



# THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Monday, July 14, 2014 6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall**

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**I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**ROLL CALL**

**All Present**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

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

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

**Ken Stickle 118 Catherine Street** - The graffiti law is it is supposed to be removed within 48 hours. The monument at College Hill Park has had graffiti on it going on 2 weeks. The City should be fined \$100 per day. Day after day, more graffiti is on it. The historic Gleebe House has a fence that is falling down for over 2 weeks. We have treasures in this city and they're not being taken care of. There's a 50 ft. dead in Mansion Square Park on the Mansion Street side going east. It started to be cut down, then it stopped. There're dead branches in the park. My days of mowing the lawns for the City are over.

**Darrett Roberts 148 Franklin Street** – There are no cars on Main Street on Saturdays since the parking meters were installed. You should bring down the price on the meters. The people will come back and support the businesses. I know the Council is doing the best that they can. You have a lot of issues that you have taken on. I appreciate all of you.

**Nancy Cozean 115 Hooker Avenue** – I support the previous comments about the graffiti at College Hill Park. The more activities we have at the parks, the more monitoring that we will do. Thanks to Councilmember McClinton, we will be having the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Butternut Blues Jam on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. We have lost our champion butternut tree. We have neighbors

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that have donated baby butternut trees. Councilmember McClinton wants to expand this program to Your Community, Your Park, Your Future. This is a very positive way to get the community stabilized. I appreciate the things she wants to do: anti-drug, anti-alcohol, old weed & seed message known as Broken Glass Syndrome. When the neighborhood is not in good shape, you are attracting more crime. We would like to do a celebration there with entertainment and good messages. We hope that City Police, Mayor and Council could join us.

**Sheila Blanding 78 North Bridge Street** - I live in the 5<sup>th</sup> ward. We have 2 houses on Bridge Street. One of the houses, people are throwing furniture in the back yard. The other house, people are gathering on the back porch. I don't know who the property owners are, I've never seen them. They're bringing in the wrong element. There's a corner on Bridge Street that is really dark at night. I would like to see those areas cleaned up. There are people from the Living Room Program that are congregating in those areas. I'm going to meet with Councilmember Petsas this week to show him what I'm talking about. We have some absentee landlords that are not mowing the grass.

**Steven Plank 81 Carroll Street** – I'm a landlord in the City. Administration should get behind the idea of a list of landlords in the City. It would be a great asset to all the landlords in the City who are trying to make a difference for the community and our neighbors. I take responsibility for those who I rent to. The parking amnesty programs is a great idea. It's obvious that you're charging too much for the meters, otherwise you wouldn't have so many vacancies. I hope that this idea will extend the generosity to the residents. I pay \$75 for one 30 gallon can per week. If you're interested in suing the City to get rid of the sanitation fee, please email me at [stevenplank@gmail.com](mailto:stevenplank@gmail.com).

**Bill Dykas 96 South Hamilton Street** – I'm in favor of the parking meters. No Saturdays would be nice. Parking amnesty, I'm a former parking agent. I don't think you should do it. But if you do, at least make them pay part of the fine. The City needs money. At the last meeting, Council members mentioned handicapped parking – 2 spaces for every 8 spaces. It's great for the handicapped people, but it's not for Main Street. It won't be used that way. People are afraid to approach them and give them tickets

**Barbara Lindsey 53 Ferris Lane** – I wanted to thank you for your quick response to a tree that fell onto my lawn last night. The crew was very polite and wonderful.

**V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS:**

**Mayor Tkazyik-** Good Evening Council Chair, Council Members, members of the public. Thank you for being here. I wanted to commend the DPW, Commissioner Gent and his team. They were out last night. I received several updates from the City Administrator with relation to trees, branches, limbs and poles that were down. Thank you for all that you are doing to keep up with the quality of life issues that challenge us every day. I can assure you that the graffiti blaster is out there running and we will make sure that we tackle the graffiti as best we can and get to those areas in our public parks especially at College Hill Park. Just

