



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 7, 2013 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

SNOW PRESENTATION

Chairman Mallory: Good evening. The Council presentation regarding the snow removal procedure from the Commissioner of DPW will come to order. Today's meeting was called based on our conversation earlier in 2012, as well as during the budgets. We heard questions about equipment and I figured that, why not hear about the 2013 procedure that we, as a city are going to conduct. If any issues or concerns come up about procedures or equipment, now's the time to ask either the Commissioner or any of the Administrative staff that are here. I just would ask that everyone refrain from asking questions. I will definitely give you time to ask the questions after the Commissioner has completed his presentation. So, thank you very much for coming.

Handouts were distributed to the Council and to Administrative staff at the beginning of the meeting. These documents have been scanned into the minutes of this meeting. Commissioner DuPilka briefly described the contents of the package giving an overview to open the dialog for questions.

Chairman Mallory: Before I open it up for discussion, is there anything that the Acting City Administrator would like to add to something that has briefly been passed on to us right now?

Acting City Administrator Ackermann: No, I... just one thing I want to talk about. It seems to be one of the biggest concerns and biggest complaints the City gets. It has to do with the driveway aprons. In order to effectively plow the streets, the City can't really take into consideration people's aprons. They start with...the Commissioner will be able to speak more, but they start with getting as much out of the center of the road as possible and push it to the side and they'll go back two or three times to clean up the side streets. Some things that may make it difficult is parking – which side the parking is on, alternate sides, so it may take them a little bit to go through and clear up all the sides of the roads. Effectively in doing that, they have to push some of the snow into people's driveway aprons. So, we get a lot of complaints from people saying they just shoveled their driveway and the City plow comes through and puts snow in front of it again. Unfortunately, we can't avoid that. In order to effectively plow the streets, that's going

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to happen. The Commissioner will talk a little bit about what the best way to take care of or minimize that disruption.

Commissioner DuPilka addressed the issues of concern.

Q & A follows.

Snow Event Policy and Procedures

Phase 1: Snow and Ice Treatment

As soon as snow begins to lay or ice begins to form on the streets, creating hazardous driving conditions, the City of Poughkeepsie will:

1. Place Snow Team Assignments into effect and
2. Begin treating the roadways as necessary, in accordance to the route schedule.
3. Begin treating city parking lots and city buildings

During Phase 1:

- Use caution
- Drive only when necessary with snow tires or chains (recommended)
- Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice

Phase 2: Plowing

When it becomes necessary to plow snow:

1. Phase 2 will be placed into effect and;
2. The Public Works Department will plow roadways when necessary in accordance to the route schedule

Phase 3 : Snow Removal

When it becomes necessary to remove snow and the Mayor issues a state of emergency pursuant to Section 13-2, Phase 3 removals will commence.

1. Phase 3 Removals of snow will be initiated
2. City Police close parking lots and prohibit parking on all city streets where snow is to be removed

During Snow Event Phases 2 & 3:

- Use caution
- Drive only when necessary with snow tires or chains (required)
- Keep sidewalks clear of snow and ice
- Do not park along designated snow emergency routes

Operating Motor Vehicles During Snow Emergencies

When Snow Event Phases 2 & 3: are in effect, it shall be unlawful for any person to:

1. Operate a motor vehicle which is not equipped with effective tire chains or snow treads on any of the streets or alleys within the city
2. Park or abandon a vehicle on any snow emergency route
3. Obstruct or impede traffic on any snow emergency route when such vehicle is not equipped with effective snow tires or chains

The City of Poughkeepsie Police Department shall authorize immediate removal and storage, at the owners expense, of any vehicle that is parked, stalled or abandoned on any snow emergency route (City Ordinance, Section 13-6). The designated snow emergency routes appear in Section 13-214 of the City Code.

Removing Snow and Ice from Sidewalks

Property owners and occupants are responsible for clearing sidewalks and any fire hydrants in front of their property of snow and ice, within 12 hours after the snow event or sleet has ceased to fall (City Ordinance, Section 15-11).

TIP: Preventing Ice

Use ice melt on your driveway entrance and sidewalks early and often to prevent snow packing down and forming into ice. An ice melter with Calcium Chloride or Potassium Chloride is better for the environment and only requires a small amount to melt ice. Please avoid rock salt or Sodium Chloride which can kill plants and trees.

Clearing Your Driveway

As applying chemicals and plowing are difficult operations to perform, residents are asked to park in their driveways when snow is anticipated rather than on the street, where possible. This will allow operations to be performed in a more safe and time-effective manner. Please keep in mind that it is nearly impossible to keep snow from being deposited at your driveway entrance during plowing, as the plow can not be lifted or stopped at each driveway.

Residents are asked to try to wait until plow equipment has come through before clearing your driveway. But if you have already shoveled or plowed your driveway before the street is plowed, clear an area to the left of the driveway entrance (standing in the driveway facing the street). When your street is plowed, the snow from the plow can be unloaded in this area instead of your driveway entrance. This helpful tip may minimize the amount of snow left in front of your driveway.

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When you or your property maintenance firm is shoveling or plowing snow from your driveway, please do not dump snow into the street. This only slows the plowing operation and if dumped snow left in the street freezes, it can create a hazardous situation.

Applying Chemicals and Plowing

There are two aspects to a snow operation:

1. Applying chemicals and
2. Plowing

When roads start to freeze from falling precipitation, chemicals will begin being applied to priority roads and continue until all roads are complete or until it is no longer effective to apply chemicals, due to the depth of the snow. The more traffic on the roads, the more effective the chemicals. As a result, sometimes residential streets with small amounts of traffic may appear as not to have been treated.

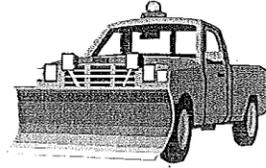
Please keep in mind that as the temperature drops, the chemicals become less effective. Once the temperature drops below 20 degrees Fahrenheit, chemicals become ineffective. If a snowfall accumulates and plowing is required, applying chemicals operations cease. When the snow stops and the final plowing has been accomplished on all roads, chemicals are again spread on all the roads. All roads are monitored for icy spots and chemicals are re-applied where dangerous.

Why Some Roads are Cleared Before Others

As snow begins to accumulate, the City of Poughkeepsie concentrates on certain roads called Snow Emergency Routes. These roads are focused on first because of their significance (i.e. hospital and evacuation routes). As the snow keeps falling, the City's first priority is to keep the main roads open and passable. As soon as all major streets within the city are clear, equipment is immediately moved into residential areas.

The City of Poughkeepsie requests that residents please be patient during snow operations. Snow removal is a difficult and time consuming task. Please try to limit road travel during and immediately following a snowfall unless absolutely necessary. The less traffic on the roads during snow clearing operations, the more effective the job can be performed.

**CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**



**CITY STREETS
SNOW AND ICE MAINTENANCE PLAN**

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STREET SNOW AND ICE MAINTENANCE PLAN

I. Introduction.

1. The responsibility for providing snow and ice control for the city rests entirely with the Department of Public Works (DPW).
2. Snow and ice control is considered emergency work in that pavement must be cleared any time of the day or night for the motoring public. The planning process is made considerable more difficult due to the variable conditions encountered during each storm. Such things as the rate and accumulation of snowfall, moisture content, temperature, time of day or night, wind direction and velocity and duration are all factors that interact to create a unique aspect for each storm with the result that no two storms are ever identical.
3. The goal of this snow and ice control plan is to provide the highest level of service possible within the constraints of available resources and environmental responsibility.
4. The plan gives an overall summary of how our snow operations are designed. The Department of Public Works reserves the right to change or modify depending on weather conditions and resources available.

II. Monitoring the Storm and Notification.

1. During work hours, street conditions are observed and reported to DPW Dispatcher Office by City Bus drivers and police patrols.
2. Weather reports are also monitored by public works personnel when inclement weather is approaching. The use of radios, TV, and national Weather Service are used in conjunction with on the street observations to determine the timing for implementing the Snow/Ice Maintenance Plan and the notification timing for sending out the City plows and salters.
3. After work hours, weather reports will be monitored by the Commissioner of Public Works or his designated snow storm watch person. The Commissioner or his designated snow watch person will call in the Leader of the scheduled snow team at the appropriate time. The Street Snow Team leader will call back their personnel and other snow fighting teams as requested.
4. Street Snow Team Leaders are also responsible for calling in the scheduled central garage support personnel.
5. After work hours, it is imperative that the street snow team notification provide sufficient time for the crew to report back to work, load the salters, and begin anti-icing operations before the storm hit's the city.

6. On rare occasions, the police may call in a snow crew, but the police normally receive word about a few bad streets (thaw/freeze spots) that can be handled by the Streets call-back listing.

III. Required Reports.

1. All vehicles, salters, plows, and loaders must be safety inspected (pre-trip report) by the team employees before leaving the DPW yard. All defects are to be reported to the Street Snow Team leader and the Central Garage if necessary.

2. A Storm Record is begun by the Snow Team Supervisor and maintained throughout the shift.

IV. Scope of work.

1. The City of Poughkeepsie has 74 center lane miles of streets including the 44/55 Arterials. For snow fighting, the city is divided into seven heavy plow sections. Each section has approximately 10-11 center lane miles. An eighth section, a small plow section is responsible for several service drives in the upper South side of the city and responds to assistance calls from the larger snow plows. Both team leader vehicles are equipped with small plows and will be used to assist with plowing and/or block traffic on the street for the larger plows.

2. Each one of the seven snow fighting sections has a pre-established priority listing of streets to salt and plow. Priorities are established by the following street designations:

- Snow Emergency Routes (heavily traveled streets and Hospital access roads)
- Arterials (Routes 44 and 55)
- Steep graded hills and sharp curves
- Residential streets
- Cul-de-Sacs and dead-ends
- Service drives

3. When a City snow emergency is declared, more time will be given to the designated emergency snow routes because the police will be removing parked cars from these streets in order for the snow trucks to have the ability to plow the emergency designated streets; curb-to-curb during and after the storm.

