



THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 5, 2021 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

The Council Meeting was conducted using videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is April 5, 2021, and the time is 6:34 pm.

Effective immediately and based upon notices and health advisories issued by Federal, State, and Local officials related to the Coronavirus, the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council will not hold in-person meetings. Until further notice, all future City Council meetings (including public hearings) will be held via videoconferencing, as permitted by the NYS Open Meetings Law.

Due to public health and safety concerns, the public will not be permitted to attend at the remote locations where the City Council members will be situated. The public, however, will be able to fully observe the video conference meeting by using the registration link that was posted with our meeting notice and the meeting will be available for viewing at a later date and available on our website.

I'd like to acknowledge that we are gathered, wherever we are, on the traditional territory of the Lenape people and this territory was a critical resting place along a popular trade route for people of the Lenape Nation and other cultures as is evidenced in the earliest derivation of the name 'Poughkeepsie' with an indigenous string of words, U-puku-ipi-sing, that, when translated, means 'reed-covered lodge by the little water place' or resting place.

Let's all recite the pledge of allegiance.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- Eight present, one absent (Councilmember L. Johnson, late arrival)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to accept the minutes.**

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

NONE

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

1. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave

Laurie Sandow comments at Common Council meeting, April 5, 2021 —
 This past weekend I watched young residents of Luckey Platt packing a moving van, going who knows where in this increasingly unaffordable city. Was their councilmember, Evan Menist, there helping them pack? No, of course not. Was Menist there apologizing and begging their forgiveness for not taking an interest and creating a better outcome for affordable housing? Was Menist using his ward funds or his own personal funds to help them or any of the others who have already, or who are on the verge of, losing their homes; helping them to find or afford or cover moving expenses or security deposits at their new places? No, of course not. The same councilmember who, rather than using a bible, made a big show of having himself sworn in on a copy Jane Jacobs’ “The Death and Life of Great American Cities”, has claimed ignorance about Baxter and his investors jacking up prices on existing Luckey Platt tenants. Other than proposing a phony, worthless, so-called inclusionary zoning resolution, Councilmember Menist is

entirely silent and missing in action when it comes to the rich, millennial carve-out underway in the center of Poughkeepsie—a carve-out that he wholeheartedly supported and supports, the effect of which is to cause the loss of roofs over the heads and the forced migration of the city’s least privileged, at the same time it benefits privileged developers. Actions have consequences, but not for our Teflon councilmembers. On March 15, Council Chair Sarah Salem illegally curtailed one of the two yearly Special Informational Meetings—the public’s opportunity to question administration members, department heads and councilmembers. Part Two was abruptly scheduled to take place a week later on March 22, when—no surprise—Salem hoped no-one would know, and no one would be watching. During that meeting, Councilmembers Petsas, Randall Johnson and Sarah Brannen were absent, allegedly excused by the Chair. But Sarah Brannen responded to a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request for her excused absence by stating: “I [also] don't have any FOIL related records to provide for this request.” Laurie Sandow comments at Common Council meeting, April 5, 2021 — Pg. 2 of 2 Sarah Salem, Randall Johnson Jr., and the repeatedly off-camera, ever-disappearing Chris Petsas—all in violation of law—have not replied AT ALL to that FOIL request. This is despite Council Chair Salem testifying on tape that these councilmembers were all provided excused absences. Until documentation is provided, that statement will stand as fraudulent testimony by the Council Chair and unexcused absences by the missing councilmembers. At the Part Two Informational Meeting, Salem confirmed that Salem has been giving special advance notice and registration privileges to people who agree with the Chair’s politics—a clear violation of the At-Large member’s obligation under the City Charter, which includes a proviso that the at-large member answers to all City voters, not just those of a single ward. Salem swore to provide a list of people who bypassed the City Chamberlain, and registered only through Salem but—no surprise—yet again Salem has been non-responsive to a Freedom of Information (FOIL) request for that list. And, because time is short, I’ll conclude by commenting on the last-minute posting and makeup of the Council’s latest pretense—their so-called “Southern Waterfront Site Redevelopment Task Force” composed, among others, by: — Councilmembers Brannen and Menist, both of whom get campaign contributions from residents of Hudson Pointe—something they’re always careful to avoid mentioning; —Joan Mandle, a resident of that same Hudson Pointe; —Cornelia Lia Harris, who gladly joined Sarah Salem and Evan Menist in circulating a false, slanderous, libelous narrative about why I (Laurie Sandow) was silenced and arrested at a Common Council meeting, and —a sixth member whose partner joined Sarah Salem and Jonathan Bix in mounting attacks on the electoral district seats of African-American members of the City of Poughkeepsie Democratic Party. That’s six out of 11, or a majority of members of the so-called Redevelopment Task Force. Need I spell out the pre-determined outcome for any position or vote this Council task force will render?

