bonura: I want to see what it says in the chart because I want to be consistent. It varies. There are full-time employees, part-time employees and when it converted, it converted to FTE's (full-time equivalents), so I want to make sure I got that right. We currently have 37 actual salaried full-time employees, 168 part-time employees. That equates to 119 FTE's. With the project (the parking garage), we immediately hired 4 more full-time employees, so we went up to 40 (instead of 37). Hopefully, we'll see it grow to 45 in the near future. Again, the number of part-time employees depends on business. If it stays good and grows, then we will keep or hire employees. Business has been down because some things are a little outdated. It's time to fix them up.

Councilmember Petsas: So will your renovations add more jobs – part-time or full-time? Or is it strictly renovations to the building structural?

Mr. Bonura: No, the plan would be to do the renovations to get the building to get it back to the point where it was 5 or 6 years ago where everything functioned well and we can have more business again. When we have more business, we'll have more employees.

Councilmember Petsas: My final question - is the parking lot part of the renovation part of that \$7 million?

Mr. Bonura: Yes it is. Security is an issue. We plan to add lots of measures for security. That garage has always been a problem with break-ins, and we plan to add a state-of-the-art camera system as well as gates to allow access to the garage. Only by people that are parking there. Not by people who intend to do harm. That's another benefit that we're taking on.

Councilmember Rich: Looking at your hotel and your facilities at the Waterfront, how do you see Poughkeepsie's future Waterfront under development, and how do you see the Main Street area? Do you see yourself as part of the comeback of downtown?

Mr. Bonura: My opinion is that this is a critical time. We can go one way or the other. We can continue getting things done. The Transit area across from the hotel looks beautiful. Now it's time to invest in our downtown infrastructure because it can go one way or the other. It's at that point where it's teetering. The outside of the Civic Center is old. The strip front outside at Main and Market is old. It's time to work with volunteer groups; that sounds great. Maybe the businesses can help with bids (formal or informal). I want to be a part of it, but this is absolutely crucial to making that happen. Quite honestly, if this doesn't happen, it goes the other way for us and there's plenty of other places we could go and do work, but I love it here and want to be a part of it going the right way.

Councilmember Rich: For what it's worth, I think your hotel is key in reinvigorating the downtown area, and the money you're going to spend shows that you think we've got a future.

Mr. Bonura: Yeah, we're ready to do it. We've already gone out on a limb and put our money where our mouth is, because those deposits...we're so confident that this is the right thing to do. We hope you agree with us and help us continue to do that.

Councilmember Perry: You've had this agreement for close to 30 years?

Mr. Bonura: We've had this agreement for close to 19 years. The agreement was in effect for about 6 years before we purchased the hotel. So we didn't negotiate this originally. We "inherited it" so to speak, when we bought the hotel out of bankruptcy from the Federal Government. We've had it in effect for about 19 years; there's still 4 to 5 years to go on it.

Councilmember Perry: So, you're requesting an extension of 30 more years?

Mr. Bonura: From today, correct – 30 years.

Councilmember Perry: How does this agreement differ from the previous one?

Mr. Bonura: It is essentially the same language. The only thing that's changed is the numbers. We felt that because we're adding the garage, and the times have changed, that it's only fair to agree to a tax increase. Instead of waiting 5 years for our current plan to expire, we'd start right now with a 10% (or \$10,000) tax increase and continue increasing it \$10,000 over time. In addition, a built in tax increase that was always part of the project (hopefully tax increase for everyone) is the 5% of the profits. As inflation happens, as prices go up, as profits hopefully go up with them, that 5% payment in addition to the base amount goes up as well. That's the main difference. Other wording is basically, all what was always there.

Councilmember Perry: It was 5% in the original agreement?

Mr. Bonura: Mmm hmm.

Councilmember Perry: And, it's still 5% in the coming years?

Mr. Bonura: Yes, but hopefully, 5% of a larger number. For example, if we make \$100,000/year, that's \$5,000 additional payment; \$200,000 is a \$10,000 payment. Although the percentage is the same, as time goes on, that dollar amount paid to the City should increase. Giving up a higher and higher percentage every year wouldn't make sense for us because there's no sense in working for nothing.

Councilmember Perry: Times have changed – for the city as well. I'm looking at the 5% and am a little concerned about it, because it doesn't seem to change much.

Mr. Bonura: The base amount changes and the 5% multiplied out, will change. That's the goal. Right now, it's going down. If we don't continue to do this, it'll continue to go down. Profits will continue to go down, and no one will want to stay in an outdated place. I hate to say it, but the 5% changes every year. It goes up, then it goes down. It peaked a little while ago and it's going down. Unless it's fixed, it'll keep going down to the point where there is no profit and the 5% means \$0. Investing now and fixing it, it will go back up. The base amount is going up as well. The 5% is a number that was done before us that was felt as fair. The IDA also felt it was fair.

Councilmember Perry: The 30 years that you're applying for would be in your jurisdiction, so to speak? It's happening in your time?

Mr. Bonura: Yes. My exact time has probably been the last 10 years. I'm hoping to be here for the next 30. So, yes, if that answers the question.

Councilmember Perry: As I said, my concern is the 5% hasn't changed although you said over time, it might be a little larger. But, it's still 5%.

Councilmember McClinton: You find that your hotel is an asset to the City of Poughkeepsie; that it's bringing revenue in due to the fact that you have tourism? I look at it as a joint revenue when you consider the Civic Center. When they come here, they're here for the attractions the City of Poughkeepsie offers, but I...