4. Street Snow Team leaders receiving requests for immediate assistance from Police, Fire, and/or Ambulance service during a storm will divert snow crews to provide necessary assistance such as to open a street, driveway, and/or parking lot for the other emergency crews.

V. Snow/Ice Team Staffing.

1. Depending upon available personnel and equipment, three 8 hour shifts will be implemented for weekends and holidays for snow/ice events. Shifts will be rotated. A back-to-back shift for each team on week-ends is necessary to make the proper team rotations.

2. A fully staffed Streets Snow Fighting Team consists of twelve personnel:

Snow Team Leader (shift supervisor)
Loader Operator
Seven Plow drivers (CDLs required)
One small plow operator
Two garage mechanics

VI. Snow/Ice Fighting Methods.

1. Primary snow fighting methods used by the city include anti-icing, de-icing, and plowing. Anti-icing refers to the application of chemical freezing-point depressants just before and during the early stages of a storm to inhibit snow/ice from bonding to the pavement. De-icing refers to the application of chemicals after a bond has already occurred; not the preferred approach.

2. Anti-icing is a more proactive approach which results in achieving bare pavement sooner, requires fewer chemicals, and reduces equipment wear-and-tear. It is the preferred method of snow fighting for the department.

3. City plow vehicles are equipped with saddle tanks to pre-wet the salt as it comes out of the spreader. The pre-wetting liquid chemical of choice for the city is Magnesium Chloride because it helps the salt to be effective at temperatures down to 15 degrees. It also has corrosion inhibitors, which makes it ideal for spreading on city bridges.

4. Pre-wetting the salt often saves money by reducing the amount of salt that bounces of the roadway by up to 50%.

VII. Four Stages of Snow Maintenance Operations.

1. Snow storms can range from flurries to blizzard conditions. The precipitation falling to the ground can range from freezing rain, to sleet, to snow and back to freezing rain again.

2. For the majority of storms with over three inches on snow/sleet, the DPW snow plows will fight the winter storm in four stages:

- A. Salting
- B. Plowing
- C. Push-back
- D. Removal

VIII. Salting

1. Air and ground temperatures, moisture, storm duration, timing of the storm, and weather after the storm play a major role on the amount of salt used. Dry fluffy snow at temperatures below 20 degrees may require little use of salt. On the other hand, wet heavy snow at a much lighter accumulation or the formation of ice account for heavier salt use. In addition, a storm in March with a high sun will aid greatly the melting, where as the same storm in January will increase our salt use.

2. The plan is designed to salt treat the most traveled streets first in accordance with the pre-established priorities listed in section IV.

3. For lightly traveled streets, plow trucks will apply a salt spread, about 4 - 6 feet wide, of pre-wet salt to the center of the street on its crown. The material will work more quickly and will have more potency.

4. Because salt brine runs downhill, plow trucks will spread salt on the high side of the pavement whenever possible, especially on elevated curves.

5. During the snow storm with snow covered streets, plow trucks will increase spinner speed to spread the salt pattern to the at least 10 feet.

6. The speed of the plow truck is important, for instance, if salt is spread down the crown of the street at 15 mph, the salt stays right where it was placed on the crown of the road. But when the vehicle accelerates to 20 mph, approximately 33% of the material is lost because it lands on the curb or grass area. At 25 mph, material loss is as high as 66%, as the material pattern is so wide that the traffic crushes up the salt and blows it off the roadway.

7. After considering 3 trips back to the DPW yard to refill the salt spreader and other delays, the initial application of salt for each section should in place within 2-2 ½ hours.

8. The use of sand as a winter snow fighting tool has been eliminated because of its many inherent drawbacks. Sand causes significant air and water quality problems, must be swept up repeatedly throughout a winter at great cost and is actually a liability on the road surface after the snow is gone.

IX. Plowing

1. Plowing starts after 3" of accumulated snow is on the street or when the slush begins to stiffen and kicks to the rear from vehicle tires. It is also time to spread

more salt. The Snow Team Leader gives the order to drop plows.

2. Within each snow section, as with salting, certain streets are designated as primary streets to be plowed opened first. During this stage of the storm, "plow trucks" will first "open up" the emergency routes, 44/55 Arterials as necessary, the hills and sharp curves in their section, and then the secondary residential streets, cul-de-sacs, and service drives last. A minimum of two passes will be made so that the street is open to traffic (approximately 20 feet of pavement). Streets with parking on both sides and narrow streets with parking may only need one pass. This plowing pattern must be repeated as many times as necessary for severe storms.

3. With a maximum plowing speed of 15 mph and after considering 2 trips back to the yard to refill the salt spreader and other delays, plowing an entire section to open all of the drive lanes in 4-4 ½ hours is a benchmark for all snow plow trucks.

4. Plow trucks will plow snow away from parked vehicles. Trucks will straight blade the plow when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.

5. When in cul-de-sacs or dead ends, plow operators are to plow the snow out towards the street unless a cul-de-sac has an appropriate area to deposit the plowed snow.

6. Whenever possible, the plow trucks will turn there plow away from driveway aprons to reduce the deposit of snow ending up in the driveways. However, it is impossible to eliminate snow entirely from entering a driveway, especially if the snow has turned to slush and/or there is a lot of snow on the street.

7. When snow falls an inch an hour or greater, all snow plows will have anywhere from 4-5 inches of snow in the drive lanes before the plow truck can cycle around again. After blizzard conditions, opening the drive lanes on emergency routes and the hills in the city are paramount before the residential streets are opened.

X. Push-Back.

1. After all of the streets are "opened up" and the storm begins to subside, the plow trucks in each snow section will begin to "push back" the accumulated snow to the gutter line to gain maximum width of road surface and ensure adequate drainage. Street push-back will follow the same pre-designated priorities, most traveled streets first.

2. Although the winter storm has ended, "push back" plowing can be just as complicated and difficult as plowing the streets during the apex of the storm. This stage presents the greatest opportunity for generating snow complaints; even days

after the storm.

3. An early “push back” before the public begins to dig out reduces conflicts.

4. DPW plow operators aren’t the only ones pushing snow on the streets. City plow trucks must contend with residents and business owners that are opening up their driveways, sidewalks, and parking lots. DPW plow trucks are to report to the Street Snow Team leader where they have observed private plow operators pushing snow back into the street; which is illegal and may cause the city plow trucks to have to redo a street after it was plowed and cleared earlier.

5. Plow truck speed for “push back” must be reduced because the plow operator is rubbing the edge of the plow against the curb and being that close to the curb, the truck operator also must be alert for overhanging tree limbs. On many streets, push-back plowing will take longer to complete due to our concern for cleared sidewalks and driveways, a wide variety of parking regulations, illegally parked vehicles, and having to go back to tuck-in snow around the intersections, courts, and cul-de-sacs.

6. In this stage, street parking regulations will dictate the amount of push-back that will occur each day. Push back for some streets in the city won’t occur until several days after the storm due to parking regulations. Pushing back snow and plugging driveways again several days after a snow storm will naturally generate many complaints. However, this work is vital on narrow streets because melting snow needs to get to the storm water basins. If widening out is not done as soon as parking regulation allow, the old snow in the parking spaces may freeze and become impossible to move at a later time.

XI. Snow Removal

1. Snow removal entails hauling snow from the central business district and from cul-de-sacs and narrow streets as may be deemed necessary. Both snow fighting teams must be capable of working with front-end loaders, snow blowers, and contractors to haul snow away from city streets.

2. The renting of several dump trucks may be required after each major snow event. After the Public Works Commissioner approves the street locations, rental, and overtime, Snow Team leaders will make all necessary arrangements for the snow removal event.

3. Adequate snow storage sites must be identified prior to the first storm. Snow is not to be dumped into the Hudson River.

XII. Benchmarks and Levels of Service.

CALL-BACK: *The timing of the Snow team call-back results in the entire snow team*

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being clocked in, drivers briefed, salters loaded, and drivers traveling to their snow sections before the snow starts to accumulate.

RECORD KEEPING: *Although the snow storm can easily take precedence, an hourly snow record of the storm is documented and on file for each event.*

SALTING: (Goal) *The initial spread of salt for each snow section is done within 2.5 hours.*

PLOWING (Goal): *The plow cycle to open all drive lanes in a snow section is done within 4.5 hours.*

BARE PAVEMENT (Goal): *All City streets should have bare pavement on the drive lanes within 7 hours after the storm.*

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SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL POLICY
RE: SIDEWALKS

BACKGROUND

Ordinance 15-11 requires property owners to clear snow and ice from the whole of the sidewalk in front of their property free and clear of snow and ice and in such a manner as to enable persons to walk thereon with safety. It also requires that snow and ice is cleared from the entire sidewalk within 12 hours after the end of a storm. Additionally, it prohibits anyone from placing, throwing or depositing snow and ice in street, road or highway with one exception. If paved portion of the sidewalk extends to the curb one can within the 12 hour time period to clear the sidewalk can place this snow may be put in the road (ADA curb cuts is an example). Violation of 15-11 counts towards the new graduated penalty factor that was passed by the Council in 2006 and has an increasing fine structure of its own 1st = \$25, 2nd = \$100, 3rd = \$250 and \$500 for each additional violation.

There are two enforcement methods available to the city – one is the issuance of a ticket by the Police Department or the Sanitation Inspector and second which is used by DPW is the issuance of a Sanitation Violation. After the storm has been over for 12 hours the Inspector drives around the City with emphasis on complaints called in and notes violations. The office prepares a violation notice and the standard 3-part notification occurs – notice is placed on property, one is mailed and one is mailed return receipt. The Sanitation Department Violation Team picks up the notices and proceeds to abate the violation. Of course, the mail has yet to reach the property owner by time abatement should occur.

There are 8,330 parcels in the City (noted not all have sidewalks.)

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CITY PROPERTY

Parking Lots

The parking snow teams are responsible for clearing snow and ice from commercial and residential city parking lots as well as the sidewalks abutting the lots. There are two snow teams operating in shifts.

City Facilities

The Building and Grounds division of DPW is responsible for clearing sidewalks, walkways and parking lots in and around City Hall, the Public Safety Building, and the three Fire Stations.