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to clarify, the amnesty program is for all unpaid parking tickets. It doesn't just apply to the parking meters. We did this in 2009 with a large amount of outstanding tickets due. We got \$180,000 for just the one month, so we do support the amnesty from September 2<sup>nd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>. It gives an incentive for those to come in and pay their tickets and of course for the outstanding amount of revenue owed to the City at this time. It does apply to all parking tickets. Also tonight, before you, is a presentation in relation to the 9/11 memorial. I want to thank the members of the Kiwanis Club for being here and for coming before the City and the Council. The Council so graciously accepted the gift of the beams from the Port Authority. It's something that I've been working closely on with Chairman Mallory and Councilmember Petsas and all the Councilmembers. I know that we are going to see to that presentation later this evening for a grand location here on the premises of City Hall and then to have a great 9/11 Commemorative service when we unveil our own memorial here on our City of Poughkeepsie Campus. Of course, there will be more activities in our parks throughout the summer whether at Earline Patrice, Waryas and of course, another Community Gospel Concert at College Hill Park with Councilmember Perry. Jazz was a huge success. So there are more good things happening at College Hill Park. We look forward to the Butternut Presentation as former Mayor Nancy Cozean mentioned earlier. There's a lot going on in the City and many projects coming around the way. We heard about the supermarket tonight. There are many development projects that have submitted and have come on the table and the City will be coming before this body in the next couple of months. I know we hear about some of the negative things that go on and we talk about projects going on in Dutchess County, but I still say check out the building permits and planning board applications. You will see that amount of activity, positive projects that are taking place within these 4 ½ square miles. It's more than any other town or city in Dutchess County. I can say that strongly. This body will be seeing many of those presentations come before it over the next several months as we dive into preparation for the 2015 City Budget. We look forward to working with all of you.

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

**Chairman Mallory-** I want to commend DPW for being out there in that kind of storm. I know certain wards were hit harder than the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. Thank you for communicating, being out there last night and first thing this morning. You can see the work that has been done and will continue to be done. We are having before us today about graffiti. All councilmembers have expressed concern about it and it's not being removed as quickly as we want. This body does want to take an aggressive approach. Today we will be hearing from Asst. Corporation Counsel Volk and hopefully at the next Common Council meeting we will be able to address this problem as a whole. Also before us today is a presentation from Steve Tinkleman's Office and the Kiwanis Club about the 9/11 memorial plaza. Having it here at City Hall is symbolic and needed, I feel, for bringing life into our community and area. The location that is going to be presented to come us to from the majority leader. We talked about this in January. I look forward to the body asking questions for the presentation in itself so we can move forward and have the proper dedication for those that have fallen.

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

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

**Councilmember Hermann** stated that this resolution was held over from the previous meeting, and thanked Corporation Counsel and City Administration for getting some of the information that he and his colleagues had requested, and to get a better sense of whether or not this proposal was good for the city, and believes that Mr. Ackermann and Miss. Valk have adequately addressed the concerns that most of the scofflaws are being pursued and will be addressed. They do not fall within this proposal; we're not going to be losing out on that revenue. And he also believes that the revenue is substantial enough from the earlier conversation that it warrants his colleague's support, so asks that his colleagues support this. Echoing what the Mayor said, this is for all parking tickets, but some of the parking meter tickets will also fall under this as well.

**Councilmember Perry** added that she supports the amnesty program, and it's a case where government does not always rule with heavy handedness, but with some compassion. There will be a two month period where people can come in and make good with their payments. It looks small, but looks important to some people who have to come and pay, and it will give them some time to get that straightened out.

**RESOLUTION  
R14-54**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER HERMANN AND COUNCILMEMBER PERRY**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie has over one million dollars in outstanding parking ticket revenue from unpaid parking tickets and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie has made a diligent attempt to collect on these outstanding parking tickets

**WHEREAS**, in 2009 the City of Poughkeepsie had a successful parking amnesty program which the Common Council wishes to do again

**NOW, THEREFORE**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby approves the parking amnesty program to be held from September 2, 2014 until October 31, 2014

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that during that period all penalties shall be waived with the payment of the original fine.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON**

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O-14-12			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Councilmember Hermann	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Perry	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Klein	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

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

1. **FROM STEVE TINKLEMEN AND KIWANIS CLUB**, a communication on the proposed designed of 911 Memorial Plaza.
2. **FROM POUGHKEEPSIE FOOD COALITION**, a communication regarding their missions and goals.
3. **FROM ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL VALK**, a communication regarding proposed amendments to Section 14-45 of the Charter 14 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled “Graffiti Prohibited”.