2. Gary Pravritzky

Gary Pravritzky comments at Common Council meeting, April 5, 2021

Good evening and thank you for the opportunity to speak tonight. It is with great pleasure that the HDLPC unanimously recommends the designation of the Eastman Park Oval as a local historic landmark. For over a century, Eastman Park served as one of the most well-known symbols of the city of Poughkeepsie. Designed between eighteen sixty five and eighteen sixty seven, Eastman Park was the creation of the legend, legendary Harvey Eastman, whose profound influence on the city of Poughkeepsie's development has been equaled only by the likes of Matthew Vassar and William W. Smith with the purchase of eight different parcels over a two year period. Eastman put together a twenty seven acre plot directly in the heart of the city, where others had seen vacant swampland and abandoned hillside and some rundown old houses. Eastman saw a location he could make into a mini Central Park for his city and his striking home for his family. With a genius for mass advertising, Eastman was quick to promote Eastman Park in a series of handsome engravings. The park became one of the most well-known beauty spots in the Hudson Valley, illustrated and described in tourist guidebooks, periodicals, postcards and newspaper articles. The park's unlikely beginnings as a swamp, the impressive feat of turning it into an elegant park and the complete lack of selfishness on the part of the Eastman family in sharing their state with all classes of society. These were the special traits that made the park story captivating and particularly American. For the community, having a wealthy man's pleasure ground so freely presented to them and so conveniently enjoys seemed to bring out the best of behavior, he's been boasted to journalists that he had never had a flower pluck, a footstone or any and any injury done to his grounds. The park's unusual sunken city was especially enjoyed for the way in which activities unfolded below was below street level and a kind of picturesque tableau stretching across the entire oval and beyond to the athletic field. Especially admired was the three foot tall blue stone wall with white marble coping along South Avenue and the white marble main entryway with four pillars to marked with the letter E. Viewed from within the park, the wall along South Avenue appeared simply as a line of white. From outside the park, this low wall allowed for easy observation, enjoyment of the park's beauty spread out below with its convenient location and long history as a symbol of the city. Eastman Park became the national center of civic life for decades. Eastman Park Oval was where the city came together in times of sadness, in times of triumph, or just to celebrate being together as a community. Eastman park is also significant for its association with one of the most important figures in the city's history, Harvey G Eastman. As a three time mayor, Eastman was instrumental in bringing Poughkeepsie clean water, paved streets, paved sidewalks, sewer lines, street lights, horse drawn street cars and opera house, and a free lecture series for both the general public and his students that brought some of the period's finest speakers to Poughkeepsie. When Poughkeepsie lagged behind other communities and erecting a civil war monument, Eastman came forward to provide a soldiers memorial fountain. When Poughkeepsie seemed to slow to build townhouses that could attract affluent New York City families, Eastman erected to keep these most stylish and sophisticated brownstone at

Eastman Terrace. And when other cities were establishing their first public works parks, Eastman made sure Poughkeepsie could make claim to that amenity by opening his own grounds to one and all. In his work as a two time state legislator, Eastman secured key railroad bridge legislation to help his hometown, but also let his colleagues in exploring more far reaching model city initiatives. Eastman was particularly interested in. What today we call urban planning. And was a leader in formulating significant proposals to build and improve rapid transit system in Manhattan and a new aqueduct that would like to keep these Hudson River water to the New York City area further afield. This one was old, was long fascinated with the development potential of Florida and well before others had seen it had he's been living a longer life. He died prematurely of tuberculosis at the age of 45. It is also it is also I'm sorry, it is almost impossible to predict where his restless energy and visionary thinking would have taken him. And Poughkeepsie as well. A few others have even come close to having the profound and electrifying impact Harvey Eastman had on the city of Poughkeepsie. We look forward to the common council recognizing the deep significance Eastman Park Oval and Harvey Eastman have held in this community for over a century.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