City Owned Property

DPW's Sanitation division is responsible for clearing sidewalks abutting these properties. Most do not have abutting sidewalks. .

City Tax dedeed Properties

DPW's Sanitation division is responsible for clearing sidewalks abutting these properties. Most do not have abutting sidewalks. .

City Parks

The sidewalks and parking lots abutting City parks are the responsibility of the Parks Department.

Arterials

The sidewalks abutting the Arterials are the responsibility of the City Parks Department. .

Bus Shelters

Parking snow team clears the 24 shelters as quickly as possible.

Section – I Top Priorities

. Emergency Snow Routes/Main Drag/Hills

- North Clinton st from Mansion st to Main st.
 - . With hill from Oakley to Parker Avenue.
- Mansion st from Corlies to North Clinton st
 - . With hill from Lawrence to Corlies Ave.
- Parker Ave from North Hamilton to City Line.
 - . With hill at upper end of Parker Ave.
- Smith st from Main st to City Line.
- Main st from South hamilton to Grand Ave.
- Innis Ave
 - . With hill at Arterial end.

. Other Must Do Hills

- Howard st
- Roosevelt from King to West bound
- King st from Innis to Radcliff
- Cottage st from N.Clinton to N.Hamilton
- Lawrence Rd from Fitchett to Arnold
- Milton st
- Bartlet st and Dubois Ave
- Oakley st , both ends
- Blvd Knoll off Main st
- Creek Road

Sensitive Streets

- . Problem Area
 - Sunnyside and Foster st – missed a lot ,Chronic ice
 - Reservoir st –forgotten , parked cars
 - Grant st –Parked cars and dead end
 - Muldowney Circle –missed a lot
 - Flannery Ave -- missed a lot
 - Kelsey Road and Morton st –missed a lot
 - College Hill Park Road –have open for Fire Dept

. Complaints –Sensitive

- Fallkill –nearest DPW , yet last done.

. Parking Change Rules

Section – 2

1.) Emergency Snow Route -

- A.) Civic Center Plaza from Mansion st to Main st.
- B.) Washington st from Main st to City Line.
- C.) North Hamilton st from Parker Avenue to Main st.
- D.) North Clover st from Mill st to Main st.
- E.) Main st from Market st to the river.
- F.) Parker Avenue from North Hamilton to Washington st.

2.) Problem Area-

- A.) Davies Ct – Cars double parked
- B.) Spruce st –Dead end
- C.) Beekman st – Car park in the way.
- D.) Talmadge st off Duane st –

3.)Monday Change over-

4.)Hills –

- A.) From the river up to Washington st.

5.)Hospital Area –

- A.) Clark st from Washington st to Henderson st.
- B.) Poplar st from Henderson st to Clark st.

Section – 3

- 1.) **Thursday Change over** – Dean Pl and Carroll st.
- 2.) **Hospital Area - (Emergency Snow Route)**
 - A.) Jefferson to Lincoln Ave.
 - B.) Lincoln Avenue to from Montgomery st to Livingston st.
 - C.) Reade Pl from South Avenue to Young St.
 - D.) South Avenue from Montgomery st to North - South Arterial Highway.
 - E.) South Clover street from Main st to Union st.
 - F.) Columbia Street from North and South arterial Highway to Lincoln Avenue.
 - G.) Academy St from Main st to North – South Arterial Highway.
 - H.) Montgomery st from Lincoln Avenue to Academy st.
 - I.) Market St from Main st to Montgomery St.
 - J.) Main st from the river to Academy st.
- 3.) **Hills –**
 - A.) Livingston
 - B.) Franklin
 - C.) Academy
 - D.) Pine st and Pine , Spur
 - E.) Union st
 - F.) South Avenue from Livingston to Academy st.
 - G.) Fox st.
- 4.) **Problem Area –**
 - A.) Oak st And Linwood Ave
 - B.) Grand st.
 - C.) Delano st

Section – 4

- 1.) **Estelle Rd** – North side of street has low curbs.
Try stay away from curb or you will end up plow
Sidewalk and topsoil up.
- 2.) **Emergency Snow Route** –
 - A.) Beechwood Avenue from Ferris to City Line.
 - B.) Ferris Lane from Hooker Avenue to Beechwood.
 - C.) South Hamilton st from Main st to Livingston st.
 - D.) Hooker Avenue from Academy st to Ferris Lane.
- 3.) **Hills** –
 - A.) Loockerman
 - B.) West winding
 - C.) Seaman Rd
 - D.) Bancroft RD
 - E.) Marian Avenue
 - F.) Rosalind RD
 - G.) Cannon st Hill
- 4.) **Cut Through Streets** are –
 - A.) Loockerman from South Hamilton st to Yate Boulevard to
Ferris Lane.

Section – 5

- 1.) Woodland Ave – Do not plow going in
Opposite lane in wrong direction .
- 2.) Emergency Snow Route –
 - A.) Ferris Lane from Hooker Avenue to Beechwood Avenue.
 - B.) Hooker Avenue from Ferris lane to South Grand.
- 3.) Cut Through streets are –
 - A.) Ferris Lane to Thornwood Avenue to Monell Avenue.
 - C.) Alden Rd to Linden Rd to Wilmot Terr to South Grand.

Section – 6

- 1.) Greenhouse Lane- (dead end) Bring snow from dead end out to Cedar Ave. (When Time is Appropriate)
- 2.) Pembroke CT- (dead end) Pile snow away from Mail Box.
- 3.) Lorie Lane – (dead end) Pile snow away from Fire Hydrant.
- 4.) Keith Pl – (dead end) Pile snow to right side with out blocking Mail Box.
- 5.) Emergency Snow Route –
 - A.) Hooker Avenue from South Grand to City Line (Only Salt)
 - B.) South Grand from Hooker Avenue to Ruppert Rd.
 - C.) Wilbur Boulevard from Hooker Avenue to City Line.
- 6.) Hills –
 - A.) Miller Rd
 - B.) Cedar Avenue
 - C.) Walnut Hill Rd
 - D.) Merrick Rd
 - E.) Lynbrook Rd
 - F.) Richmond Rd

Section - 7

1.) Emergency Snow Route –

- A.) South Cherry Street from Main st to Hooker Avenue.
- B.) Grand Avenue from Main st to Hooker Avenue.
- C.) Hooker Ave from South Grand to South Clinton st.
- D.) Main st from South Hamilton st to Grand Avenue.

2.) Main Drags –

- A.) Forbus st.
- B.) College Avenue.
- C.) Worrall Avenue.

3.) Problem Area –

- A.) Quaker Lane and Lexington Avenue.
- B.) Gray st – Cars are Parking double.
- C.) Fulton Avenue – North side where Bus Shelter is need to plow back as far as can to the Curb.
- D.) Hoffman Ave – Cars are Parking double.
- E.) Oak Crescent - Cars are Parking double.

Section – 8

- 1.) Service Drive –
 - A.) Service Drive between South Grand and Cedar And Hooker to Ruppert and Kingston Avenue.
 - B.) Service Drive off of Crescent Rd.
 - C.) Service Between To Adralnce And Asborne.
 - D.) Ivy Terrace
 - E.) Wilbur Ct
 - F.) Eden Terrace
 - G.) Eastman Terrace
 - H.) Poughkeepsie Nursery – Off of North Clover st.

- 2.) Problem Area for Big Trucks.
 - A.) Sunnyside and Foster
 - B.) Reservoir st
 - C.) Oak st and Liuwood Avenue.
 - D.) Grand st off of Union st
 - E.) Delano
 - F.) Davies Ct off Davies Pl
 - G.) Spruce st dead end.
 - H.) Beekman st
 - I.) Talmadge off of Duane st
 - J.) Austin Ct
 - K.) Quaker Lane and Lexington Avenue
 - L.) Gray st
 - M.) Hoffman Ave off of Main st
 - N.) Oak Crescent
 - O.) Grant st off of Harrison st

SECTION 9 Top Priorities

- Emergency Snow Routes/Main Drags/Hills
 - Innis Ave to Main St.
 - Arterial 44/55 West bound to the bridge
 - Columbus Drive from Mansion to East bound Arterial
 - Arterial 44/55 East bound from bridge to Town line
 - Main Street from Columbus to the river

- Other streets if section is done.
 - Jefferson and Lincoln
 - South Avenue
 - South Clover and North Clover
 - Washington St

Arterial work is salting only. When it is time to plow, call for help.

CC

Section 13-214 Emergency Snow Routes

Emergency snow routes are designated as follows:

- Academy Street from Main Street to North-South Arterial Highway
- Beechwood Avenue from Ferris Lane to City Line
- South Cherry Street from Main Street to Hooker Avenue
- Civic Center Plaza from Mansion Street to Main Street
- North Clinton Street from Mansion Street to Route 44/55 westbound
- Columbia Street from North-South Arterial Highway to Lincoln Avenue
- North Clover Street from Mill Street to Main Street
- South Clover Street from Main Street to Union Street
- Ferris Lane from Hooker Avenue to Beechwood Avenue
- Grand Avenue from City Line at Main Street to Hooker Avenue
- North Hamilton Street from Parker Avenue to Main Street
- South Hamilton Street from Main Street to Livingston Street
- Hooker Avenue from South Hamilton Street to City Line
- Jefferson Street Route 44/55 to Lincoln Avenue
- Lincoln Avenue from Montgomery Street to Livingston Street
- Main Street from Hudson River to City Line at Grand Avenue
- Mansion Street from Smith Street to North Clinton Street
- Market Street from Main Street to Montgomery Street
- Montgomery Street from Lincoln Avenue to South Hamilton Street
- Parker Avenue from Washington Street to City Line
- Reade Place from South Avenue to Young Street
- Smith Street from City Line to Clinton Square
- South Avenue from Montgomery Street to North-South Arterial Highway
- Washington Street from City Line to Main Street
- Wilbur Boulevard from Hooker Avenue to City Line

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL

All Present

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Vice Chair Solomon made a motion and seconded by **Councilmember Boyd** to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing of June 18, 2012.

PH Minutes 1-18-12						
			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"/>
	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 Solomon	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Mallory	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.