Mr. Bonura: The Civic Center is an interesting business challenge for us because of its size. It's too small for large attractions and too large for smaller attractions. What mostly happens is that those who attend the shows are mostly local people. They come in and take up all the parking in the garage and the garage across the street and don't leave room for anybody else. They go to the show and they leave. The Ice Rink occasionally brings in guys who stay at the hotel which is good, but it's not the economic boom that you think it would be. We're great friends and do everything we can to market the Civic Center. We have partnership with different groups (the City, Dutchess County Tourism, with the Civic Center itself, with the Chamber of Commerce) who are instrumental in bringing people in. We hope to work with and help the Civic Center whenever we can. It was at 50% - the highest it's ever been, but it's going back down again, so we have to build it back up.

Councilmember McClinton: Thank you, Mr. Bonura.

Mr. Bonura: You're welcome.

Chairman Mallory: Mr. Ackermann and Mr. Bonura too, if you want to add to this one - the City had no involvement at all in this negotiation? This was between the County and the Bonura family?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The majority of negotiations were between the County IDA, who ultimately are going to approve the PILOT agreement and the applicant and the only involvement of the City of Poughkeepsie is because of the deviation from the uniform taxing policy of the County IDA and that's where the consent is.

Chairman Mallory: Just so I'm clear on this...

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The only deviation is the extension for an additional period of time, 30 years.

Chairman Mallory: That's the only deviation, but again, the increase that had been mentioned (\$10,000) over 9 and 17 years in itself; that was negotiated between the County IDA; the City had no input on that one. The 5% came from the County IDA and not really from the City's part at all.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The issue is that that negotiation is you'll see in your packet again, is based on the investment into the building; it's based on the jobs creation; it's based on the designation of as a tourist site. That negotiation was open to County IDA.

Chairman Mallory: Right. That's what I was getting at...it was not on the City at all.

Mr. Bonura: We didn't know exactly, how all this part had to happen. We thought the County IDA was the only part. We didn't know that according to their own bylaws that we had to go out, seek the concurrences of the City and School District. Normally, the IDA would have just approved this without any of the other concurrent needs. I think, and Paul, you may know better than me - you're an attorney. The reason the IDA are deviating from the policy was that they changed the classification of Retail. Hotel used to be considered Industrial [Use], but now, Hotel is considered Retail [Use], and any Retail project needs to have the concurrence of the taxing jurisdiction; I may be wrong. Maybe it's because of the extension.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: It's part of it, but it's because of the deviation of the uniform tax policy for an additional 30 years. There is a provision in there – there are guidelines for an extension of a financial benefit package, but there's guidelines for that and if they deviate from that, there's a requirement under the General Municipal Law and the Real Property Tax Law to have consent of municipalities...it does factor in because there are different policies for Commercial Retail and Industrial.

Chairman Mallory: Does it matter if any of the municipalities or School District and/or this Council doesn't approve?

Mr. Bonura: There are two things that could happen. Either the IDA can change their own rules and approve it, or they stick to their own rules and it doesn't get approved; in 5 years, we close the hotel.

Chairman Mallory: What I'm sharing, is that you need an agreement for both.

Mr. Bonura: If either one turns us down, I didn't want to get into being negative; I just try to keep positive.

Chairman Mallory: No, neither did I, but I just think we need to know what's on the table onto this one.

Mr. Bonura: Absolutely. If either group turns us down, and the IDA doesn't change the rules, which, I wouldn't ask them to do. The rules are in place for a reason – they've been in place forever. It's not our place to ask them to change their own rules. But if either group turns this down, we don't close on the mortgage, we get a much smaller mortgage just to pay off the hotel, we run it for the next 5 years, and at

the end of 5 years we either donate it or sell it. There's no buyer out there. We can't take on a mortgage (the bank won't even let us close), because if we took on a 20 year mortgage; we don't have a mortgage payment now, we would take out a mortgage payment that is \$78,000/month for the next 20 years. In order to make that mortgage payment, our business has to do well. If the taxes go to where they're supposed to go, quote, unquote by the Assessment, there's no chance of making it worthwhile to open the doors.

Chairman Mallory: When are you meeting with the School Board?

Mr. Bonura: I don't know exactly, to be honest with you. I know there's a meeting on the 8th...and it's a work in progress. We met last week with the attorneys for the School Board, the Chair and the Superintendent. I believe it was an informative and positive meeting, much like this. It was basically, the same stuff. They didn't know what was going on. They had a lot of questions. We answered all those questions. I think by the end of the meeting it was a lot more clear, but I don't have a definitive date on when they're ready to vote. I'd like it to be tomorrow, but I don't know when it actually is, yet.

Councilmember Rich: I live down by Shadows and the Grandview, and I noticed you have buses that look like trolleys, and they go back and forth, I assume to the Grand. I'm just wondering if this hotel is redeveloped, if it looks more upper class or..., would we not get more people from the south? Because Westchester, Putnam...the prices of a wedding or any kind of party – unbelievable. They tell me they come up to your place because your prices are reasonable to them. Do you see, if the Grand Hotel is to be developed, helping that business at the Grandview?