The Common Council is still accepting resumes and letters of interest for our redistricting commission, which is an extended deadline to April 30th. So if you're interested in serving on that commission, please email me at Salem at city Poughkeepsie, dot com with a resume, a letter of interest. If you have already expressed interest in serving and you have sent your letter of resume or your letter of interest in your resume to me. Thank you. You'll be hearing from us soon when we start scheduling interviews for that commission and that commission, just so everyone is aware, works off of the most current census data. We do not currently have that data in our hands. However, we're hoping to get this commission formed so that they can start to work together because it'll be a long term process. It could be up to a year of the through the redistricting process. So if you're interested again, please send your resume a letter of interest, still seeking those applications. And again, if you have already sent interest, you will be hearing from us to set up an interview. The mayor has released his state of the city on March 30th, 2021. And I'd like to commend him for offering a great address and bringing to the forefront the incredible efforts of our community. From City Hall staff to our health care workers, frontline volunteers, scientists, for profit nonprofit sectors and members of the public coming together in order to overcome the crisis that we have been faced

with, that we are still facing. And I want to echo his sentiment on that. The efforts we've seen put forward and the care that our entire community has shown for one another is nothing less than inspiring. I also like to commend the city council, every single member of it, for their ability to pivot so quickly in order to continue to meet the needs of the community through the pandemic. We should all be proud of each other and we should all be proud of our city. We should be proud of our city staff. We should be proud of our mayor. I'm feeling incredibly proud to be a city Poughkeepsie resident and to serve the city beekeepers in the capacity of common council chair and a common council member with my colleagues on the council, with the mayor, with the city administration, with the staff and with all of our members of community. And as a part of when the mayor releases his state of the city, is up to the chair to offer a few responses and remarks. And so I'd like to do that just on a few of the points that he hit in the state of the city, again, which I thought was a very strong address. And he did layout a nice path forward for us as we enter through 2021 and into 2022. And the first point being the use of the American Rescue Act funding in order to address financial hardship and shortfalls that have been created through the coronavirus pandemic, which I agree with wholeheartedly. And I am excited to learn all the funding that is coming into the city of Poughkeepsie, thanks to the American Rescue Act. And I know that through a process that will involve members of the community, the Common Council city staff, we can come up with a plan in order to put those funds to their best use understanding. Yeah, we have a budget and shortfalls to fill in, but there are also a number of different ways we can put that money to use. And some of the ways that the mayor has listed in his state of the city, I agree with wholeheartedly. For instance, a parks investment, infrastructure investments across the board. Some other things that I think a number of the members of the Common Council have been discussing are ways that we can help to mitigate the negative impacts of the crisis on our residents. So financial hardships that our residents are facing, our businesses are facing. Hardship that has caused folks to fall into a homeless situation scenario, we've seen an increased number of homeless population in the city of biochips, and I think that part of the way that we can best leverage this funding is to come up with a solution that works for the city, works for the community, and most of all works for these individuals who have been left homeless with no support or very little with no place to go. And I think we've had this issue over the years in Poughkeepsie because of the number of social service organizations and other kinds of organizations that exist here. We are the city, the county. We

are the center of the Hudson Valley along the Hudson River. And so it's easy to be attracted to the city. Poughkeepsie, I can tell you, however, unfortunately, with that common a number of different kinds of issues. And one of the things we're facing right now is this increased number of homeless population. And again, to no fault of their own, there's really not enough services that work simultaneously with addiction services, with mental health services to address the issue to the extent that it needs to be addressed. And I really do feel hopeful that with this American rescue plan and package and the innovations that will come out of city hall will come from common council members, will come from the mayor, will come from cities that will come from the community that will be able to put these funds to good use in that way, in addition to investments in infrastructure that are so needed, investments in parks that are so needed. We're really excited to hear the PKGo Parks plan that will premiere on April 19. We're going to have a presentation at our city council meeting. And I know a number of the council members are excited. I'm excited. This is Earth Day month. It's Earth Month. You could say the entrance of spring, a time when folks are getting out cleaning up their neighborhood. And it's going to be great to hear how we can make improvements to our city parks, knowing that even without improvements, folks go down to enjoy the outdoors. And now even more so, understanding that with the coronavirus, you really can't gather inside safely unless you're with the folks, a group of folks who are mask's or vaccinated. So the need for investment in our parks is is something that I was really encouraged to hear the mayor talk about during his State of the City address, advocating for the youth center. We have been working with the county together as a council, working with a group of organizations as a coalition to figure out how we're going to reinvigorate and transform that site down at thirty five Montgomery Street into something that can best serve the city, the gypsy community in our larger community. And so I know that that conversation is currently happening and it's ongoing. And I know a number of folks are excited to see what happens there. We heard a presentation at our last council meeting at a special meeting from the group of organizations that are working with other organizations that have sympathetic messaging and missions in order to see that this site gets turned into something that will benefit this city, will benefit the youth of this city. But the city overall right now and for years it has been a blight on the city. And so I, too, am excited for those developments as we move forward on thirty five Montgomery Street, in addition to the reduced number of vacant and abandoned parcels that the mayor mentioned in his state of the