REMOVE

VII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

- 1. FROM ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BRADY,**
Ordinance O-13-1, amending Department of Public Works permit fees.

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

Frank Clark - 50 Rinaldi Blvd – Congratulations to Chairman Mallory. I know under your leadership, these meetings will be held in a civil and respectful manner. First, I want to thank you, Mayor Tkayzik – after you were aware of a situation on Civic Center Plaza, where there are 4 to 6 buses parked along there, you immediately had the snow removed from the sidewalk. Everybody who takes public transportation, including myself are very thankful for that. I only hope that as I sat and listened to the snow removal plan by Mr. DuPilka, that he immediately following a snowstorm takes priority that the sidewalk area (where the buses park) are cleared of snow - especially for the elderly and young parents with babies as they step off the bus. Second is the fee schedule. I think it's great. Thanked the Mayor

for giving a discount to senior citizens, Medicaid recipients and students when school is in session. However, you neglected to give veterans a discount. The Dutchess County Loop Bus system has for many months or even a year now, been giving a \$.75 rate for veterans with identification. I don't think it's too much for the City to go along with that also would put notices in the buses to allow veterans to pay a \$.75 fare. Finally, I'd like to wish everybody a Healthy New Year.

Laura Downing - 25 Lincoln Avenue – Congratulations, Mr. Mallory. It's nice to see you there. I called all but one council member, with an issue that stressed me out a great deal. I didn't get an answer from a certain person and didn't bother to call the other person after that response. When I discussed my issue, I first started with my Ward. The only thing I got is, "Come to Common Council – come speak at the Common Council." And I heard that from each and every member that I called. As a resident, I deserve respect. I shouldn't have to come to the Council Meeting. When I call my representatives, which they're put in office for, they should say, "OK Mrs. Downing, we'll see what we can do; we understand your concern" - and help; try to help, or if they can't help, say they can't help. Don't put me in a little maze to make me go round and round. I did, however, get resolution to my issues. But it wasn't from the Council. It was from one member of the Council that helped, that took me serious [sic] and didn't think I didn't have a right to stress over my issue with all the problems in the world going on. Thank you, Mr. Herman. Thank you for responding to my concerns. Thank you Mayor. Thank you Corporation Counsel. Let me tell you, it comes to the real deal when it comes down to the problems. But, I'll probably have to come back again. I don't like to come back and complain. I like to stay in my own little spot and keep to myself and not bother anybody. But the other residents – they probably get the same thing. Thank you.

Ted Riedeberg - 206 Falcon Court – That's in the Fox Hill Phase IV Condominiums. I want to talk about two specific items that involves me and my wife personally that happened with the, I don't want to call it a "Debauchle," that happened with this garbage removal system that was dreamed up for us. I think it's unfair, ill-advised what ended up happening charging people \$25.50 – whatever for a private household. The fact that you also allowed properties or people that had 30 or more units to opt out. I'm at Phase IV at Fox Hill. We tried to get information from the City. We looked on the website, I came here in person, and talked with the tax collector, Milo who was really very helpful, but he couldn't give me any information. I asked him if there was an "Opt out." He said, "Yes there is." I asked what the deadline was and was told, "We're shooting for the 11th of January." So what does that mean? Well, maybe we can go to the 31st, but we can't pick up your garbage for free. There is no reason in my estimation, that you people, (on this Council) could not have come up with a better, more equitable and less expensive solution. We are now paying at Fox Hill because we were

concerned with what was going to happen. If there be collection once or twice per week in the Winter? There were rumors about that. I understand there's something now on the website about it. The point is, we have now had to go to Royal Carting as the rest of the whole Fox Hill condominium complex has done therefore, depriving the City of revenue. We're paying \$9.00 per household, not \$25.50. I have a property on Marian Avenue that's been for sale for almost a year now. Across the street from me is a house that is bank-owned. You were just talking about snow removal and what you're going to do about getting it done. Well, the bank has not removed the snow from that side. I believe it's owned by the Millbrook Bank. I also think that the fact that my wife and I don't live in that house, there should be some kind of relief from the garbage disposal charge, which again, I asked Milo if something could be done about it. He said that there was nothing that could be done about it. Everybody had to be included.

Ken Stickle - 118 Catherine Street – I'm charged \$25.50 for my single family home, as well as anybody that owns rental property that is charged \$25.50, \$51.00 or \$76.50 depending on the size. If you own a 411, then you have your garbage hauled away by a private carting firm. I feel this City Council did the best that they could. Everybody's going to complain. Why weren't they at the City Budget meetings when this was all discussed? We had three options. I've had a lot of phone calls, because I know a lot of people. Why weren't these people at these discussions to give their input? The Council did a very good job on this. People teach their tenants to recycle. This fee can come down from \$25.50 per household down to a lower rate. We need to take the recyclables out of the solid waste. People don't seem to understand this. The Sanitation Department cannot make a profit. I'm tired of people condemning the City for what they have done. I will stand up for this one. I'm not happy with the snow removal jobs we got the last time, but I also realize that we didn't really have that much snow, so these guys are may be a little "rusty." So, I'm willing to give them another shot. I'm hoping the corners are a little bit cleaner. I'm asking the City to make the workers give us back what we're paying for. Not to give anything out, but I'm not going to take away from this Council's job that what they did, they saved jobs for the City. I know we're going to hear a few more people complaining about this garbage fee. If you own a piece of property in the City, this is called, "Doing Business." I hate to say it, but I could not see \$3.00 per bag coming out, I don't feel if we gave every private hauler in the City, the chance to pick it up, that those prices would not go up next year or the year after.

Jacqueline Marone - 20 Fountain Place – I'm here because I had such a bad time with snow removal. There was confusion as to when this meeting started, or I would have spoken when you were in the snow removal section of the meeting. I couldn't get here until later, when I was told the meeting started

at 6:30 p.m. I just delivered on foot, two Christmas gifts yesterday, that I had in my house since Christmas. I have been calling every snowstorm about the same problem. There is no break in the snowpile to walk through to cross the street. The High School kids have to step on the piles. Of course, the piles are smaller due to the warmer weather. The sidewalk plow pushes the snow in one direction and the street plow pushes it in another and there it is. You need to have this area cleared. Market Street is the same way. People can't get to the establishments and it is difficult for people like myself, who have physical limitations.

Doug Nobiletti - 145 Academy Street – Also wanted to speak about snow removal issues. I don't know if anyone has been on Main Street on the aftermath of the snowstorm, but the problems that your business districts suffer are immense as a result of not having a snow removal policy. It used to be, that when there was a Main Mall, snow got removed after the Main Mall for a couple of years. The sidewalk was cleared by a City snowblower and most of the street snow had always been removed, regardless of the size. As a result of the two snowstorms together, we now have large mountains of ice. That makes it impossible for people to open their cars, so they're parking where they can, a little further out into the street. By not having the sidewalk snow removed, most of the property owners have had to push it up and make these immense piles, which have spilled over into the street. So now you've narrowed and congested Main Street and people are having a Dickens of a time trying to park without getting out of their cars and killing each other. Wish I had a video tape to get you a visual record of what it's been like. The Business District is the heart and soul of the City. It serves all the residents. We're limited on parking, so Mr. DuPilka and Mr. Ackermann need to somehow address that issue about, is that area getting snow removed, no matter how little it is to avoid a worsening problem. It's ongoing now and with the warm weather, more people are trying to move the piles around and all they are doing is going from their property to the neighboring property or going further into the street. It's a problem that needs to be looked at and addressed.

Nives Cappelli - 6 Wilson Blvd. – I'm excited to be here; I've been here before. I have another name, a pen name, Nivesa Rovito Hatsley, foreign language teacher, daycare teacher. I have a novel (holds up book)...and it all began with the Mayor. When we had a coming out party for my novel, he gave me a Certificate of Mayoral Acknowledgement, Garfield Place. Mr. Mayor has a lot of things to do and I wanted a film out of this. I know he's very busy and so I went as a good American; I went on my own, giving back. So tonight I'm back with a DVD based on my novel on Poughkeepsie...on the French and Indian War. What is my purpose for this? To make a film out of this documentary based on my novel. Why? To bring tourists to Poughkeepsie. I am also Ambassador to the Walkway. We have so much here. Do you see what Hyde Park did? Hyde Park on the Hudson. Well, we

are the Queen City of the Hudson. There is so much – get the tourists, get...you're not going to get it with only me showing the Mid Center, Heritage Center. It has to go to the Bardavon. I can't call Mr. Silva. He's gonna go, "Who are you?" I can't tell them that I'm Nivesa Rovito Hatsley and I was born in Freoli...he's going to cut me out. Does anyone...I feel so alone, like Benjamin Franklin. Divided we fall, together we stand, divided we fall. Let's make this for every....Mr. Mayor, will you meet with me? Will you? [son comes and speaks to her] Oh, you're not permitted to respond. That's my son, the Journalist. He knows more than me. May I give this out to the public? May I? I'm so... [son comes and speaks to her and advises her to give the documents to the City Chamberlain]. See what sons do? They're your bosses when they grow up. OK, I hope you got the gist of what I'm telling you. I have so much more, but some other time. Remember, not only Hyde Park - for the world we are, "The Queen City on the Hudson."

Mark Pagano - 12 Marian Avenue – Homeowner and property owner at 35 Manitou and I am here to talk about the garbage fee issues. Taxes on my two family houses are about \$4,100 per year. I'm going to have to pay a \$600 garbage fee onto that. It's a fee, I call it a tax that comes out to about 15%. I have a little...that's a little steep for me. My single family comes out to about 8%. That's a \$1,000 bill added on per year, and I'm not sure what will happen the following year, but I just have a feeling that there's going to be a deficit and that fee is going to go up. I could be wrong; I just wish that there was something else we could do. If I have one person living upstairs in my two family house and one person living downstairs, there would be less garbage than say, eight people living in a single family house. I wish there was maybe a flat fee. I probably could have swallowed that more than paying a lot higher than two people living in my two family house. I said before that I was going to boycott the fee. I was told that it will be added to next year's tax bill. My question is, if it's not a tax, how can it be rolled over into my tax bill? I know you can't respond, but I wish that one of my councilpersons will call me to explain this. I can't understand it. I know money is tight, but I just wanted to come here and speak my mind.