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## *Memorandum*

*CCM 7-14-14 Item IX-3*

**TO:** Common Council Members  
**FROM:** Rebecca A. Valk, Assistant Corporation Counsel  
**DATE:** July 14, 2014  
**SUBJECT:** Ordinance amending Section 14-45 re. Graffiti  
**CC:** Paul Ackermann, Esq.

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As discussed at the June 16, 2014 meeting of the Common Council, attached is a proposed Ordinance to amend certain subsections of Section 14-45 "Graffiti Prohibited." The amendment permits the City to charge a fee of \$40 to remediate graffiti if the homeowner requests the City's services within 48 hours of receiving written notification from the City. After that time, the fee the City may charge to remediate the graffiti is \$200. This is in addition to any fines and penalties the Court may impose if the homeowner receives a notice of violation for failing to remediate the graffiti.

Please let me know if you have any questions on the attached.

**ORDINANCE AMENDING §14-45  
OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED "GRAFFITI PROHIBITED"**

**(O-14-13)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

**BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** §14-45 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances is hereby amended by the following additions and deletions:

- (e) Responsibilities of owner. Upon written notification by the City to the property owner of a building or structure on which graffiti is affixed, the property owner shall have 48 hours to: (1) remove the graffiti; or (2) request the City to assist in the removal of the graffiti at ~~no expense to the~~ cost of \$40 to the property owner, said notice having been served personally or as otherwise permitted by law. The assistance of the City to the property owner shall include the removal of graffiti with City equipment and City employees, who shall render such assistance as directed by the Commissioner of Public Works, weather permitting, to the best of their ability. The City shall require each property owner who requests such assistance from the City to execute a hold harmless and covenant releasing the City and its employees for any damage to the building or structure to be cleaned, as a condition of providing such assistance to the owner. After the 48 hour period has passed, the property owner may still request the City's assistance in removing the graffiti at a cost of \$200 to the property owner, which shall be in addition to any fines or penalties imposed pursuant to subsection (f), below.
- (f) Failure of owner to comply. Failure of the property owner to either remove the graffiti or request the city's ~~free~~ assistance for such removal may subject the property owner to a civil penalty in the amount of \$200 per offense. Each day the violation of this section persists shall be considered a separate offense. Such civil action shall be brought in City Court.

**SECTION 2:** This Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER \_\_\_\_\_:

**ADDITIONS** denoted by **Bold** and Underlining

**DELETIONS** denoted by Brackets [] and ~~Strikethrough~~

- 4. **FROM MARJORIE BARNETT**, a notice of property damage sustained on May 1, 2014. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**

5. **FROM WALDROW 2407 HOLDING, LLC C/O THOMAS WALDROW**, a notice of property damage sustained on June 25, 2014. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**
6. **FROM DANIEL DORN**, a notice of personal injury sustained on June 20, 2014. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Klein:** Assistant Corporation Counsel Valk, can we get an update on the issue with the property & the Ethan Allen Firm?

**Assistant Corporation Counsel Valk:** Unfortunately, I didn't have a chance to get an update from Corp. Counsel Ackerman. He had an emergency. I will get an update to the Council as soon as possible.

**Chairman Mallory:** There is conversation with Ethan Allen & possibly someone else.

**Councilmember Rich:** I brought this to the attention of the Executive Branch at the last meeting – the 2013 Audit. The comptroller says we have to stop getting these audits 10 months after the year closes. We have to get them in a reasonable time. I would urge the Executive Branch to get Sedore busy or get someone else to do it. I'm tired of asking. I thought we had this solved. I'm upset that we don't have the 2013 audit.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** Audit will be issued. Audit will be discussed before the Mayor's 2015 proposed budget.

**Councilmember Hermann:** Thanks to Chris Gent & his team, especially Bruce Dooris for their responsiveness and Joan Carter for driving around the ward with me to assess the damage and to help me remove limbs from the streets. Thanks to Chris Gent for helping with the traffic light at So. Grand and Hooker, the tree on Parkwood and Glenwood and for mowing the lot on Miller. I really appreciate your responsiveness. Thank you to Al Gernhardt for meeting with me and Chairman Mallory to discuss ways to improve communications to our constituents via the website. Al has expanded the community resource link and is adding information to other pages. Mr. Bunyi, I emailed our accountants today to find out what the budget line is for the signage in the budget.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** We will give that to you tomorrow.

**Councilmember Hermann:** I can't get that tonight? I have my budget here, if you could just tell me the line item.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I don't know off hand. I will take a look at it.