Mr. Bonura: The Grand Hotel is absolutely key to the Grandview, attracting what we call the weekend getaway wedding. So we market in Westchester to try to bring the clients up that can't afford...I'll tell you the numbers: NYC – comparable to what we do at the Grandview is \$350/person. We do it for \$120/person; not that \$120 is no means cheap, but compared to \$350, it's very cheap. Included in the package is the trolley service back and forth to the hotel. And some complimentary guest rooms. Without the Poughkeepsie Grand right there, that goes away. So, we'd have to ship them to a different hotel that we don't have control over and there's no other full-service hotel in the area. What I mean by full-service is, with a restaurant – a real restaurant inside; not just continental breakfast...room service, covered parking lot. Name one. That's important to bring up. We have a bellman, carts – everything you'd expect at a nicer hotel. Unfortunately, it needs some love.

Councilmember Rich: It's my thought that if people come from Westchester or New York City and had a wedding and stayed at your Grand, it's my hope that they don't just go to the Grandview and back and that they'd go out into the community and spend some money there.

Mr. Bonura: You'd be surprised how many people eat up and down on Main Street, visit the Walkway. They don't come for one night anymore. When they come from out of town, they stay 3 or 4 nights, even though the wedding is only one. We call it the Weekend Getaway. We want them here the weekend, to enjoy everything that the City and County has to offer. So, they do get out and about. We drive them around, take them to the Walkway. When it's cold like this, it's harder to get them to walk up Main Street and go to the restaurants, but when it's warm out, they do.

Chairman Mallory made a motion to resume the rules **Councilmember Petsas** seconded the motion.

Chairman Mallory: Are there any questions or comments? Councilmember McClinton, have you been satisfied with what was asked and answered?

Councilmember McClinton: No, I don't.

Councilmember Perry: Mr. Chairman, I would like to get a little more information on this, if possible.

Councilmember Johnson: I have reviewed my information. The Parking garage is a key component to the Civic Center, the Grand Hotel and the Downtown area. I believe this renovation and repair will bring the structure up to code. Also, the modification and extension will also provide the much needed tax revenue that'll help our City's economic growth, so I am in favor of this resolution, but if my colleagues need more time to review, then I will honor their request.

Councilmember Klein: Mr. Chair, I wish to thank, first of all, Mr. Bonura for making his presentation. I believe this hotel is an enormous asset of the City. It is a critical asset. The documentation provided in our packets which we've had to review is extensive and comprehensive. The presentation involved answering all the questions. This is already approved by the County IDA. It has unquestioned that Mr. Bonura's entity is going to make is enormous. The timeframe is tight, there is a lot of money in resources already devoted to this enterprise. It is also clear from Mr. Bonura's response to Ms. Perry, that the hotel wishes to make an investment; it is committed to the City, wishes to see that it's revenues increased by these improvements, and the percentage fixed for the contribution involves an increase if the revenues from the hotel increase. In other words, Mr. Bonura has told us that this enterprise is directly an effort to increase not only the value and meaningfulness of this hotel to our community, but to twin its fortunes – to twin the City of Poughkeepsie's fortunes. The downside is that if it is delayed, then it'll lose money, and those of us in the private sector in the business community understand what it's like to make an investment, and have that investment on hold. I respectfully submit that this should be voted on this evening; that the presentation has been very comprehensive, that I've spent a fair amount of time in the hotel. The bar owner's association does meet there. There are meetings there, continuing education seminars there. It is clear that particularly, the elevators need these improvements and also, we

were graced with the presence of our State Assemblyman, Frank Skartados, and our State Senator, Terry Gibson who'll lose no opportunity – who'll miss no opportunity to tell us how important it is to bring private investment to our community. These things are vital, critical, and time is of the essence. I respect submit that we should vote on this worthy application to this ward this evening. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Petsas: I support the resolution, being the property's in the 1st Ward. If it brings more jobs and more money to the City of Poughkeepsie, he has my support, so I'm all for it.

Councilmember Rich: I also support this resolution. I think it's part of our future, and I however, know that the other Councilmembers need more time, so I've been asked to make a motion to table this because I think we've heard a lot tonight. If there are Councilmembers that don't yet want to vote, I'm hoping by tabling it, they'll vote, "yes" at the next meeting. That's the best way I'd like to see our Council operate on a partnership together, so I make a motion to table, **Councilmember Perry** seconded the motion.

Councilmember Klein: Pardon me, Mr. Chairman. May we have some discussion?

Chairman Mallory: Yes.

Councilmember Klein: Mr. Bonura was here, Mr. Ackermann is here. I heard no questions specifically, that they had a full opportunity to inquire, regarding information that may not have had, and we concluded the questioning of Mr. Bonura resumed the normal course of events, here without any further questions. There were no inquiries that went unanswered either from Mr. Bonura or for Mr. Ackermann regarding, pertaining to any of the details of this resolution, so I understand that some people feel that they need more time, and my question to them is, "For what?" What aspect of this presentation was it contained any omission that requires additional time to consider...we didn't have any questions that were put to Mr. Bonura or Mr. Ackermann that went unanswered.

Councilmember Rich: One of the things we want to be sure of, especially for our new people...that they know what they're voting on. It's a very complex issue, if you've read this thing. I'd like to know from Mr. Ackermann, is there any problem, in terms of deadlines if we were to vote on this at the end of this month, instead of tonight?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Well, actually, tonight we were made aware from the applicant, that he has obligations with the elevator company that need to be done, or else that portion of it will have to be put on hold for at least a year. We were unaware of those obligations that were made, so that portion of the project - \$7.3 million investment will have to be put on hold for a year if this is not done. The other obligation is to close on the 16th on the temporary financing which he explained, which we were unaware of and, today we received word from the County IDA that

they anticipate scheduling for a final vote on the measure on the 16th, so they've scheduled a meeting for January 16. So, while we were unaware of these things at the time your packets went out, is information that we have learned – one, from the applicant today with regard to the obligations for the elevator and two, that the County IDA scheduled a meeting for January 16.