Constantine Kazolias - 47 Noxon Street – First, I want to congratulate everybody up here, because you have a big nut to crack and I'll try to be as nice as possible this year. For your information, your water bill is a fee you owe and it is put onto your tax bill if you don't pay the fee, just so you can let the person know. I just want to say something. The Chairman wrote the County Legislature about [how] you didn't want to have the tax cut. I saw the resolution you sent to the County Legislature and I just read the comment in the Poughkeepsie Journal about a Rhinebeck commentary from the Chief stated very eloquently, that you can't cut back on the tax. Tax revenues come into those municipalities. I'd like to see a follow-up on that. It's very explanatory. Another thing I want to say is the "Work Horses" that worked to put this budget together, former Chairman, Gwen Johnson, Majority Leader,

Nina “Lowey” [sic] and “Bill” Dooris [sic], I call him “Bird Man,” for obvious reasons that put in a lot of work in putting it together. A lot of these people are complaining about the garbage; let’s talk about how, if you laid off those 20 people, you’d have nobody out there to plow the streets. Get that through your head. Those are the people who pick up the garbage and plow the streets too. As far as this heavy snowstorm is concerned, I thought we were going to get the big plows here in February. Money was appropriated in January, 2012 – now this is coming in May? To me, this is just a “snowjob” in more ways than one. One thing I want to say about Rich DuPilka is, he’s not a miracle man. You cut back 40, 50 people in the DPW and now you’re expecting them to kill themselves...I agree with the previous person that there should be “waivers” because I live in a single family house and my son lives in a three family house and we don’t put out that much. I think something should be done because a single family that puts out three barrels and I put out only one. I get a senior rate but I feel that Veterans should get a discount too. Why should a single family put out 3, 4 or 5 barrels? Something is “aloof.” We need to renegotiate the East-West Arterial Highway and get out from underneath it. As far as the Main Mall goes, maybe people don’t understand...I went down to Castle Point to see my doctor, who said, “You’re 81 yrs. old, you should be dead.” I said, “I’m gonna get a second opinion, just to let you know.” When the Main Mall was taken over, the building line was the City’s responsibility, so what happened? It became an open street? Is the City still responsible for up to the building line? Just questions. Is it the 211 class or the 411 class with the 4 or more properties – where is that case? I’d like to know because that’s why I was in favor of the fee schedule and that’s going to hit us heavy. Like the person said here, he estimated...down in Beacon, they’re going to pick up the garbage with a 16% increase in their taxes. So, let’s go with this because there’s a lot of information that needs to get out, Mr. Mayor, so whatever has to go on the water bill or the tax bill, people have to understand. The ball is in your court, in that respect. My son-in-law said, “What’s going on, I don’t understand?” I’ll say one thing, with all you people here. I have a son that can shovel the walk (the opening), fortunately. The point is, for these guys on Academy Street, I want to let you know they need that Emergency Route open. There isn’t much room between the street and the sidewalk; but when the guys come by they need that room, they shove it all along the sidewalk. I tell him to do the best he can. Realize that Public Safety comes first.

Chairman Mallory: Could you bring it to closure?

Mr. Kazolias: I know. I’m sorry, I have a lot of bases to cover. I’ll bring it to the next...I’m not dead yet, and make sure you get a second opinion from another doctor and make sure the doctor isn’t dead. I’ll see you guys. Take care and lots of luck.

Bruce Dooris - 41 Wilson Blvd, Vice President of CSEA – I apologize that I couldn't make it to the earlier meeting. I had a prior commitment, but like we've explained (all this) since September, guys – we have 6 sections, we have 6 plows. That's it. Like we said, the other two are not in yet. So, during those 2 storms, 3 of the 6 plows went down. That's why there's not as quick a turnaround as before, when we had extra plows. For instance, in section 3 when truck #65 goes down, section 3 is not being covered. There is no truck to cover it. That's how simple that is guys, so until we get the newer equipment, we're going to have to do with what we got. As I said before, those in the Sanitation Department also plow. The ones on this list, 15 of them plow. Four of them (Sanitation guys) on the streets. We went through this. I'm going to sit here every Monday and tell you time and time again that we needed Sanitation to plow. We need those guys to plow and do other things, like leaf pickup and yard waste and the Main Street district. I agree with Mr. Stickle lots of times, but it's not the guys that are "rusty," it's the equipment that is rusty. We need more equipment to have less turnaround time. Our mechanics are doing a fantastic job of trying to keep these up and running. Last, I want to thank the Council for the vote and their support for the Sanitation workers. Mainly, I'm here on behalf of CSEA to say "Thank You." Thank you to Gwen Johnson, Chairman last year in sticking with the 17 jobs that we saved. I thank her for her leadership and Nina [Boyd] for working for two months with me. That was a tremendous two months – I learned a lot. I appreciate everything and the guys told me to make sure how much they appreciate her leadership during those two tough months. I think we did an excellent job. It's not 100% fair, but I could tell you, in the last couple of weeks I've had an opportunity to work with Sanitation and have seen a lot of bags on stops. They're going to use up the bags in two weeks. Then it will be much, much higher. In closing, I just want to thank Mrs. Johnson and Nina. You have our support in any endeavor in the future. Thank you very much.

Erika Fellingner - 132 Montgomery Street – I have a two family, but I have 3 tenants – 3 single tenants that all work and I live downstairs. I put out one pail per week myself except in summertime when I'm cleaning up more debris or around the holidays. I've talked to Mary [Solomon] about this. I don't want to see Sanitation get laid off either, but it's not fair to individuals that just have a two family that don't have that kind of garbage. Once in a while if they do some shopping, there might be two pails out there. It's usually once per week that I have it picked up – I don't have enough garbage for a second pickup on Thursday. Also, there's a lump of ice outside my house. It was plowed there. There's a car there that couldn't make it to the corner, but it's starting to melt away slowly due to the warmer weather. They never came back to clean it. I can now understand there is a shortage of trucks, so I never pursued it. "Mary" did have a good idea with the bags. There are people that put out a lot more garbage than I do. I have a one family and I've seen it on

my street. I just wanted to talk about that and hope that a better solution is found.

Kathryn Doutermann - 16 Hammersley Avenue – Happy New Year to one and all. I am a tenant at 16 Hammersley and the garbage fee is going to be imposed on me by my landlady. I know you can't respond, but I'm going to ask anyway. The City of Beacon incorporated it into their taxes and the rate is 11.7% - not 16% as was stated. The reason they did this was because in order to do this as a fee, they would've needed to have written an Ordinance and would have had to have an "Opt Out" clause. I'm ignorant - did the City of Poughkeepsie, write an Ordinance with an "Opt Out" clause? Most glaringly there cannot be a monopoly in the government. There's a line budget for Public Works and now you want to add a fee on top of it. The most recent and notorious case of this was last summer's ruling by the Supreme Court and health care mandates for the Health Care Act where it was deemed that it could only be mandated that you had to buy it because it was a tax, not a fee. There are other towns that do charge for their garbage. The Town of Montgomery is one of them. They have a separate hauler and an "Opt Out" clause. However, their fees (up until this month) are \$15.00 – they are going up \$2.00 to \$17.00. I would be hard pressed to find anywhere else you would pay less than \$15.00 per month. They also have provisions for seniors where they purchased the bags for \$1.15 each. I have not been able to get to as many meetings as I'd like. I echo the last lady who said that she lives in a two family house. There are only two people living at my residence and together we generate one of garbage per week. The last time I was here was about the infamous dogs down the street. That was a single family house that twice per week put out 6 cans of garbage. Where's the fairness in that? Thank you very much.

Ken Levinson - 24 Garfield Place – Happy New Year. I'm here to talk about the garbage situation as well. Handed 2 sets of photos to the City Chamberlain for distribution to the Councilmembers and Administrative Staff. This way you can all look on at the same time. One set talks about single family residences the other... I think it's admirable that you can keep the Sanitation workers on; we need the workers and they do a great job. What is the fairest way to do this? I would say the fairest way is one charge per property. Earlier, you had listened to Bruce Dooris, who said, "Oh, we do snow, we do leaves, we maintain the streets." Why does a two family house – which is a one property unit, as one parcel pay double what two single family houses pay, when two single families represent two properties, two parcels, double the leaves and double the sidewalks? What you're doing is charging folks disproportionately charging the two families and three families their fair share. In fact, I went to Alden "Street" and to Manitou Avenue because two of the Councilmembers live there and took pictures of garbages of the residents. We can see a combination of 4 and 5 cans each at these single

family residents. You're getting a pretty good deal for \$25.50 per month or \$306.00 per year. Then you look at the other page which are two family residences. Many of these two family residences are on Manitou one is on Grubb. These are two and three families. The two family residences have 2 cans for one and the other has one can. They're paying double - \$600.00 per year. The poor owner of the Grubb Street property is paying \$918.00 per year for 2 cans. This garbage was all taken at the same day between 10 and 11 o'clock before they picked up the garbage. So, what we want to do is be fair and charging double for two families and triple for three families is not fair. I think you'll find if you go outside the City, these rates are exorbitant. \$25.00 seems reasonable. There should be a flat charge for everybody. You've got a lot of two family and three family owners, especially on the Northside of Poughkeepsie, and these households are going to be hit really hard. I know Vernon Terrace has two family properties and I know some of Mr. Parise's constituents aren't pleased about paying double what some of your colleagues on the Council are paying. I doubt very much if they're using double the City services that the single family homes are are paying. So, I ask you to reconsider the price point and come up with a single charge that you think's fair. The other option is doing an "Opt Out" clause, because if what the previous gal, Kathy said is a "fee" and we need an Opt Out clause, the City shouldn't be a monopoly. If certain owners want to get their own, they should be able to do that. Thanks very much and Happy New Year to all.