city, thanks to the anti-blight task force, I'm excited to see how our new land bank that was established through the city council and the county legislature helps to also offset that issue of vacant and abandoned properties, works toward historic preservation, toward the increased number of green, open spaces that we can all enjoy and the economic vitality of our of our city. Not just that, but to see how with the land bank, with the anti-blight task force, with the a number of initiatives that council members are working on legislatively and the American rescue plan to see how that can help us in this aim of community wealth building how we can create a stronger path toward affordable homeownership for more members of our community so that people can stick around in Poughkeepsie so they're not driven out of this community. And so that we're not just kind of serving as a pass through or a nice place to go to escape the city. So that was very encouraging to hear about, as well as our entrance into the creation of a new comprehensive plan. I know that a consultant has been chosen and that will be moving forward. And this is exciting because this is a plan that hasn't been updated in more than 20 years. The current plan does not reflect the vision of the city of Poughkeepsie and the future plan will and it will affect all our voices and there are so many different opportunities to engage in sustainability, elements to engage in, you know, in zoning ordinance updates, that helps to encourage affordable homeownership, to encourage business development and incubation, as well as food systems, elements to encourage new industry, to encourage the creation of jobs that many of our residents can fill themselves with a variety of skill sets that will help to drive more people to stick around in Poughkeepsie. So we don't experience the dreaded brain drain. We have opportunities to offer our youth when they're aged out of school and they want to stick around here themselves or if they go off to college, they have a reason to come back here to the city of Poughkeepsie, invest their time, invest their energy, raise their families. So I am incredibly excited about the comprehensive plan of day. I'm also excited that we are moving forward with our local waterfront revitalization plan program update, and that is moving along. And we've had encouraging meetings recently to show that we are ready to make the progress needed in order to pass that up to the state. So that can be improved so that our waterfront and coastal zones are developed according to what is required in fostering connections between our children and our adult leaders to the children's cabinet. It was very encouraging to read about that. And again, the recovery. We are all focused on how we can recover as a city, understanding that the coronavirus has just wrecked a number of municipal budgets. The city of Poughkeepsie is no different. We're dealing

with that now. Thank you for the American rescue plan coming from the federal government. And I'm looking forward to seeing how we can all work together in order to ensure that that money does not go to waste so that we can put it to its best use here in the city so we can see a long term and sustainable recovery, not just a fly by night recovery, so that we see ourselves dipping under once again, understanding that we've been through a number of those booms and busts periods. And I feel encouraged that it's twenty, twenty one and people are talking about new deals. And one of the things I wanted to read a little bit more about in the state of the city, and I'm sure you would agree with me, is how we are thinking environmentally about the future of our city, how we are ensuring that we're mitigating our negative impact on climate change in all of these metrics and measures that have been laid out, which I think are so incredible again. And I know that we can thread that within every single opportunity that we create for all members of the community in order to ensure that folks who typically will be cause the most harm because of climate change get brought along with us. And that creates jobs, creates opportunities for both adults and youth. And it puts our city in a place where we don't have to worry about what's going to happen in the future. We don't have to worry about the way that we're going to react again to a natural disaster or public health emergency. And that being said, just understanding this year has been very difficult for a number of folks how we're going to ensure in the future if when this happens again, and hopefully not to the extent that it has, that we're ready for it, that we can pivot immediately. And again, I want to end on the fact that I want to send thanks to the mayor for issuing his state of the city, feeling encouraged and proud to be a part of the city, the capacity to be working with my colleagues on the council through this public health crisis. I think we've learned a lot about what we can overcome together. And the silver lining that I'll say I've said it before and I'll say it again, is just the generosity and the care that this community have shown each other through the crisis and continues to show each other. This crisis is still going. And while folks are being vaccinated, there are still a number of folks who don't have as is an easy way to access the vaccine. And so it's good to hop on to the New York State website, to the county website to figure out how you can sign up for alerts to call somebody if you don't have access to the Internet, who can tell you when vaccinations are available and try to keep people in the know myself. And I'm sure a number of people are doing the same thing. When you get that alert, you can send it out to your folks or to older people who don't necessarily know where to go to sign up. And when we continue to work

together, we're going to get through this, continue to mass, continue to seriously distance. It's not over yet. But again, I like to feel optimistic about how we can move forward. And it's nice to know that we're supported by our federal government, by our state officials, by our local legislators and by each other. So I thank you for that. And that concludes my comments.

VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:

NONE

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution R21-35, appointments for the Southern Waterfront Redevelopment Task Force
2. Resolution R21-36, appointing members to the Board of Assessment Review
3. Resolution R21-37, setting a public hearing for the proposed nomination of 112 Mill Street as a Local Historic Landmark

A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

(R-21-35)

APPROVING APPOINTMENTS FOR THE SOUTHERN WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT TASKFORCE

INTRODUCED BY CHAIRSALEM, VICE-CHAIR BRANNEN, COUNCILMEMBER MENIST:

WHEREAS, the Common Council has the authority pursuant to Article VI of the City Charter to convene a commission to investigate and advise it on matters of City interest; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council established a Southern Waterfront Redevelopment Task Force by Resolution R21-31 on March 1, 2021 which specifies that the Common Council will, by resolution, appoint up to 11 people to the Southern Waterfront Site Redevelopment Task Force upon nominations submitted to it as follows:

- Two Common Councilmembers nominated by the Common Council Chair;
- One Waterfront Advisory Committee (WAC) Member nominated by the Mayor and
- one Waterfront Advisory Committee Member nominated by the Common

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- Council Chair;
- One City Industrial Development Agency (“IDA”) Member nominated by the
- IDA Chair; and
- Four members of the community at large nominated by the Common Council
- Chair and two members of the community at large nominated by the Mayor.

WHEREAS, the Common Council has conducted interviews of interested community members and has received nominations from the above-named parties; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie does hereby appoint the following individuals to serve on the Task Force as stated below:

Councilmembers:

1. Councilmember Brannen-Co-Chair
2. Councilmember Menist

Mayoral WAC member:

1. Mike Young

Council Chair WAC member:

1. Cornelia Harris

IDA Member:

1. Randy Johnson Sr.

Council Chair Community Members:

1. Kafui Attoh-Co-Chair
2. John Mylod
3. Barbara Best
4. Joan Mandle

Mayoral Community Members:

1. Nick Deluccia
2. Felicia Watson

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN :

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A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

(R-21-36)

INTRODUCED BY CHAIR SALEM:

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Assessment Review (“BAR”) are appointed by the Common Council pursuant to the City Charter §5.02(1) and the Section 523 of the New York Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, currently there are two vacancies on the BAR; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council and the City Assessor have conducted interviews of interested candidates.

WHEREAS, the Common Council and the City Assessor recommend the appointment of LaLana Hunt and Patricia Perrotti to fill the two vacancies; and

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie does hereby reappoint the following individuals for a term as stated below:

LaLana Hunt for a term expiring September 30, 2021

Patricia Perrotti for a term expiring September 30, 2023

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN:

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A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.

(R-21-37)

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED NOMINATION OF 112 MILL STREET AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PETSAS

WHEREAS, an application for designation of 112 Mill Street as a historic landmark has been received by the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-4.5(4)(e), the City of Poughkeepsie Historic District and Landmarks Preservation Commission (hereinafter “HDLPC”) held a public hearing on March 11, 2021 regarding the nomination as a local historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-4.5(4)(f) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie, the HDLPC voted in favor of the proposed nomination and approved the application on March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 19-4.5(4)(g) of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Poughkeepsie, the approved application was forwarded to the Common Council for consideration on March 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council is required to hold a public hearing prior to the designation of any historic landmark within sixty (60) days from receipt of the approved application from the HDLPC; and

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED that copies of the aforesaid proposed Historic District & Landmarks Nomination Form be laid upon the desk of each member of the Common Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council hold a public hearing concerning the designation of 112 Mill Street as a local historic landmark at City Hall, 62 Civic Center Plaza, Poughkeepsie, New York, at 5:30 P.M., on May 3rd 2021; 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 ten (10) days prior thereto.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN

R21-37			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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	Councilmember McNamara	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Cherry	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember R. Johnson	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Menist	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Petsas	Voter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember L. Johnson	Voter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	Councilmember Brannen	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Chair Salem	Voter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

1. **A PRESENTATION BY CAPTIAL MARKETS ADVISORS, LLC**, on their findings in review of the City of Poughkeepsie 2021 Budget.
2. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMAN**, regarding the release of the City of Poughkeepsie’s maintenance and occupancy agreement for a state owned parking lot adjacent to 20 Rose Street.
3. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMAN**, authorizing the implementation and funding for the Grand Avenue Street Improvement.

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

Official Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of April 5, 2021

A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm.

Dated: April 21, 2021

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, April 5, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

**Jasmin Nicole Davis
City Chamberlain**