Councilmember Rich: The reason I asked is I thought I'd get a different answer.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I'm sorry, I wish I could give you a different answer.

Councilmember Rich: You had originally told me you didn't think it would be a problem, but now you see a problem.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Yeah, at that point, we had not received any information from the County, that they were prepared to schedule a meeting for the final approval and, it was just today with the applicant that we were made aware of these deadlines, with regard to financing and with regard to his obligations with regard to the elevator.

Chairman Mallory: So, to make this perfectly clear, when we spoke last week, there was none of this on the table...?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That's correct.

Chairman Mallory: But, as far as today goes, everything's on the table? The investment that's been made, the loss of the money onto that one, the County IDA voting onto this one, but in the same token, you're saying the County's voting when?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: They have just informed us that they are meeting on the 16th, January 16.

Chairman Mallory: So for some reason, the School Board cannot vote on it, or doesn't approve it, the County IDA is still going to go for that vote?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I believe they need the consent of the School Board so they will have to vote before it. My understanding is that they're scheduled to vote this week (the School Board).

Councilmember McClinton: I'm just saying, the presentation and the information we were given in our packets combined, I'm settled enough to make an agreement. He's pushed for time, so I think an expediency needs to be happening. He needs two municipalities; the City of Poughkeepsie as well as the School District. We're not going to meet again before the 16th. So, therefore, it is my concernment that we need to make a decision. If enough of us are comfortable in doing that, we need to do that tonight, and not table. But, if you're not comfortable, he was here and answered any

and every question you had had in caucus and out as well as here; we had the information here. So, I'm just saying it depends on what my colleagues are saying, but I'm comfortable making that decision tonight.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: And, if I could just be clear again. You're absolutely correct. At the time that we had spoken, and at the time the packets were generated, there was no known pressures to the City, that this had to be done before the 16th. Today, we learned about the County IDA meeting and those obligations that were indicated by the applicant tonight.

Chairman Mallory: Oh no, I tend...I believe you onto that one, but it was approved back in December and unfortunately, we get this packet and read it and now we hear about other things that are pressing onto this one.

Councilmember Perry: I just think that a package like this, that the Bonura's did not go over it and know what their timeline is. So, now we're asked to vote on it at the 9th hour, for that purpose. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

R E S O L U T I O N **(R-14-09)**

INRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH

WHEREAS, Bonura and DiBrizzi Enterprises, Inc (the "Company") are the leasee and operator of the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center (the, "Poughkeepsie Grand") which project is currently subject to an agreement for financial assistance with the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency ("DCIDA"); and

WHEREAS, such agreement includes a Payment-in-Lieu-of-Tax agreement (the "PILOT") which is set to expire in or around 2017 and which PILOT calls for annual payments of \$100,000 plus 5% of the net profits; and

WHEREAS, the Company has made application to the DCIDA for an amendment of the agreement to include the recently purchased parking garage located at 38 Civic Center Plaza as well as an extension of the agreement to allow for an additional thirty (30) year PILOT; and

WHEREAS, the Company has requested an amendment and extension of the agreement based on the fact that the Company intends to invest approximately \$7,300,000 in the facility and retain approximately 119 full time equivalent jobs and create an additional 10 full-time equivalent jobs; and

WHEREAS, the Company has retained Fairweather Consulting to study the economic impact of the Poughkeepsie Grand on the local economy which report shows that 89.7% of those stays at the Poughkeepsie Grand originated outside the Mid-Hudson Region and as such is considered a "tourism destination under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law"; and

WHEREAS, the DCIDA has given is preliminary approval of the amendment and extension of the agreement but because the extension of the agreement will deviate from the DCIDA Uniform Tax Exemption Policy the DCIAD preliminary approval is contingent upon the consent of the City of Poughkeepsie and the City of Poughkeepsie School District; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the amended and extended agreement will result in a benefit of approximately \$4,957,854.90; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie acknowledges notice, pursuant to §874(4)(b) of the General Municipal Law that the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency has preliminarily approved an application for financial assistance from Bonura and DiBrizzi Enterprises, Inc which deviates from its Uniform Tax Exemption Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council finds that the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel and Conference Center is a vital part of the economy of the City of Poughkeepsie and is a “tourism destination” as defined under Article 18-A of the General Municipal Law and the approval of the application of Bonura and DiBrizzi Enterprises, Inc. will result in an economic benefit to the City of Poughkeepsie that of which exceeds the potential revenue from real property taxes if the project was fully taxed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby consents to the approval of the proposed amendment and restatement to the Original PILOT Agreement which is made a part of the application for assistance of Bonura and DiBrizzi Enterprises, Inc. to the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency which was preliminarily approved by the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency on or about December 12, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Chamberlain be and hereby is directed to notify the Dutchess County Development agency of the consent of the City of Poughkeepsie by sending a copy of this resolution to its Chairman with a copy to the applicant.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETSAS

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2. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Petsas to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Before you is a resolution that would approve an Inter-municipal Agreement, with the Town of Poughkeepsie for the management of the Town of Poughkeepsie's Section 8 Program. As you are aware, the City has their own approved housing assistance plan or HAP, commonly referred to as the Section 8 Program. The Town has approached the City of Poughkeepsie about ultimately assuming their entire program because of deadlines with the federal government in getting the transfer done, they've asked if we can manage the program for the 2014 fiscal year, or until such time as we are able to assume their entire program. We have worked with the Town over the last couple of months to develop an agreement that would provide for our Section 8 Program to manage their vouchers. In return for us managing the program, we would be entitled to their administrative fees in their entirety, which would cover the expense of us administering the program, and maybe then some. But, for the most part, us covering the program, our Section 8 Director, Margaret Palumbo has indicated that we could manage the program with little additional resources, or within the resources that we have. So, before you is an agreement that would be for one year, or until such time as Council of the Town of Poughkeepsie approved their Section 8 Program right to the City of Poughkeepsie. If there's any questions, Margaret Palumbo is the Director of Section 8.