Chairman Mallory: If there is no one else who would like to speak at the Public Participation hearing, this Public Hearing is closed. This leads to number V, Mayor's comments.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:

Mayor Tkazyik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Good evening all, members of the public and Council Members. Happy New Year to everyone. First, I would like to point out to the Council members that the year financial statements and audit as of December 31, 2011 is submitted to your desks and to the Chamberlain. The Chamberlain will please reflect that in the minutes that this has been provided. The Commissioner of Finance has provided that to you. Please review it, and any questions or follow-ups, please meet with the Commissioner of Finance regarding the financial statements and audit up to December 31, 2011. As you know, the City received the course a matching \$25,000 Grant and Urban Forestry Grant. Again, I would like to thank the members of the Shade Tree Commission: Virginia Hancock, Council Chairman Bob Mallory, Councilwoman Ann Perry and all the members. Of course, this grant will assist the City in its' pre-planting season forthcoming and we look forward to hearing more about that later on in the agenda. Also, the following meeting which will be on a Tuesday, January the 2nd, I will deliver the annual...22nd. Sorry if I said 2nd. I will deliver the State of the City Address at that meeting, so we invite everyone to come to that as we will

deliver the Annual State of the City Address. I'd like to point out, just a few things in relation to the comments earlier. We will look into the issue with the reduction for ridership on Public Transit in relation to Veterans. That should apply to Veterans and seniors and students and we will make sure that the drivers are enforcing that with proper identification. We want to thank and support our Veterans in every which way, so thank you, Mr. Clark for bringing that to our attention. Also, in relation to points that were raised to the garbage ordinance, the only "Opt Out" provision is for the 30 units or more – the condos or the townhomes. There is exemptions that were put in place in the Ordinance for those who are on Enhanced Star and for those seniors who are on Star that can demonstrate that the entire complex in which they may live. Let's say they are living in a two or three family, but only reside in one and the other two units are vacant. After an inspection of that property, relief can be made through that process as well. A flat fee rate across the City, in relation to the various dwelling units would just fall up short. That's why you see the changes in contribution, whether it be a single family, a two family or a three family to sustain the cost of sanitation service. To charge one flat rate of \$25.50 throughout the City, through the various complexes would fall short in relation to the revenue that it would then generate to support the function of sanitation service. The City will be sending out bills for sanitation. The first one will be separate. It will have instructions as part of that. The second bill will be part of your water bill cycle. There'll be a line on there for garbage. It will be part of the water bill, but since the water bills for this quarter already went out your first bill will be separate in the mail. We've already received a few "Opt Outs" that have notified the City in writing and have shown proof of another source of service to provide garbage pickup. However, the "Opt Out" provision would not be able to be provided for the one, two and three family properties because of that, revenue needs to be generated in order to support the service and the manpower that so many of our constituents came to request from the City during the budget discussions. I hope that clarifies some of the questions raised here this evening in relation to the new Garbage Ordinance that was put into effect, in relation to the adoption of the 2013 Budget. Any question to those facts with Star and Enhanced Star, constituents could make an appointment with the City Assessor, Mr. Gene DeMarco, to his availability. Any further questions in relation to the Ordinance which is posted online and details will be put into the bills. They can also meet with Acting City Administrator, Paul Ackermann if those of you want to meet one on one for a particular issue involving your property. So, I hope that addresses just a few of the points that were raised from the public this evening. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Mallory: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. I'd just like to express that we, as a Council here heard your concerns about Sanitation. With a difficult

situation presented to us in 2012, with the leadership of, at that time, Chairperson Johnson and Majority Leader, Nina Boyd. We as a caucus, we as a Council have worked very hard to address that situation. Hearing your concerns today, I'm hoping that the Council working with the Mayor and Acting City Administrator, Paul Ackermann maybe we can make some adjustments for 2014. We know these were difficult decisions. Choices had to be made. Not everyone would be satisfied or happy, but hopefully we could address those, moving forward on other budget concerns. Being fiscally responsible, addressing crime, gun violence and other quality of life issues in spurring economic growth are the challenges the Council faces. This Council welcomes the challenge before us and with transparency, input from the community and a willingness to work together, we can achieve most, if not all of our goals. I will make further comments on these challenges after the State of the City Address. Finally, in regards to my comments in the Hudson Valley News and possibly consolidation of bus services with the County, I'm not inclined to support any consolidation if City residents don't receive the same services as they have presently been getting. I will reserve judgment until the Council has been given and reviewed the Transportation Consultant Report.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

Assistant Corporation Counsel Brady: Thank you Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Before you is a resolution setting a public hearing for January 22nd of this year at 6:00 p.m. pertaining to proposed amendments to the Taxicab Ordinance. I drafted this ordinance with the assistance of a number of people including Chairman Mallory and Councilmember Herman. The proposed amendments, I feel will improve public safety, provide a more streamlined approach to licensing and create an effective enforcement throughout the prosecution of cases of violations. I've laid the proposed amendments at each councilman's desk this evening. If you have any questions or concerns, I'm always available to look into those and addressing your concerns.

RESOLUTION

(R-13-9)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SOLOMON

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Chamberlain be, and she hereby is authorized and directed to publish a Notice of Public Hearing to be held January 22, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. concerning proposed amendments to Chapter 18 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Taxicabs.”

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

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2. A motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Before you is a resolution that would introduce a Local Law amending the Waterfront Advisory Committee and set a public hearing on the proposed Local Law. This had previously been proposed to the Council at that time. It was deferred and some amendments were made mainly made at the request of Councilwoman Boyd. Those changes have been incorporated into the new Local Law. Some of them are substantial, so it requires a reintroduction of the Local Law and another public hearing, so that is the resolution you’re going to be voting on today is just the introduction and the setting of the public hearing. The public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for February 22nd, which is your next Council Meeting at 6:15 p.m. prior to your regularly scheduled meeting.

Majority Leader Boyd: Is there any way that we can get a list of the present members of the Waterfront Advisory Committee? We, as Common Council members need to know because I understand we have to elect them, including the Chairperson as well.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That’s correct. Pursuant to the new Local Law, the Council would appoint a Chairperson. They also would have 3 appointments to the new 7 committee members, the Mayor would have 4

appointments. We will get for you a current list of the members of the Waterfront Advisory Committee, as well as their terms and so, we will provide that to you prior to the public hearing.

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCING LOCAL LAW
AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLIC
NOTICE AND HEARING
(R-13-10)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER RICH

BE IT RESOLVED, that an introductory Local Law, entitled “Amendments to Waterfront Advisory Committee” be and it hereby is introduced before the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie in the County of Dutchess and State of New York; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed local law are laid upon the desk of each member of the Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council shall hold a public hearing on said proposed local law at City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York, at 6:15 o’clock P.M., on February 22, 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk publish or cause to be published a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Poughkeepsie of said public hearing at least five (5) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

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3. A motion was made by Vice Chair Solomon and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you Chairman Mallory, members of the Council. Sometime last year, pursuant to Resolution R12-49, this body authorized the City to seek a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation with respect to Urban Forestry. We actually just received notification that we've been awarded the grant in the amount of \$25,000. It's a matching grant. Before you is a resolution that is required, accepting the grant and authorizing the Mayor to sign the same. For your information, I actually attached the grant and the supporting documentation, so I don't know if you have any questions on the documentation that's been provided.

Councilmember Boyd: You don't have this page numbered, but it's the eighth page from the back. From what I understand when we did the budget in 2012, we have 30 trees that we (City) at about \$110.00 per tree. Is that correct? In this agreement, it says 105 trees, but we already have 30 in our 2012 budget, so it's really only an additional 75 trees and not 105 trees mostly on the Northside.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That's correct. You'll see Schedule B, attached to the grant contract, the City is going to be purchasing 30 trees. It's what the Council budgeted for. Pursuant to the New York State Environmental Grant, they will allow us to purchase 75 additional trees with their money for a total of 105 trees.

Councilmember Boyd: OK, so what's the percentage of the Northside budget, and why is the grant for the Northside and not for the Southside? That's one question.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That was in the parameters of the grant application.

Councilmember Boyd: The second question I have, can we actually put in conifers and Hemlocks and White Pines? Or, does it have to be a fruit tree of any sort? Because I think that conifers don't lose their pines and they're nice and they can actually go through the Summer and Winter months without losing their needles...

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Yes. What happens with the City, is you rely on the Shade Tree Commission to actually give us their technical expertise. They recommend what trees will be planted with City staff from

the Engineering Department. If you have specific questions with regard to that, I believe Virginia Hancock, from the Shade Tree Commission is here; you can suspend the rules.

Chairman Mallory: I'd like to make a motion to suspend the rules.

Virginia Hancock: First, I'd like to give thanks to the former City Administrator, who really put this together. The Shade Tree Commission provided the information, and he and his Administrative Assistant, Erian did a superb job. You can see the result. We are going to receive this \$25,000. Just as has been stated, the Shade Tree Commission meets monthly and helps in selection of trees to be planted. These are trees on City property. So, for conifers and those kinds of trees, you could put those in your parks, but you certainly can't put those on the street. The Northside was chosen because there are lots of spots. The Southside does too, but the Northside even moreso needs to have their canopy increased. This just helps with the general appearance, and so forth. So anyway, we meet monthly, if anyone is interested in coming to our meetings. We also do review of Site Plans and assist in advising plant material that has been indicated by the landscape architect. So we help in that manner also. We also inspect sites that are being developed to make sure that there's proper protection of trees on sites to be developed. We do have an ordinance that protects our trees. It spells out exactly what should be done in keeping our trees as healthy as possible. If I may, I would just briefly like to say to you...because the last time, I believe information came across about the Emerald Ash Bore, and that we have over 400 Ash trees in the City, but we do know where they are and we do have...and this grant came from the Department of Environmental Conservation. And, we do have an Urban Forester in New Paltz who is with that Department of Environmental "Education." He will be working with us to assist us when we get the Emerald Ash Bore. This grant will assist us if we have a number of Ash trees to be removed.

Councilmember Solomon: Could you tell us what a "gaitor" bag is?