**Councilmember Hermann:** You know where I'm going with this. I'm trying to push for additional pedestrian signage at the crosswalks on Hooker. There are a number of people that have told me that they were almost hit. Speed limit is not being followed on Hooker. We have new painted crosswalks which we are most grateful for. We don't have adequate signage. Those mobile pedestrian signs are the best way. I'm really concerned that just the one sign is not going to give us an adequate assessment.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I just wanted you to know that we had a meeting with Mr. Gent and Bill Beehler. We followed the signage according to the federal guidelines on signage for any streets in the City of Poughkeepsie. Any signage that we put up is according to the federal guidelines. We have deviated based on requests of the Council but I think we tried to minimize the signage beyond what is federally recommended.

**Councilmember Hermann:** I read the guidelines that Mr. Beehler had given to me. I don't see where it dictates or mandates how those pedestrian signs can or cannot be used. I would welcome that from your office.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will get back to you with an answer tomorrow.

**Councilmember Hermann:** One other item of unfinished business regarding parking meters. You said at the last meeting that we had said publicly that we not only assessed what we got from the parking meters but also for the parking violations. I looked through my notes and I don't recall where we ever said that. Can you shed light on when you shared that with the body?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will get back to you with an answer tomorrow.

**Councilmember Hermann:** There's a lot of getting back to me.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will get back to you. I will not go through this embarrassment again. I am trying to answer you as best as I can. I will not be humiliated. We are guests here. We are not compelled to attend these meetings.

**Councilmember Hermann:** Mr. Bunyi, I am not trying to, with all due respect, we as a council are charged with financial oversight. We can't provide that oversight if we are not given the information.

**Chairman Mallory:** We are moving on.

**Councilmember Petsas:** I'm not in the business of humiliating someone, but when someone asks where public dollars go to and how much public dollars have been given to the City and the response is 'you don't dictate to me or tell me what to do.' That is an issue. So I guess my question is, Mr. Bunyi, how much have the parking

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meters taken in to date? I asked you at the last meeting and I hope you have an answer.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will give you an answer tomorrow.

**Councilmember Petsas:** Thank you.

**Councilmember Johnson:** I just wanted to thank Commissioner Gent and his workers at DPW for their cleaning and maintenance at King Street Park and the repainting and the tightening of the rims at the basketball court. Thank you.

**Councilmember McClinton:** I want to thank my neighborhood watch captains on S. White Street for their diligent work and for doing the two gardens at Hammersly and Virginia Ave. with me as well as my constituents on Church, Hammersly and Virginia who pitched in. I want to thank Bruce Dooris and Muggy for their assistance and Mr. Bunyi for the help they gave me. It took all day on both plans. They're up and running and they are beautiful. I hope all of you come out to see them. I know the mayor has seen it. I want to thank former mayor Nancy Cozean for her diligence with the Butternut Festival. On Aug. 2, we will be bringing the same happenings to Gray and Forbus. Thank you again. I'm inviting my colleagues to come out and enjoy our beautiful day. Thank for your comments, Mrs. Cozean.

**Chairman Mallory:** DPW – on the corner of Main and Market. At 8:55 am on Sunday morning. I walked up to Pershing Ave. You guys did a good job having the street cleaned.

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**Councilmember Rich:** This new business came to me by way of someone we all know, our new Dutchess County Legislator Gwen Johnson. She sent me a copy of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council Membership. I never got such a document before and now I now that it exists. She pointed out that Paul Hermann, former council person, is on the list. It says that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council needs a new appointment since Paul no longer represents the Common Council. I was wondering if anyone knows about this and how we go about this. Is this an appointment of the County, the Mayor or the Council? We should have representation on the Criminal Justice Council.

**Chairman Mallory:** It is an appointment of the Mayor. The Mayor was spoken to in January, March and April.

**Councilmember Rich:** Maybe he could do this in July.

**Chairman Mallory:** I will send him an email.

**Councilmember Hermann:** in Spratt Park, I've gotten a couple of complains that the garbage has increased. The residents believe it has something to do with the refuge from the free meals that the school district is giving out. Is there any way we can get additional trash cans out there? I want to thank the Bells. I have gotten a lot of response from the constituents about the cleanliness level of the Spratt Park pool. It is a lot better than last year and they are really grateful. Mr. Bunyi or Commissioner Gent has your office received any responses from constituents in the 8<sup>th</sup> ward regarding RS Automotive? Any complaints about cars being parked on Meyer? The ZBA granted them a variance a couple of months ago to sell cars but it's my understanding that they have not received their necessary state licensing. Who would provide oversight for that?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will check with Gary Beck on that.

**Councilmember Hermann:** Thank you. I know it's not my ward but what is going on with the YMCA? There seems to be some construction out there.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** Central Hudson is using it as a staging place for the digging on Hooker.

**Councilmember Hermann:** Recycling. I'm not trying to put you on the spot. I know this has been asked before but is there any way we can get a list of the 411s who are not using the city services? As I drive around the City, I'm amazed at the amount of not-for-profits are carting out to a private carter. The City had a key role in helping them secure funding or maybe, in some instances, there was a pilot program. I would like to know why we aren't being a little more aggressive especially as we approach our budget year on securing their business for the City service.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I think that we have mailed to every one of the 411s that they are able to make an appointment with Mr. Gent. Mr. Gent & Mr. VanTassell have met with some of these 411s. I think we have captured 5 out of all that we have mailed out to. We mailed quite a bit telling them that they are allowed to come back in.

**Councilmember Hermann:** So you are saying that we got new business from that?

**City Administrator:** Yes. Five.

**Councilmember Hermann:** Thank you.

**Councilmember Klein:** Mr. Bunyi, we got an email earlier today about something that happened at Polaski Pool. Can you address that this evening?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I think through the hard work of Mr. Bell working with Martin Luther King camera system, we think, but can't prove that they were eating

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the food. So we went to the police. The police agreed to ban them from the pool for the rest of the season. That's about all we could do because we did not see them break into it. All we saw them do was eating the food at the site. The camera system was grainy but it was enough for them to establish who the kids involved were with. The kids are 14, 15 & 16 year olds who basically have been terrorizing the pool anyway. They have been banned from the pool as of this afternoon.

**Councilmember Klein:** in the instance of the 16 year old, will he be subject to criminal prosecution? The 14 & 15 year olds subject to juvenile delinquency proceedings in family court?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** The police don't think there is enough evidence to take them to court. There is enough evidence to know that they were eating our food. Beyond that, that's all we can do is throw them out for good. They're not happy. The parents aren't happy. The reality is there are hundreds of families that take advantage of Polaski Pool and they basically had a half day yesterday because the police had to do their investigation. We cannot allow these truants to continue terrorizing that pool. I know Mr. Petsas asked about the door. It will be fixed either today or tomorrow definitely because that is the concession supply for the pool.

**Councilmember Klein:** Thank you. Just one last thing. Is there a procedure for City staff to be available during the week to address the inquiries of the Council, some of which comes up during the course of the Common Council Meeting?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** If I am CC'd on it, I find the time to meet with Mr. Gent, Mr. Beck or whoever and we try to address the questions that the council people have.

**Councilmember Petsas:** The Latin-American Festival is on this Saturday at Waryas. They have had issues with electrical in the past. I was hoping to make sure that, in the past something blew and there was no one to flip the switches back. I just wanted to make sure before this event happens that we have someone that can go down and fix it.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** The biggest thing that we have done differently is taking a walk through so we know exactly what they're plugging in. Usually, when that happens, DPW will tell you that they tell us they're going to load something on their electrical power and then during the event it is like an octopus.

**Councilmember Petsas:** Right. But when they do blow it, there's nobody on call to reset the switch. They totally lost it. It's a very important festival in our neighborhood. I just want to avoid that happening again this year.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** Yes, we will make sure that that doesn't happen.

**Councilmember Petsas:** Just briefly, Mill & N. Bridge. It's been a problem area for the last 8 years. We did work on Muzzy's Store on the corner. We put up a new

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stockade fence and gate. We took stairs off the building so people can't loiter. We're trying to address that section. We're doing it building by building.

**Councilmember McClinton:** I just wanted to see where we are with the interaction with Mansion Square Park.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** With the group that's involved there?

**Councilmember McClinton:** The people from the shelters basically have taken over. There was a problem last week and the week before where constituents couldn't use the park because the homeless people were there doing different things. So is there anything being done about it?

**City Administrator Bunyi:** In the past, when it was brought to our attention by Mr. Petsas, the police had an aggressive approach to it and for a while it simmered down. But if you say that it is coming back again

**Councilmember McClinton:** No, I haven't been in the area this last week. I was just asking because Councilmember Petsas got involved and the police were going there.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** The problem is during the day, if people mill around the park. It's not fair for the police to identify who is homeless and who is not. However, when the evening comes, we particularly feel that people should move on. Our parks are not supposed to be available for evening use. But what I will do is ask Captain Pape to try to go ahead and start to patrol more again.

**Councilmember McClinton:** I wasn't trying to identify who was homeless or not. I was just asking about their behavior during the daytime hours.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I will ask the police to check on it.

**Councilmember McClinton:** I don't want to get technical. I don't care what they're doing but it's been reported and it's not nice. They do take over and they do intimidate people who live in that area. I was just wondering if patrols would be beefed up because Councilmember Petsas was on top of it so I'm certain that something's being done. I was just inquiring as to what has been done, if anything.

**Chairman Mallory:** Could you clarify what has been done. The City addressed the problem on Mansion Street, eliminated 99% of that one. I haven't seen anything of that beforehand.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** What we did was based on a tip from Councilmember Petsas. We did go to the house that they would retreat to and emptied out the house and the backyard and made sure that it didn't become a hangout for them. The police were asked 4 or 5 nights in a row, they would come in and actually move them along. Our guidance to the police was not to push them out to the street but to help them go

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to the Family Partnership Center and take advantage of the housing that they provide them.

**Councilmember McClinton:** Thank you. One of my constituents and her grandchildren would not go back to Mansion Square Park during the daytime. So I will tell her what the interaction has been.

**City Administrator Bunyi:** I haven't noticed a big crowd anymore.

**Councilmember Perry:** I noticed there has been a lot of thanks going out to Mr. Gent. I hope you feel comfortable with the work he has been doing for our City. Mr. Bunyi – thank you for your quick response to the matter that I called you about in the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward. I want to invite everyone that is listening and those who want to tell others that we are having a Community Gospel Concert next Sunday July 20<sup>th</sup> at College Hill Park from 6-8pm. There's plenty of music. We're co-sponsored by the Change Point Church and the Living Waters Church right here in the City of Poughkeepsie. They're bringing in 250 young people from Tennessee and they're bringing their instruments and music from their state. Please come up to College Hill and enjoy the music. I hope that will take your mind off the graffiti that may or may not be there. We're predicting that we will have about 1000 people coming. We want the City of Poughkeepsie and the whole community to come out and enjoy this event. On June 21<sup>st</sup>, when the Jazz Festival was there, Mr. Gent & Mr. Bunyi were there and available if we needed any assistance. I'm counting on their help again this time to help us out and monitor the crowd. I'm very excited about this and I want everyone to be excited along with me. It's all for the community and I need your support. Thank you.

**Chairman Mallory:** From the Chamberlain's office you can get a diagram of the 911 Memorial

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by **Councilmember Petsas** and seconded by **Councilmember McClinton** to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

**Dated: December 9, 2014**

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, July 14 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Deanne L. Flynn**  
**City Chamberlain**



**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

Common Council Chambers

Monday, July 14, 2014

*6:30 p.m.*

*6:00 Presentation by McGrath Realty, Inc. regarding  
proposed Supermarket on Crannall Street*

**I. ROLL CALL:**

**III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

**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 COUNCILMEMBER HERMANN AND COUNCILMEMBER PERRY**, Resolution R14-54, approving a parking amnesty program.

**IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

**X. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- 7. FROM STEVE TINKLEMEN AND KIWANIS CLUB**, a communication on the proposed design of 911 Memorial Plaza.
- 8. FROM POUGHKEEPSIE FOOD COALITION**, a communication regarding their missions and goals.
- 9. FROM ASSISTANT CORPORATION COUNSEL VALK**, a communication regarding proposed amendments to Section 14-45 of the Charter 14 of the City of Poughkeepsie Code of Ordinances entitled "Graffiti Prohibited
- 10. FROM MARJORIE BARNETT**, a notice of property damage sustained on May 1, 2014.
- 11. FROM WALDROW 2407 HOLDING, LLC C/O THOMAS WALDROW**, a notice of property damage sustained on June 25, 2014.
- 12. FROM DANIEL DORN**, a notice of personal injury sustained on June 20, 2014.

**XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**XIV. NEW BUSINESS:**

**XV. ADJOURNMENT:**