Chairman Mallory: May we have a motion to suspend the rules?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Not necessary.

Chairman Mallory: Oh, sorry. Meg's a City employee. Sorry.

Ms. Palumbo: That's alright, Bob.

Chairman Mallory: Ms. Palumbo, would you like to share any more information with us?

Ms. Palumbo: I'm here to answer any questions. I think the Agreement - I'm sure you have it, it speaks for itself. The City agreed to take the program; if we don't take it, I really don't know what will happen to the participants. All of these units are located in the Town of Poughkeepsie. The Town did not lease in the City. There are 70 units of housing. It's a very small program, and if we don't assume the responsibility, I don't know what will happen to the participants, so "John" spoke with their Supervisor and graciously agreed to take on their program. It's not a big money making operation; it's more of a favor. So, if anyone has any questions about Section 8, I'm here to answer them.

Mayor Tkazyik: I don't think "a favor" is a good label. The Town of Poughkeepsie is under review of HUD in relation to operations sort of similar to what we walked into here in 2008, but as Meg says, it's all about the participants and those affordable housing opportunity. And of course, be that as it may, since a local jurisdiction neighboring would have issues like this, it may end up being reassigned to us anyway, so...the big thing is the families and those who could be affected by such a shutdown of the Town's operation of Section 8. I thought that this is just another way to show Inter-municipal workings and to provide more housing opportunities.

Chairman Mallory: Thank you. If that's the case, could you share with us your capability of handling this additional responsibility?

Ms. Palumbo: Well, 70 for you, Bob, because you work in housing, so you know that 70 units of housing – they had a full-time administrator there, so she had something good going on. 70 units of housing is a part-time job for us. We have a huge Section 8 Program. I, as the Administrator, work in the Program. I do casework and I do everything my case managers do. 70 units, 70 recerts is like 2 or 3 a month; it's very, very minimal and has no impact on my staffing.

Chairman Mallory: How does it work for us with any administrative costs coming into the City?

Ms. Palumbo: Well, Section 8 works that, for every unit that you have a lease, you get a fee. But, because of sequestration, there are a lot of housing agencies that have gone under because they can't support...the Town really can't really financially support the program that they have. Due to the cutbacks - they cut back the fees, which cuts back your salary, so financially, they can't run it along with the other issues. So, we're in the same locale, we get the same unit fee. A few years back it was \$75 - \$80/unit...it's down to like, \$62.50. 70 units times \$62.50, our admin. fee for the Town is \$50,000. If we ever get the program, and it becomes ours, I'm going to make some changes. But, right now, it will just be a management position.

Councilmember Rich: How many Section 8 housing units do we have in the City at this time?

Ms. Palumbo: We have almost 700 units of housing on the books, but Section 8 works differently. It doesn't matter how many you have on paper, it's all about your funding. We get disbursements from the feds, so if we have 700 units of housing, but our housing costs outweigh what the disbursements are, you can only lease up 500 units of housing. So, if I had 700 on paper and only have funding to fund 500 households...I think I brought the last quarterly report. In December, we had 576 units leased, and we're spending over our disbursement because they cut back the money and for each unit, a three bedroom unit isn't going to cost the same as a one bedroom unit. So if you take the family from the waiting list, you can't really predict how much that family's going to cost you. So, because you can't pick and choose who you assist, when you go down the list and have 5 families, our HAP money is going to be much more expensive than if you're assisting one bedroom families. Even though we have 600 – 700 units on paper, we can't lease up that many families, because we don't have the funding.

Councilmember Rich: So, would you agree that if there is a person that is responsible for this problem of not enough units...or rather, vouchers being assigned us, it would be...I believe, the House of Representatives of the United States...

Ms. Palumbo: It is indeed, that. Yes.

Councilmember Rich: So, let's get it straight. Who's responsible for this...

Ms. Palumbo: Sequestration.

Councilmember Rich: ...this cutback on poor people?

Ms. Palumbo: It's Washington.

Councilmember Rich: It's not just Washington – it's House of Representatives.

Ms. Palumbo: I can't control it. I mean, we do the best we can with what we have. The

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City of Poughkeepsie Section 8 Program is top-notch. You can call Christopher Ingram who is the director of Section 8 at HUD, who's very much in favor of us. He sends me an e-mail every day asking, "What's going on?" We have a really good reputation; I'm sure Bob would vouch for us. We've worked together for many years.

Councilmember Rich: I have another question. They have 70 now – the Town. If you take it over, is it possible that the funding that was over there would go up?

Ms. Palumbo: It could. In my opinion, they pay a little too much for rent. I think their rents are a little bit too high. We use different payment standards. Ours is lower than the Town's and they pay a little bit too much, and I'm going to make some adjustments.