Virginia Hancock: Oh, yes. I should have mentioned that. You may have noticed in your travels in different communities (i.e. Hyde Park) uses these; a green plastic bag around the trunk of a new tree. They can be filled with water for the first couple of years, crucial to the life of the tree. They gradually release water to the root zone of the tree. We feel that we should protect these trees and give them a good start that will have these "gaitor bags."

Councilmember Solomon: Does it have to be by rainfall, or does it have to be done deliberately?

Virginia Hancock: No, the City would have to fill them with their water truck to keep them watered, but visits would be less frequent.

Councilmember Rich: I have a question. Are you and the Shade Tree Commission supervising the trimming of the trees in the City, because I think we've got a problem with some of those trees that hang over wires and have, in the past, caused us some dilemmas with electric outages. It's great that we can put 100 new trees in, but do we have the ability to trim the trees that we have now plus the ones we're going to get?

Virginia Hancock: Are you referring to Central Hudson who comes in and trims for the lines for the electrical wires?

Councilmember Rich: I know they do that sometimes, but...

Virginia Hancock: Every so often they come in and do a...well, anyway, they're very severe and we do try to communicate with them about their procedures.

Councilmember Rich: I've had complaints in my ward that trees aren't being trimmed in a way they should be and caused difficulties for homeowners. I was wondering if you (your Commission) supervised where we go to...

Virginia Hancock: If you're speaking of your own tree department, we certainly would want to know about this and work with the tree department and see what the problem is. Yes, Bruce Dooris does sit on our Commission.

Councilmember Rich: OK.

Councilmember Perry: I just wanted to ask about the same question that Councilman Rich was concerned about, because in the 5th Ward, which is on the Northside, I believe from these documents is designated as one of the areas receiving these new trees. My problem with the trees in that area, are the ones that are hanging directly over the sidewalk. You cannot miss them. They're just never trimmed. I thought, if we're going to have beautiful trees planted, someone should also be concerned about trimming them so they don't block the people from walking. I like trees, but I would like to see them cared for.

Virginia Hancock: If you would then communicate with the Shade Tree Commission that would be the best way to go.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: If I may interrupt. The Shade Tree Commission is an advisory board. It advises the City, it advises DPW. If you have specific instances of trees that need to be trimmed, you should let me know, or let Commissioner DuPilka know. They will go out and look at them. When they're out there trimming (they have a routine trimming program), if it's not on the list, they'll add it to the list. All your concerns can be brought to the Shade Tree Commission to discuss it, but the first point of contact should be the City to come and take a look at it.

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

R - E - S - O - L - U - T - I - O - N
(R-13-11)

**AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A PROJECT
AGREEMENT WITH THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**

INTRODUCED BY VICE CHAIR SOLOMON

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie has previously adopted Resolution R-12-49 entitled “2012 Urban and Community Forestry Project” that allowed the City to file a grant application with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for 50% matching funds in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 for financial assistance for the 2012 City of Poughkeepsie Urban Forestation Project; and

WHEREAS, said grant application was accepted and approved by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation in the amount of \$25,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is desirous of having the Mayor execute a project agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Lands and Forests for the release of the grant funds; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute this project agreement and do all other things necessary and convenient to give full effect to this Resolution.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

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4. A motion was made by Councilmember Solomon and seconded by Councilmember Boyd to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you Mr. Chairman, Members of the Council. This resolution had been tabled from your previous meeting. This is a resolution approving the Consolidated Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant. HOWPA was originally drafted to the public, November 15, 2012. A public hearing was held, and at this point, it would be appropriate to approve the program as it was put to the public.

Councilmember Boyd: Did we get an extension for this time?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That's correct. As I said last time, we did get an extension until mid-March.

Councilmember Boyd: How long is that extension for? It runs now until mid-March?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The reason being, is that one thing that has to happen is there's a new system in place and it needs to be uploaded into the new system and has to go out to the public in the new system also.

Councilmember Boyd: Since the Director of Social Development is retired, do we have a person that will be taking over this position?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The program right now is going to be, all inquiries will go to the Building Department, to Gary Beck, who will take any inquiries in for any programming, any payments on any existing programs. Funding will be done by the Finance Department for the interim.

Councilmember Boyd: So, we're not filling that slot?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I don't believe there is any intention of filling that slot, that position.

Councilmember Boyd: We have money in the budget to get a person in that slot...we brought money back into the budget to get a person to do this job; not to rely on the Building Department, not to rely on the Finance Department – to get an actual body.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: In the interim, the programming is going to be handled by the Building Department and any payment authorizations will be handled by the Finance Department – at least in the interim.

Councilmember Solomon: I'm wondering how long the interim is.

Mayor Tkazyik: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yes, we plan to join into an inter-municipal agreement with Dutchess County to administer the program. This administering of the program has no impact of funding to the City for projects. The City will still continue to receive its' money for both infrastructure and for programming.

Councilmember Solomon: What is the reason for joining with the County when there is no financial gain for the City?

Mayor Tkazyik: There is a retirement for the Director of Social Development. The City has no intention of filling that position. We will have an inter-municipal agreement with Dutchess County to operate the program.

Councilmember Solomon: Well, we have \$140,000 in the grant to provide for administration, which would surely cover the cost of an administrator.

Mayor Tkazyik: Councilwoman Solomon, we have no intention of filling that Director's spot.

Councilmember Solomon: Where will the \$140,000 go?

Mayor Tkazyik: It will be joining an inter-municipal agreement with Dutchess County to administer the program.

Councilmember Boyd: Does the Common Council have to agree with this agreement?

Mayor Tkazyik: The inter-municipal agreement will come before the Common Council. That is correct.

Councilmember Solomon: I just want to say that, we were recently at a meeting at County-elected officials, and there was quite a heated discussion about the division of County CDBG funds. I would say that, of the many municipalities there, maybe 20 were furious and 2 were satisfied with the division of CDBG funds. I have an idea, that the City of Poughkeepsie could do the better job of dividing and deciding where our CDBG funds should be spent.

Mayor Tkazyik: Councilwoman Solomon, you're absolutely correct. That will still continue to take place, the City will still decide the infrastructure, and the program monies will still be done by a community committee of City people who determine how that's broken out. The County will just administer the proper paperwork.

Councilmember Solomon: What is the advantage of that...

Councilmember Boyd: What do we need them for? They shorted us with sales tax. Now they're going to short us on our capital plan and I have Linden Road in the capital plan here, as a "Wish List," that are being flooded out from the rain and the snow and all of their furniture has gone on the sidewalk, in the street, and I think it's just...

Mayor Tkazyik: The County has no input to any of those projects. That would fall within the City.

Councilmember Boyd: If the County doesn't have any say about that, why give it to the County?

Mayor Tkazyik: They're administering the paperwork for this program.

Councilmember Boyd: The City has enough money in the budget to do our own paperwork.

Mayor Tkazyik: The City is not hiring anyone to fill this position. There was a retirement.

Councilmember Boyd: That doesn't mean we can't get anyone else for it, just because she retired.

Chairman Mallory: Are there any more questions about the 2013 CDBG?

Councilman Rich: I'd like to point out that this Council has been talking about this inter-municipal agreement idea, and we're not very interested in

having such. We want the program in the City, run by the City. Remember our County government shafted us “Big Time” with a \$2.3 Million reduction in sales tax with just a little time to go and fix the budget. So, I’m not all that interested in the County doing our business, because they sure “did the business to us” by cutting our sales tax. I see no reason why we can’t have it the way we’ve had it all these years. I see no advantage with giving this to the County. As with the \$140,000 – it’s not City appropriations, it’s from the CDBG Grant, and all we’re doing is giving the County some of that CDBG grant for running our program. The person that runs that program, frankly, “What do they know about the City of Poughkeepsie?” What do they know about the needs? We need somebody in-house that knows about the needs and could run a good program, seeing that we get all the applications in in a timely manner and getting them done, so I want to say to the Executive Branch, “I will vote, NO on such an inter-municipal agreement, as I think it is not in the best interest of the City to do it.”

Councilmember Solomon: If the Council doesn’t pass the inter-municipal agreement, and there is no one to draw down the funds, what will happen?

Mayor Tkazyik: It would put the City in jeopardy of receiving the CDBG allocation.

Vice Chair Solomon: Oh, it wouldn’t be the Mayor who would, uh...

Mayor Tkazyik: The administration portion of this grant falls within the Executive Branch. They are not filling the retirement’s position. We’re going to join into an inter-municipal agreement with the County to administer programming information. The City still receives the infrastructure monies, the City still receives the programming monies. We still oversee and get. The County has no say over the funds; where it goes, how it’s spent. They can’t cut it, they can’t make it more. These are our funds. We are a separate entitlement community, just like Dutchess County is itself.

Councilmember Solomon: So it will be kind of a “spitting contest.”

Councilmember Boyd: Let me understand this. So, if the Common Council doesn’t pass the resolution for the County, then you’re telling us that the Common Council is putting the City in jeopardy..

Mayor Tkazyik: Right...I would refer to Legal...

Councilmember Boyd: Wait. If the Common Council holds the person, and the Common Council decided on the budget, and if the Common Council put money in the budget for this position, then the Common Council has the right.

Mayor Tkazyik: Councilmember Boyd, just because the money...

Councilmember Boyd: Excuse me, I’m not finished. I’m not finished, you’re interrupting.

Mayor Tkazyik: Go ahead.

Councilmember Boyd: ...Then the Common Council has the right to fill this position, if we are holding the purse.

Mayor Tkazyik: Councilmember Boyd, Common Council appropriates the budget. The Executive Branch administers the budget. It does not need to spend the money that you put in the budget. This “Right of Discretion” falls within the Executive Branch.

Councilmember Boyd: Well, you can’t say that the Council is going to put the City in jeopardy...

Mayor Tkazyik: Councilmember Solomon was talking about the inter-municipal agreement.

Chairman Mallory: All right, can we focus back on point please on the conversation of the 2013 CDBG? Is there any other conversation, discussion for it?

