



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

ANNUAL SPECIAL INFORMATION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 17, 2014	6:00 pm	City Hall
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Chairman Mallory called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

This meeting is for those to ask questions in Council Chambers of the administration or department heads. Questions should not be directed to the Council, as this meeting is for you to be informed by the administration and its staff. Anyone who wants to speak, should sign up and please limit your time to no more than five (5) minutes. All questions must be asked in a civil and appropriate manner.

Mr. Mayor, would you like to identify those in the administration that are here?

Mayor Tkazyik: Mr. Chairman, thank you. Good evening members of the Council, members of the public. I'd like to thank the members of the administration, both department heads and division heads for being present for the Annual Special Informational Meeting. In attendance tonight are City Administrator, Milo Bunyi, City Chamberlain, Deanne Flynn, Fire Chief, Mark Johnson, Police Chief, Ron Knapp, Corporation Counsel, Paul Ackermann, Commissioner of Finance, Kimberly Sears-Coyle, City Assessor, John Taylor, Water Plant Administrator, Randy Alstadt and Commissioner of Public Works, Rich DuPilka. There are several deputies here as well, and captains, but I kept to the department and division heads.

Chairman Mallory: Thank you very much. Since there is not a sign-up sheet, would anyone like to come speak? Yes, please. If you come to the mic...and what it is, is you give your name and address. We do have a portable mic for those department heads to respond, so they do not have to come up to the mic as well.

City Chamberlain Flynn: There's a sign-up sheet there now.

Chairman Mallory: All right.

Ken Stickle – 118 Catharine Street – I'd like to say something I heard people say on the web cam – that people don't speak into the mic where they can hear what the people are asking, and also the City Council...they're not really hearing what the City Council is saying. My question

is to Chief Knapp. I pulled up an article on the computer, and it's on commercial parking. Over by Mansion Square Park, I have two big box trucks, another (Spirit) freight truck...the same gentleman that lives on North Hamilton. I now have a food trailer (Florio's Food) trailer parked by Mansion Square Park which also...I've seen the gentleman set the trailer up on Main Street to sell food illegally. Over the weekend, I noticed that Potter House from Noxon Street parked their bus on North Hamilton Street up by the corner of Parker and North Hamilton. These are all commercial size vehicles. I thought we had an ordinance in the City of Poughkeepsie, that you could not park...and I've complained about the situation for I don't know how long. We don't get tickets on these vehicles – nothing. The City's losing out on a great deal of money. I find it pretty bad, plus it can't be helping our inner structure of the water and sewage so on and so forth, unto these vehicles being parked for over 48 hours at any given time. So I'd like to know why the police is not towing these vehicles and there's gotta be a better answer that we just don't have the space. I mean, they're parking illegally and I see taxis also up on North Clinton Square, so... Thank you.

Captain Pape: Yes, those vehicles have been ticketed. We have been a little busy with some other things, lately. We have taken notice of it and it will be addressed in the very near future.

Frank Clark – 50 Rinaldi Blvd. – Good evening. My question is for Mr. Bunyi. If the Common Council decides, after the public hearing on parking meters, to recommend to administration that the single meters would be the better choice for the City, would you go along with their recommendation, or have you already committed to installing the pay stations?

City Administrator Bunyi: Obviously, we will listen to what the public hearing is. However, we are committed to a company that provides pay stations, primarily.

Mr. Clark – 50 Rinaldi Blvd. – Can you look at another company that has single meters? Are you going with Parkeon?

City Administrator Bunyi: No, we're not. We are not going with Parkeon. We're going with Calle.

Mr. Clark: OK, because Parkeon has a meter called, "PON," a single meter which takes cash and it's cheaper than pay stations.

Robert Perez – 44 South Hamilton Street – Chief Knapp knows me. I am a member of the Christian Faith Temple. Pastor Reverend Doyle Garcia is here. He allowed me to speak for him. We recently acquired the property at 168-172 Cannon Street which is the corner of Cannon and South Hamilton and South Cherry. We are respectfully requesting for a handicap parking space. We have some members that are handicapped. They are in wheelchairs and one is paid for – the church van at that particular...Cannon Street if it's possible.

Chairman Mallory: We're going to address that later on in our Council after 6:30, but do you have any questions of the department heads that are here.

Mr. Perez: The only question is, that if Pastor Garcia cannot be here, (he has to go and give classes at 6:30), so, if it's possible I can stay for him?

Chairman Mallory: Oh, you're more than welcome to stay. We'll be addressing that again later on in Council.

Mr. Perez: OK. Thank you.

No, no – I'm the owner of Bracero – El Bracero Restaurant – 581 Main Street – Wanted to know why the City took his parking spot in front of his business.

Chairman Mallory: Why the City of Poughkeepsie took away your parking spot?

Mr. Bracero: Yeah, I had two parking spots in front of the business and they put a "No Parking" sign there.

City Administrator Bunyi: What's the address, sir?

Mr. Rodriguez: 581 Main Street. Main and Pershing Avenue.

City Administrator Bunyi: I will check into it and I will get back to you. Your name sir, again?

Mr. Rodriguez: Onorio Rodriguez.

City Administrator Bunyi: Onorio Rodriguez?

Mr. Rodriguez: Yes, and I own the Mexican Restaurant at 581 Main Street.

City Administrator Bunyi: OK. Your phone number?

Mr. Rodriguez: 485-9679.

City Administrator Bunyi: 9679? Is it actually on Main Street?

Mr. Rodriguez: Yeah. Right on Main and Pershing.

Chairman Mallory: Excuse me, City Administrator. It looks like...Corporation Counsel, would you like to share something?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: That was changed last year at the request of one of the former Council members, because she felt it was a sight distance issue – pulling out of Pershing Avenue. So, that end zone at Pershing and Main was increased.

Chairman Mallory: We don't...unfortunately we don't know. The City Administrator will get back in touch with you onto that one.

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Mr. Rodriguez: All right. Thanks.

Chairman Mallory closed the meeting, as there was no one else interested in speaking.

Dated: April 15, 2014

I hereby certify that this a true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Special Informational Meeting held on Monday, March 17, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,
City Chamberlain