Councilmember Rich: I may be a little suspicious, but I think maybe the Town doesn't really have a whole lot of enthusiasm at their Legislature and their Supervisor for Section 8...

Ms. Palumbo: Perhaps.

Councilmember Rich: ...as that this Council does. It's as if they say, "Let the City of Poughkeepsie take care of the problems of the poor. We don't want to." Or am I being harsh in my judgment. I used to live in the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Ms. Palumbo: There are other issues. I honestly don't know how their politics works, so...

Councilmember Rich: I do.

Ms. Palumbo: Oh, well there you go, then.

Councilmember Rich: I used to be a County Legislator for the Town of Poughkeepsie, the Chair of the Democratic Committee of the Town of Poughkeepsie.

Ms. Palumbo: I know the Administrator, Linda Doorek for many years, and she did a good job and...

Councilmember Rich: Oh, I'm not saying her. I'm saying the political leadership that's elected, is not interested.

Ms. Palumbo: There are a lot of people that really don't like Section 8.

Councilmember Rich: Yeah. They call us Poughkeepsie, but they should call us, "Good Poughkeepsie." We take care of people that nobody else wishes to.

Councilmember Perry: Will this be a permanent takeover by the City? Or, is it temporary?

Ms. Palumbo: We hope it to be permanent. Right now, the Town is dealing with HUD on some issues and once those issues are resolved, I'll be back here asking...

Councilmember Perry: Resolved in the favor of the Town, then the program goes back to them?

Ms. Palumbo: They no longer want to participate in the Section 8 Program.

Councilmember Perry: My other question is what will happen to the staff from the

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Town?

Ms. Palumbo: There was one woman, who was the administrator and she's gone on to work in another office in the Town.

Councilmember Perry: So all of it will be taken care of by the City? From now on?

Ms. Palumbo: Yes.

Councilmember Perry: I see. Thank you.

Ms. Palumbo: You're welcome.

Councilmember Perry: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember McClinton: I just think it should be compiled into one area, which would make it more suitable. It's not going to create a fluctuation or change in your staffing. I'm in agreeance (sic) with it.

Councilmember Johnson: I'm comfortable making a decision. I believe that this will provide more voucher opportunities for those who continuously seek affordable housing.

Councilmember Klein: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Ms. Palumbo, thank you very much; we're very grateful for your service and also for the expertise of our Chair, who is in the housing field as well. The term of this agreement Mr. Ackermann, is one year?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That's correct.

Councilmember Klein: And, I realize that there's an issue with the Town for which the agreement indemnifies the City, and protects the City. But is that...?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Well, that's the standard. Any time you're taking over a program, or administering a program, we don't want to take any of the liabilities that may exist at the time of the transfer, so there's a standard indemnification that the Town will give to the City, so...

Councilmember Klein: That's the reason for the one year duration?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Originally, we were looking for a little bit of a longer term agreement, but if the City is ultimately going to assume the entire program from the Town of Poughkeepsie, we're comfortable that it will be done within the next year. And, if it's not done by December, we'll be back before the Council probably asking for an extension to the agreement.

Ms. Palumbo: And HUD only does program transfers a couple of times a year, so they have their own dates they work with.

Councilmember Klein: Ms. Palumbo, this can fairly be characterized as a consolidation of resources to deal with the program?

Ms. Palumbo: Yes.

Councilmember Klein: Do you see any down side of this particular measure?

Ms. Palumbo: I think that the Town residents are going to...I do things in a totally

different way than their administrator does things, and I'm looking to make some changes that they really might not be happy with, but...

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Just to clarify – you mean Town landlords?

Ms. Palumbo: The landlords and the participants.

Councilmember Klein: But from your perspective, do you see any downside to this particular measure?

Ms. Palumbo: No. No, I don't.

Councilmember Klein: Thank you very much.

Ms. Palumbo: You're welcome.

Councilmember Rich made a motion to table Resolution R14-10, **Councilmember Perry** seconded the motion. **Vote 2/5- Defeated**

R-E-S-O-L-U-T-I-O-N (R-14-10)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH

WHEREAS, the City and Town of Poughkeepsie currently operate federally approved Housing Assistance Programs (“HAP”) which programs are separate and independent; and

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WHEREAS, the Town and the City have negotiated in good faith, an agreement to that would result in the management of the Town HAP program by the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby approves and consents to the City of Poughkeepsie Section 8 program assuming management of the Town of Poughkeepsie Housing Assistance Program; and

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Management Services” in form and substance as attached hereto and acceptable to the Corporation Counsel; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Corporation Counsel are to do all things necessary to carryout the intent of this resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETSAS

R14-10						
			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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Chairman Mallory: What is before us today, in scheduling the meeting of the Committee of the Whole is the best thing I can share is what the new Council members have brought to the forefront of attention of addressing: Quality of Life issues, particularly of crime. Council wanted to start the ball off running in addressing this measure immediately calling on the Chief of Police and any other members of his department, to give us a breakdown of crime. I think it's important for us that this new membership of Council has shared a willingness to address this problem head-on. They want to get information and I do expect in the very near future, after the meeting on the 27th, new ideas to approach the problem and moving forward onto that one. That is why it is being presented now – to move forward and not waste any time on that issue.

Councilmember Rich: I think it's a very good idea, and the reason I'm especially interested in this is because we have a sister city south of us (City of Newburgh), that's going through the same process. They're in the process of looking at their public safety issues, and trying to actually do something about them, not just talk about them. So, I think that we can't do, until we talk, so I want to at least start talking. We have a serious crime problem and it does affect every other problem we have, including the future of our City.

10. **FROM MAYOR TKAZYIK**, 3rd Quarter Quarterly Report (July-September 2013). Mayor Tkazyik stated the Quarterly Report was omitted during discussion under NEW BUSINESS.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Chairman Mallory: Two things I'd like to bring up. The Mayor already addressed the Smart meters and the water meters, so I don't want to address that one. Where do we stand as far as the City and the Finance Commissioner?

Mayor Tkazyik: The deadline for resumes were due last Friday. We advertised for over a month. We received five applications, and we're going to interview all five. You have to understand, given the...I'll admit it...the timeline of what that next appointment would be, and the residency requirement...only having a job for 24 months, possibly. You can see why there's such a small return for resumes. However, I'm happy to say that 3 of the 5 are City residents, and they have some strong resumes. The Committee will be interviewing them all on Monday, so we

hope to have some information back to you shortly, but only 5 people were qualified individuals who responded to the notice.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Rich: Once again, I've been asked by my residents to look into a problem on Route 9, particularly with the lighting, near Columbia Street and also near Academy Street in the City of Poughkeepsie. The lights are off. It looks like we're in the countryside. As you go further south, the lights are on. We really needs those lights on. I just wonder if our City Administrator, Corporation Counsel or our Mayor might inquire as to why this safety situation is still there.

Councilmember Klein: Mr. Chairman, can I just add to that? I was going to bring up the same issue and wanted to add a portion of South Avenue in the 4th Ward also, so it's the same inquiry.

City Administrator Bunyi: We're supposed to have a meeting in the next day or two with the Commissioner of Public Works. The bottom line to this whole thing is, all these lights are tied to the Route 9 corridor that we shared with the Council before, that, back in the 1960's the Council basically approved a resolution that basically installed all these lights, but once they were installed, it became the responsibility of the City. However, since the 1960's, over the past 50 years, there's been a lot of changes on Route 9. In talking to the Commissioner of Public Works, the single biggest damage that we get from the D.O.T., has to do with replacements of all the guardrails because every time they replace guardrails, they either damage the wiring or they damage the boxes. Right now, Mr. DuPilka has had two meetings with the D.O.T. because we are researching two possible options to fix the lights. For us to fix all the lights, to dig every wire, replace wiring, you're looking at a minimum of half a million to one million dollars' investment on the part of the City because it is no longer a State issue. The Route 9 lights belong to the City. The second option we're looking at, and he has already broached the D.O.T. and is a lot cheaper approach is to string the lights. What that means is the lights will be connected using above ground (not underground) wiring. Hopefully, with the meeting tomorrow, I could get more details from the Commissioner of Public Works, where the D.O.T. is leaning to. The other option we have already discussed is, we might decide – if we could afford it, to peel off just the exit areas like Columbia Street and South Avenue...not Route 9 itself.

Mayor Tkazyik: We're also looking at possible solar initiatives. We're working with Central Hudson and NYSERTA on a few grants and the topic of Route 9 has come up in those discussions, of course, looking at what that will actually cost to replace the 23 or so that are out currently, with solar lights. We're exploring that possibility as well, because in the long run would be a benefit, because we wouldn't have to worry about the wiring of underground conduit or the wiring across for long term maintenance. We will be getting all these details back to the Council shortly –

I'd say within the month, because we want to present to you at least the three options that the Public Works Commissioner and basically, what D.O.T. will permit us to do, moving forward, but doing what the financing actually would be for each of those couple of options, and if there's any incentives that we could get through NYSERTA and Central Hudson by participating with them.

City Administrator Bunyi: The only other thing I want to add is the Commissioner of Public Works has come up with different options and supposedly, those lights belong to the City. However, we cannot just do what we want to do. We still have to go to the State, for them to approve whether or not it fits what they want. Actually, what they proposed to us, was to take them all down. They actually said that in the meeting, "Why don't you take them all down?" Of course, we won't go for that.

Mayor Tkazyik: I wanted to remind you of the addendum: The 3rd Quarter Quarterly Report (July – September, 2013). The report is there for your review. Any questions, please speak to the City Administrator or myself. We'll get you the backup information that you require. You do get them for all quarters, and my Administrative Assistant, Erian Buckley will be reaching out to the newly elected Council members and older Council members to set up orientations or those who would like a little "study up" with each department on order operations, chain of command, various functions, etc. Over the next two weeks we would like to schedule those with you, and see different tours of operations for different compounds around the city. It does require a period of time. As you know, we can't have more than five of you in a room...four...so we'd have to coordinate that. And, of course, get all your schedules together and the Department Heads' schedules together to do it. So, we do try to do it all within one or two days to get through it the best we can and then any follow-ups that you want afterwards we do want to address, but we do want to schedule those orientations. So Erian will be reaching out to you guys over the next couple of days.

Councilmember Petsas: A couple of things regarding the snowstorm. One, can you tell me how properties are cited, in terms of sidewalks that are not shoveled with the time they're supposed to be? I've had 8 properties on my street alone that weren't shoveled within 48 hours...absentee landlords, bank owned. Who's going around looking for these issues? How do they get reported? How do they get resolved?

City Administrator Bunyi: We have a person who is responsible for that. His name is Scott Johnson. He is the person that does all the violations and citations when it comes to sanitation, snow, grass, everything. He actually was instructed to go back out today, because of the storm and he participated in the storm cleanup, he was instructed to start today and give residents a chance over the weekend because of the icing. We had thought about letting them go out on Saturday, but I think it was only fair to the residents because of the icing and the storm and let them have the weekend to clean it up. But, he was instructed to go out today.

Councilmember Petsas: He works Monday through Friday?

City Administrator Bunyi: He works Monday through Friday.

Councilmember Petsas: So, if we have a weekend storm, there's no one else on Saturday or Sunday?

City Administrator Bunyi: Technically, we would have, but due to the amount of ice and snow that we had, we had consultations with him that basically we felt we needed to give the residents the weekend to clean up. We could have asked him to come out on Saturday, but I felt...I take responsibility. I felt the residents needed the Saturday and Sunday to clean up.

Councilmember Petsas: I think the residents that are active, concerned participants in our neighborhood probably needed that, but these are habitual people that do not shovel their sidewalks every snowstorm, and until the sun comes out, or until the snow is packed down by walkers, there's nothing done in my ward. So, I hope I will see Mr. Johnson in my ward after snowstorms.

City Administrator Bunyi: I will check with him tomorrow, sir.

Councilmember Petsas: The other part is the plowing. I had to contact the Mayor about my street not being properly plowed. There was no salt applied for the two times they did swipe. So, I'm just wondering, was the salt not applied because it was too cold? Did we run out of salt? I would like that clarified as well, because my street was simply a mess.

City Administrator Bunyi: The first thing I'd like to address is the rumor that we ran out of salt, which is not true. We had 450 tons on Sunday in our barn, so that is not the issue. The issue had to do with...we knew that if anything got cold under 15 degrees F, it would've been a waste of resources to throw the salt out there. We had salted before the snow came. Mr. Pat Coyle had given instructions on the crews that went out there, to spend most of the evenings that they were out there when it was cold, to do scraping on the streets. When they came back out on Saturday, their main job as the weather went up 10 – 15 degrees F, to start spreading the salt. They did do that. I apologize that it wasn't as clean as it should have been. What I'd like to ask the Council, is to contact me directly. I will be more than glad to connect with Mr. Pat Coyle, who is very, very responsive to any request we make on visiting specific streets.

Councilmember Petsas: As you know, I'm new here. I'm learning the process.

City Administrator Bunyi: No problem.

Councilmember Petsas: But, for many years my ward has been neglected in any way it's been neglected and...you know. One other thing I'd like to comment on is the smart meters. I know that documentaries can be one-sided. Most of them are.

However, it was an eye opener on the smart meters. I think it's definitely something the City Council people should look into. I'm not saying it's occurring right now in the City of Poughkeepsie. It may be occurring again, I don't know everything, but the documentary I'd seen and the research I've done after seeing the documentary, there's some alarming things I've seen in those situations.

Mayor Tkazyik: Two things. The protocol for the snow and the routes – you'll get all that in orientation, who to call, in particular the streets. I saw pictures; it was terrible. They're broken into sections citywide, and you'll get a better understanding of that – to speak with the Commissioner; we can make him aware of these issues. You do have a packet tonight in relation to the discussions that were raised in relation to the water meters, the pictures you got. Those are electric meters; they're not even the meters that are being installed. This all comes in compliance with the FCC. Please review the packet that staff has given you regarding the overall procedures and health regulations that are followed. These things are installed throughout the State of New York and beyond. Specific concerns with Wendell; I guess we could have them make a representative available to Council members who'd like to ask further questions of them, but this meets all FCC protocol and regulations, and what you have before you is not what's being installed. These are electric meters that you have here. I just want to clarify that.

City Administrator Bunyi: I think that the speakers kept repeating today, that they were "smart meters." We are not installing smart meters. What we are installing are radio meters, which is very different than a smart meter. It's no different right now, than most municipalities who have a truck with a reception that goes around and pings those meters. The meters that we're installing do not, on their own, send out signals. What happens is, once per quarter, or once per month we do send out a signal to give us a read on the meters. The only time that it will send out an emergency read for us, is if the usage of the water meter suddenly jumps; it's really for the benefit of the resident, because that means that they either have water running or they have a water pipe break, and it warns us to let somebody know that it's beyond their average usage.

Mayor Tkazyik: Any discussion that anyone would like to have we can set that up with Wendell, with a Council member.

Chairman Mallory: Just for accessibility e-mail: All Council members have access to their e-mails?

Mayor Tkazyik: For those of you, you have a lot piled on your desk the first day. There is an instruction sheet, "How to Access Your City Web E-Mail." Some of you know how to use it; some Councilmembers choose not to use e-mail – we notify you with other means. But, the fastest and most efficient way is to access that. Any questions regarding that, contact Erian in my office and we'll connect you with either Al Gernhardt or Rocco (German) in IT if you're having difficulty setting it up on your iPhone, iPad, home computer, or any difficulty following the instructions. All

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correspondence, in relation to City work should be done through the City e-mail. Please try not to use personal – we accept it, but for legal purposes, it's better to correspond that way. We'll go over that, but if you need help with setting it up, please contact us tomorrow – we'll get it done. I know we've blasted a lot of e-mails out already.

Councilmember McClinton: I tried three times – home and phone. It won't allow the user name...

Mayor Tkazyik: You come on in, and we'll set it up.

Councilmember Petsas: My same problem.

Mayor Tkazyik: IT will be happy to assist.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chairman Mallory and Vice Chair Rich to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Dated: February 19, 2014

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, January 6, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Deanne L. Flynn
City Chamberlain**



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Common Council Chambers

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6:30 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing of Monday, November 18, 2013

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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:

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