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SOLOMON

WHEREAS, in accordance with 24 CFR, Part 91, Consolidated Submission for Community Planning and Development Programs, the City of Poughkeepsie is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Action Plan on the utilization of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds for 2013; and

WHEREAS, the City prepared a Draft Action Plan which was made available for public review and comment on November 15, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the Draft Action Plan was available for public review and comment through December 17, 2012; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on December 5, 2012 as an additional means to gather public comment on the proposed Draft Action Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby approves the 2013 Consolidated Annual Action Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie’s Consolidated Annual Action Plan shall be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

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VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **FROM BRENDAN FLYNN**, a notice of property damage sustained on October 29, 2012. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**
2. **FROM CHERIED. MORGAN**, a notice of personal injury sustained on December 11, 2012. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**
3. **FROM KEISHA HAMILTON**, a notice of property damage sustained on December 7, 2012. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**
4. **FROM TONDJU MCCLINTON**, a notice of property damage sustained on January 21, 2012. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Johnson: I just want to reiterate concerning the garbage situation – the four options:

1. Using the Mayor’s budget: Was to eliminate the Sanitation Service and each individual and each household would have to find their own private pickup. There could be 4 or 5 different trucks, every day of the week, up and down the streets picking up your garbage for a fee.
2. Waste Zero Plan: Using \$3.00 bags, which could be marked up to \$4.00 to \$5.00 retail per bag. Although it wasn’t mandatory to buy the bags, you couldn’t put your garbage curbside or in a garbage without the “City bag with the Emblem” so, people who didn’t have money for the bag, could go out and get regular bags and dump it all over town. The \$4.00 bags x 3 bags per week would be \$12.00 per week. That is a lot of money.
3. Raise taxes to 16.4% which would only solve the problem for 2013. Next year it would be raised from 16 to 18%. Still, you would be

paying. Only a percentage of this tax can be written off, not the whole amount.

4. Sanitation User Fee: This is what other municipalities are using. It is based on recycling getting a lower tipping fee. Right now our tipping fee is \$79.00 per ton. Another private hauler gets \$71.00 per ton. That's important. With 6,800 tons. We could save money by getting that tipping fee lowered. Also, the recyclables which have been put out for years has not given us any revenue – Zero dollars (\$0.00). Now, based on the theory with Waste Zero and the Sanitation User Fee, we should recycle and generate money from it. The Sanitation Fund can never have a surplus, but we have to start with a base. We didn't have any revenues.

All four options were to pay. It just depended on how you pay and who you were paying it to. Nothing is engraved in stone. Therefore, at any time, the Mayor can scrap the Sanitation User Fee and replace it with the 16.4% tax increase and can steadily increase the tax the following year, etc. Remember, you won't have any Sanitation men. If you think it was bad during leaf and snow removal, you won't have Sanitation. You're already losing the CDBG funds, which Majority Leader Boyd and I personally put back into the budget line which was zero. Now that's going to be administered by the County. This year, you may also lose your City bus service, and if shared, I know for a fact that City bus drivers will not have their jobs. They would have to have to re-apply/apply; they don't go with the service. So, when you have given everything away in the City and you have nothing left, are you really a city? When people come up and say, "Oh, I only put one bag out." We are a community – we are all in this together. If we continue to act selfishly, then we all go down. Divided We Fall. We have nothing. You talk about the litter, illegal dumping, the rats...go to the Middle and High School. There are plenty of rats around there. So, unless we start acting as a community and solving our problem together...the Sanitation User Fee has a clause for Enhanced Senior Star Program, in which the fee is \$100 annually. Again, the Sanitation User Fee cannot have a surplus. So if we lower our tipping fees, which is the cost to dump our 6,800 tons and start a recycling campaign then we'd be throwing away less garbage. That is savings right there. Plus, the revenues from the Transfer Station – all that matters if the City is run properly and managed correctly. We need a City Administrator. So, out of the 4 options on the table, the one we went for...if it's not for everybody, then let's go with the 16.4% tax increase this year, 18% next year, 19% the following year, etc., etc., and get rid of the Sanitation Department; trucks are gone, everything's gone. Once it's gone, you can't get it back. The bags - dumping all over the city. Private pickup - once the private industry has you...you know that old saying, they give you a discount the first year, but watch out for the second and third year, when you have no other recourse.

Councilmember Rich: Mr. Chair, I think that one of our dilemmas which we saw tonight with the public speakers, was that people don't understand why we selected the User Fee. They Mayor suggested an ad in the paper. There's a way to do it for free in the Valley View, but it may be difficult. You'd have to explain to them the options which were deleted and the option we picked, which we felt was best and why. I couldn't do that because of the technology involved, but I'm certain it could be done by someone or a team.

Councilmember Johnson: I was personally going to put that in the Valley View, but the Executive Office can do a Press Release to get the information out also.

Councilmember Boyd: How are we coming along with the City Administrator's position?

Mayor Tkazyik: Thank you, Councilmember Boyd. The day after we adopted the budget and signed it into law, we started the advertisement process for City Administrator. We received 18 applications to date. People have until January 21st to apply. They've been in several newspapers and the National Managers and Administrators' portfolio magazines, both online and in print.

Councilmember Boyd: Can you refresh my memory and let me know how much that salary was?

Mayor Tkazyik: Well, we budgeted for \$118,800.

Councilmember Boyd: \$118,800?

Mayor Tkazyik: Right. That doesn't mean that it's going to be that 100% during negotiations, but at least that's what it was funded to be to that extent to negotiating.

Councilmember Boyd: Where did the City come up with that money? I know we came up with a portion of that money.

Mayor Tkazyik: I believe that came from contingency, part of the amendments to the budget. That doesn't necessarily mean the applicant will **be given \$118,800...**

Councilmember Boyd: We have a lot of money coming out of contingency this evening.

Mayor Tkazyik: These were decisions that had to be made. They had to be made at the end.

Councilmember Johnson: I believe that in our budget, not only did we put \$11,000 in additional funding for a Girls' Summer Program, we also put money in

for our Temp. workers to clean the parks in the Summer. We also gave the Mayor \$53,000 toward a City Administrator and the difference came out of contingency.

Mayor Tkazyik: That is correct. Plus, there was already \$26,000 budgeted.

Councilmember Johnson: For the Temp. help.

Mayor Tkazyik: Yes.

Councilmember Johnson: Very good.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Boyd: We had a tragedy just recently on the Hudson River in Hyde Park. A canoe had overturned and two gentlemen fell out. We have a boat. It's \$160,000 for the Fire Department. I was wondering if Hyde Park or the Sheriff's Office contacted us? Whether we had offered to use our boat on that water to try to find these men.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Our Fire Department has Mutual Aid agreements with Ulster County, all of Dutchess County...we make our services available when it's requested. I don't believe our resources were requested at this time. I will confirm for you, but it would have been available and would have been made available if requested.

Councilmember Boyd: I would appreciate you getting back to me with that. Also, I got a phone call for a donation of a Christmas Tree, coming right off the Bridge where the Poughkeepsie sign is. A donation of a Christmas Tree and Christmas Lights for December, 2013. I was wondering what I can tell my constituents regarding that? They prefer that location because at one point, my constituent stated that the tree had always been there – a Conifer or White Pine for the longest time and was always decorated. There is a Menorah and a Christmas tree on the Walkway.

Mayor Tkazyik: I believe that process of where the triangle is, would have to get DOT sign off. I believe a lot was done during the Gateway Project for what you see there. Many trees were removed – At one point they were even talking about removing the American Flag from that island, and I said, "No, I think we should move it to another corner of the island." So I think that if it's something you'd like investigated, we'll talk with Commissioner DuPilka to reach out to DOT to see if that's something we can do. I'd also suggest, at the same time, you reach out to the Poughkeepsie Garden Club and tell them about the inquiry and what you'd like to see there because they went through

the process of clearing what was in that island. Erian can get you the contact for the Garden Club.

Councilmember Boyd: I would appreciate it, thank you.

Councilmember Herman: Is **Councilmember Boyd** and **Councilmember Perry** still liaisons for the school districts? I'd like to know what plan the district is putting into place in light of Newtown, because I talked to [Police Chief] Ron Knapp today and he said the district never even approached them for extra patrols. I went to Krieger School today and spoke to the principal. It needs to be addressed because the teachers talked about how they have a "lockdown" program, but you can't lock the doors from the inside. I walked around the school for probably 40 minutes and spoke to a lot of people. I told the principal that I didn't want to overstep my bounds, but I really think we need to have a conversation with the administration over there to see what protocols are going to be put in place as far as a security measure, because the Arlington School District as you know, allocated \$500,000. Now they have deputies in every building and are now hiring part time and off-duty, retired officers to be greeters in all the grade schools. On the County level they're addressing it, but on a City level it's moot. For them to not have a conversation with the Police Department is absurd. Where I work, we were in every grade school the next day, 3 or 4 times of patrol. So, if you could look into that, I'd be grateful.

Councilmember Boyd: I can do that for you. Absolutely.

Councilmember Johnson: I would like to know – did we find the shooter at the Gyro King crime scene?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: It's still under investigation at this point. We do not have anybody...nobody's been arrested for that.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chairman Mallory and Vice Chair Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Dated: April 3, 2013

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Common Council Chambers

Monday, January 7, 2013

6:30 p.m.

***6:00 Presentation regarding
Snow Removal Procedure***

I. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Public Hearing of June 18, 2012

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 ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BRADY,** Resolution R13-9, setting a public hearing for amendments to the Taxi Ordinance.
- 2. FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN,** Resolution R13-10, introducing and setting a public hearing for proposed amendment to Section 18 ½-5 entitled "Waterfront Advisory Committee".

3. FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN, Resolution R13-11, approving and accepting a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for the planting of trees.

4. FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN, Resolution R13-12, approving the 2013 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan.

IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

2. FROM ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL BRADY, Ordinance O-13-1, amending Department of Public Works permit fees.

X. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

5. FROM BRENDAN FLYNN, a notice of property damage sustained on October 29, 2012.

6. FROM CHERIED. MORGAN, a notice of personal injury sustained on December 11, 2012

7. FROM KEISHA HAMILTON, a notice of property damage sustained on December 7, 2012.

8. FROM TONDJU MCCLINTON, a notice of property damage sustained on January 21, 2012.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

XV. ADJOURNMENT:

