



# THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE NEW YORK

## COMMON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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**Monday, April 19, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**City Hall**

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**Welcome to the regularly scheduled meeting of the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council the date is April 19, 2021, and the time is 6:32 pm.**

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**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 Menist, late arrival)**

**II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:**

- 1. A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Johnson 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. Colby Creedon – Hooker Ave.**

Just wanted to ask that the council and our city do an independent market analysis as it relates to housing needs. I think the analysis should probably be done before any additional large scale housing development adds new housing is approved by the planning board. There's like there's a big development on the docket, the boss campus, which is proposing to reconfigure more than two point five acres of downtown property. The planning board as an unelected group, are not accountable to the residents and they have the ability to make a decision to permanently change. The city had a very large scale in this particular instance and. It was just also wanted to say that the was campus application also references the idea as an interested party, which is also concerning because if another pilot is given away to a largely residential development, I think it would put the city in an even worse position in terms of tax revenue that the city likely cannot afford to lose, given the existing revenue streams have had seemed to be inadequate. And another pilot at what looks like fairly valuable property in the city could burden current residents who carry the cost of the city budget. The analysis should be done by an independent entity that doesn't have an interest in the results, like a developer or an affordable housing property manager or an entity that's closely connected to those organizations. And it's interesting because a lot of these organizations have management teams that don't even live in the city. They live in places like Rhinebeck, Kingston, Orange County, Long Island. And they're telling people that the city needs certain types of housing that largely serve their private or financial interests. So my wife and I have asked the planning and community development departments for this analysis months ago and have yet to receive a response. So if the analysis doesn't exist in the cities, unaware of what the needs are supported by data, I

would really encourage the city to commission an analysis so that a lot of the decisions that are being made that are going to change the fabric of the city for a very long time, probably indefinitely, should be supported by an analysis and that's all I got.

**2. Jeff Domansky – Hooker Ave.**

I'm Jeff Domansky, I'm the executive director of the non-profit organization Hudson Valley Energy that's been working with the city of Poughkeepsie for almost the last two years on it's Community Choice Aggregation Program, or CCRA program. We are entering the last quarter of the two year contract of that program. And on the agenda tonight for consideration is a non-binding resolution to allow the city to be part of a new request for proposals for a new electricity supply rates. That has been the focus of the program. In essence, the power of numbers that the city with nine other communities in the Hudson Valley formed to have leverage to get a very competitive rate for electricity supply. And it has been great, particularly in these last two months, where central Hudson's rates have been much higher than our program rates. And looking forward, it is a very good time to fix the new rate for the program. So for electricity supply, it's very exciting. I also want to share, too, though, that is we've used the analogy that it's like a Swiss Army knife, that there are there's more than one thing that a community can do with it. And in very recent developments, because of a consolidated billing completion by central Hudson under a CCA umbrella, a community can offer an opt out community solar program whereby the city can cut through and offer a very simple no contract, no binding requirement for its citizens to guarantee cost savings, a percentage cost savings off their total electric charges. It's a very, very exciting, symbiotic program that benefits the community members and projects solar projects right in central Hudson territory. So right here in the Hudson Valley, there is a lot to know. I did this the binding excuse me, the non-binding resolution is very brief and allows the city to be part of the RFP for electricity supply to consider if it makes sense. And similarly, it allows the city, if it chooses to do so, to be part of an RFP, that the administrator would issue to see how much solar is available should they choose to do it. There is a lot of information to be shared, but I did share with the city a recording of a webinar that we did back in January that talks about the performance of our program to date. It talks about the process and the steps coming up and description of this new and very, very exciting opportunity for opt out community solar. But I do I very much enjoyed working with the city and I do hope to continue to do so. And it is really just a fabulous time, particularly projecting forward with what's happening in the broader perspective to continue to do this program. And I'm happy to answer questions, but thank you very much for your time. Thank you so much.

**3. Laurie Sandow – S. Grand Ave**

Tonight I'm going to use my public comments to try to catch up on some things that have fallen by the wayside thanks to the Council's love of last minute agenda alterations. I am going to start my comments by calling out the Councilmembers

who sit as quiet bystanders to the violations being committed by their fellow councilmembers. Is this service to the public, or just self-service? On tonight's agenda, there's an item for Mayor Rolison's PKGO Parks presentation. I'm looking forward to hearing that the City will finally restore Wheaton Park from the City's own intentional neglect, and return it to a vital and welcoming historic public space. Also on tonight's agenda, there's a resolution approving continuation of the City's Community Choice Aggregation program. Why is this appearing as a resolution, and not as a communication? And why is tonight's agenda packet missing the CCA bidding details sheet and also missing at least one page of the short-term rentals communication—all of which information should be publicly accessible. Speaking of missing documents, why do I—or any other members of the public—have to discover through a Spectrum News post that a secret memo was issued to members of the "Southern Waterfront Site Redevelopment Task Force" and that the Mayor has responded with a cease-and-desist letter? I've submitted a Freedom of Information request for both these documents, but there's a world of difference between my individual request and public accessibility without having to make a Freedom of Information request. At the Council's Special Informational Meeting of March 22, a meeting that Council Chair Salem illegally subdivided, Matt McNamara mentioned a \$500 stipend paid to councilmembers who opt to use their own digital devices, supposedly covering the cost of wear-and-tear on their own digital devices and wi-fi. Really? I'm wondering, where do I apply to recover the cost of wear-and-tear on my own wi-fi, my own digital devices, and my own health for being diligent about attending various City meetings? And when Councilmembers use their private devices in order to deny the existence of communications that they darn well know to exist, who's going to compensate me for filing an Article 78 to recover those documents and expose those fraudsters and fraudulent denials? [By the way, for those watching the webcast in real time or in archive, you'll notice that Chris Petsas turned off his camera and left the meeting as soon as the issue of fraudulent denials was raised. Why? Because Chris Petsas has written to fellow councilmembers in the past, advising them (and I quote from Petsas' own email): "Good afternoon, Email updates: 1) All new council members now have their city emails up and running with their own password set – please remember to use your official city email for official business ONLY – use your gmail or other accounts for all other stuff – stuff that you may not want to be open to the public for their review."] At that same March 22 Informational Meeting I questioned Chief Pape about an apparent leak from the Police Department. I was wrong. It turns out that the smear published by the MidHudson News was the product of a Freedom of Information request, and that the smear MidHudson published could have been far more defamatory than it was. Also regarding the Police Department, on March 23rd I attended an 8th Ward virtual forum put together by CPPD's Community Policing Division. Attendance was small, at least in part because notice of the forum was NOT circulated in advance by 8th Ward councilmember Matt McNamara. Imagine, a chance for the community to meet and speak one-on-one with the members of the police department, but not important enough for the Ward councilmember to notify residents. How many other councilmembers have

failed to notify ward residents about these CPPD “Think Small” forums? The 8th Ward meeting brought home the point that, overall, this Council has used the pandemic as an excuse to fail to serve their constituencies by not holding ward meetings, not circulating ward information through the City’s Buzz, and not otherwise communicating on a regular basis with residents citywide. Lastly, regarding the deadline to sign up to speak at tonight’s Council meeting, the City website provided a deadline of 4pm and directed people to Jasmin Davis alone—not to Donna DeLuca, not to Sarah Salem. In the meantime, Sarah Salem posted in two different online locations that the deadline was 5:30pm. Was that a special cutoff time only for members of Sarah Salem’s pipeline? Are city residents supposed to check three or more different postings before knowing which deadline is best to observe; which deadline they need to meet? The dilemma of working with this Council, or observing this Council, or not getting feedback or documents from this Council is never-ending. And it has been wildly successful in one thing: chasing all city residents away from participation in Council meetings.

**V. CHAIRPERSON’S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:**

The Economic Council is still accepting resumes and letters of interest for our redistricting commission. We extended the deadline to April 30th, which is at the end of next week. So if you're interested in serving on this very important commission, please send over a resume, a letter of interest to Salem at city of Poughkeepsie dot com. And if you already have, I will be in touch with you so that we can get on an interview from you to hear from you here about why you're interested in so we can start moving forward again if you're interested in serving is a very important commission. I encourage you to send over our resume a lot of interest. And I encourage all my colleagues to tell anyone that they think might be a good fit for this commission as we move forward. The 10th annual Riverkeeper sweep is happening Saturday, May 1st. That's not this Saturday, but the following. And it will be my seventh year leading the sweep down at worst part of my eighth sweep because covid pushed the spring sweep out to October and now we're doing another sweep in the spring. So it's pretty exciting. It's a nice opportunity to get down the waterfront to clean up. The Riverside Council member is leading a sweep at Caravan Park and there are sweeps from New York City all the way up to Albany on Saturday, May 1st, which is also I heart New York Parks Day as well. So there's actually an event happening just up the road by the walkway along the rail trail. And there are a number of other events happening. I know that there's a plan for distribution with the city because the school district on May 1st and as the spring emerges and the weather warms, there are going to be more and more events. And as folks get vaccinated or able to kind of gather in larger groups, I was sad to have to miss the opening day for baseball season. This weekend, my niece turned to and we actually were able to gather and have a birthday party for her. So I missed the opening game. However, I saw pictures posted by other council members and it looked great and the mood there was incredible for it. And so it was good to see that we can get out there and start playing sports again. That being said, while we are kind of all itching to get out and start socializing and being out in public and gathering and going through events, it's still important to remember that the coronavirus is still out there. Cases are continuing to rise even as

folks get vaccinated. Really great news is that every single adult in the United States is now eligible to receive a vaccine. So it takes the guesswork out of figuring out whether or not you're able to get one. Now, the only other thing standing in your way is the ability to make an appointment and to find out where the appointments are. I know myself in a number of my colleagues are there for your help and assistance in securing a spot or letting you know when there are pop ups for vaccination. I know a number of folks that are 60 year old are also eligible. So it's an exciting time for families who haven't seen each other in a while who are able to get out and get vaccinated. However, with all that being said, it's still important to use precaution as you're out and about knowing that vaccination doesn't equal immunity. And so it's important that while being vaccinated can prevent illness and hospitalization, it's important to remember that we still need to wear masks and use other precautions. There was a school pop up site this past Saturday and they were able to administer a number of vaccinations to folks even toward the end without appointment because there were shots available. And so that was very encouraging to see. And as those become available, for instance, sites like those I know folks on the council and myself, we're going to be sharing that out. Which brings me to another point that I made in beginning the meeting. And we'd like to kind of reiterate now, it's heavy out there right now and people are going through tough times as we come around on a year, although we're feeling relief in knowing that vaccinations are out there. It's important to remember that, you know, folks are in language and they're experiencing grief. And it's really hard, especially if you don't necessarily have family. You're not able to connect with your family. You're feeling overwhelmed. You had your work life kind of thrown on. Your kids are kind of in flux and dealing with their own issues. There's a lot of stuff going on. And then on top of it, to top it all off, you still have the senseless killings of our black and brown community members, children and, you know, shooting shootings that are happening while all of this is going on. And the only thing that I can point to knowing that not one solution for every community and there shouldn't be is just continuing. And I feel proud and kids that we're able to demonstrate peacefully to continue to push for reforms in public safety and community engagement. And we also have the ability, the power to lobby for common sense gun laws so that we can help and work to prevent these kinds of senseless murders from occurring. It's just I'm almost left with not much to be able to say other than most of what I'm saying right now is not just to comfort myself, but my colleagues. And like all of you who are watching to know that you're not alone in feeling if you are feeling overwhelmed or feeling a sense of almost unlimited hope. We do have reasons to remain hopeful, however, and optimistic. And I again, I feel so proud to be a part of this community who, through it all, is able to come together and really put out innovative ideas for change and ways to move forward through this tumultuous time. So I wanted to put that out there in understanding it's important that we're able to reflect and share with each other. And I'm always available. If you want to shoot me an email, phone call, let me know what's going on. I enjoy talking things through with folks. And just so everyone is aware, there are resources out there on our city website, on the county website. If you're in need of assistance for rent, Hudson River housing just got more funding in order to provide that. There's more funding coming through from the county and the city, coming from the federal government to provide rental assistance and utility assistance. Besides Hudson River Housing, providing utility grants to prevent termination, Dutchess Outreach also provides those kinds of grants and rental assistance grants if they can. I know Catholic Charities is out there. They can provide that kind of help and assistance, community outreach and provides that kind of help and assistance, food assistance. Frankie Flowers, Yvonne's brother, is out there

making sure that folks have something to eat. In addition to Duchesse outreach this Friday, we have a farm stand of free mass distribution of produce and that is open for a drive through distribution and a walk through distribution. And so I encourage folks to hop on to the city website, county website. Facebook is a good resource to figure out what's going on. There's something out there that can help most folks and if not, we can figure it out together. There's a ton of support services, mental health services in the city of Poughkeepsie. We're known for our human services in the city of Poughkeepsie. And so I feel encouraged knowing that all of that and that structure of support is out there. So that's all I've got for tonight as far as my comments go. And now we will move to reports, boards and committees, starting with a report from our Finance Committee chair, Evan Menist.

## **VI. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND BOARDS:**

### **COUNCILMEMBER MENIST, FINANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE**

Thank you very much, Chair Salem, I will make this evening report quite if we had our last finance committee in the Finance Committee meeting should be available on the website for any constituents who would like to go back and look at that, we were able to have an update on several items that were on the finance agenda from the previous meeting and some regular agenda items that we now have on every agenda, including an update from the city's Property Acquisition and Disposition Committee, which now reports regularly to the Finance Committee about properties that are being considered for sale by the city of Poughkeepsie. And that's just one more point of contact for city residents who are interested in properties that the city may have up for sale. So I encourage you to go back and view the meeting for that. We also received an update from the city ministration regarding budget expenditures so far through the first quarter of the year. We are on target for what we expect to be receiving in terms of tax receivables we have received. I think the number was roughly about 80 percent of the taxes that we expect to receive for the year. And that is on par with what we expect in any given year. That is not a pandemic year. So it's a great sign to know that we are on track to have all of the revenues that we're expecting to have around the end of the first quarter. We also had an update at the meeting previous to the previous meeting from finance commissioner Dr. Martinez, who let us know and actually asked the city administrator Nelson to let us know some information about. The continuing financial restructuring board projects, if you wish to call them that, and that there may still be some funding available there and that there are some priority projects that have been identified, that we may be able to acquire some more state funding to help us move forward, including investments in our IT infrastructure, which I think the council members, most of you will know that we definitely have some deficiencies that we'd like to address, things that we can improve here to make the city run more efficiently. And that will hopefully in the long term, actually end up as cost savings. And so if we can get that money to take those projects on from the state, that would be excellent. We had an update from the city administration

regarding collective bargaining with the fire department, which I believe, I believe just begun, began today or begins this week. City Administrator Nelson? It begins later this week or last week, either way, we are right at the beginning of last week, bargaining process. Last week was the kick off meeting excellent. That's great to hear. I look forward to that. I know the city administrator sent an email to all council members asking all council members to contact him with any questions that you might have or any concerns about the process before the process got underway. So everyone had a chance to let the city administrator know what they were looking for in a successor collective bargaining agreement for the fire department. So I'm glad that we had that opportunity to weigh in before the process began. And moving forward into our next Finance Committee meeting, it is scheduled for this coming Monday, April twenty six at five thirty pm. The council members who are on the Finance Committee have noticed about that. And there is there should be a notice already up on the city website. The agenda for that will go live at the end of this week as we continue to finalize that agenda. And I would ask all members of the Finance Committee, if you have agenda items that you would like on this coming Monday's agenda, please forward them along in conversations with city administrator. And also, I do believe there may be some pertinent agenda items that we will be voting on this week to recommend to the council as a whole. So please make sure that you are in attendance for Monday night. So that way we can have a vote in quorum in order to advance some of these agenda items to the larger council for their consideration. Thank you very much, Chair.

**VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:**

1. Resolution R21-38, authorizing the City of Poughkeepsie to submit a letter to the NYSDEC regarding the evaluation of the impact of NYCDEP releases to the lower Esopus Creek.
2. Resolution R21-39, approving the continuation of the City of Poughkeepsie's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

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

**R-21-38**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE NYSDEC  
REGARDING EVALUATION OF IMPACT ON NYCDEP RELEASES TO THE LOWER  
ESOPUS CREEK.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILCHAIR SALEM :**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie relies on the Hudson River to supply safe and potable drinking water for our thousands of residents, and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie has previously joined the Hudson 7, a coalition of regional municipalities whose purpose is to ensure the continued availability of safe and potable drinking water, and

**WHEREAS**, Riverkeeper has advised the City and other municipalities regarding it's serious concern about New York City's discharge of turbid water from the Ashokan Reservoir into the lower Esopus Creek, which in turn flows into the Hudson River, and it has requested the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("DEC") carefully reviewing New York City's request for a SPDES permit to allow discharges of turbid water, and to request environmental impacts from the proposed discharges will be avoided or minimized to the greatest extent practicable, including through the consideration and implementation of alternative processes; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Poughkeepsie maintains the same concerns as expressed by Riverkeeper and joins in their request that the DEC carefully consider the potential environmental impacts from New York City's practice of discharging turbid water into the Esopus Creek; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie adopts this resolution annexed hereto as Exhibit A and authorizes the City Chamberlain to transmit it, in substantially the form annexed, to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, along with a copy of this resolution.

**SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BRANNEN**

R21-38			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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**A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Menist to receive and print.**

## RESOLUTION

R21-39

INTENT TO CONTINUE THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE'S COMMUNITY CHOICE AGGREGATION (CCA) PROGRAM BY CONTINUING TO OFFER ELECTRICITY SUPPLY AND INCORPORATING OPT-OUT COMMUNITY DISTRIBUTED GENERATION

SPONSORED BY CHAIR SALEM:

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie wishes to maintain control of sourcing their electricity supply, reduce electricity costs, access 100% renewable sources of electricity and catalyze the development of renewable power plants in New York;

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2018 the City of Poughkeepsie enacted Local No. 2 of 2018, "A Local Law to Establish a Community Choice Aggregation (Energy) Program in the City of Poughkeepsie", enabling a Community Choice Aggregation Program;

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2019, the City of Poughkeepsie engaged the services of Joule Assets, Inc. ("**Joule**") as CCA Program Administrator for the Municipal Program;

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie entered into an Electricity Supply Agreement to provide 100% renewable electricity supply to eligible residents and small businesses who did not opt-out from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021;

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie intends to continue the CCA Program and access additional benefits for eligible residents and small businesses by continuing to offer electricity supply and in addition incorporating an Opt-out Community Distributed Generation ("**Opt-out CDG**") offering;

WHEREAS, Opt-out CDG offers guaranteed savings on electricity bills and supports the local development of solar projects through an agreement with a CDG project developer/owner ("**CDG Sponsor**");

WHEREAS, a CCA Program incorporating electricity supply and Opt-out CDG will maximize the financial and environmental benefits to participating residents and small businesses;

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie seeks to obtain competitive bids from electricity suppliers (each a "**Supplier**") pursuant to a request for proposal (the "**Supply RFP**"), that is intended to result in a three-party Electricity Supply Agreement between the selected Supplier, the Municipality and Joule that, among other things, will govern the terms of provision of the electricity supply by Supplier for the Municipal Program;

WHEREAS, the Electricity Supply Agreement (in the form attached hereto), has been reviewed and approved for form by our Corporation Counsel, and has been deemed to provide benefits, adequate

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protections, and minimize risk to the Municipality.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council authorizes Joule to issue a Supply RFP consistent with the provisions of this Resolution, with bids to be evaluated based upon compliance with the specifications of the Supply RFP including, without limitation, price and term parameters, and Supplier's acceptance of all material terms of the Electricity Supply Agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie Common Council approves the Electricity Supply Agreement in substantially the form attached to this Resolution as Exhibit A, such form to be included in the Supply RFP;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Joule in its role as Administrator for the CCA Program shall, among other things, manage the energy procurement process, prepare and issue the Supply RFP, and make recommendations for award to the City of Poughkeepsie; provided however, that the city will make the final award decision;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that subject to the conditions that the awarded Supplier has been prequalified as required by Joule and that the awarded bid meets the specifications established in the Supply RFP, the City of Poughkeepsie is authorized to execute an Electricity Supply Agreement on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie in substantially the form attached hereto with the awarded Supplier and Joule in a timely fashion; provided, however, that the City of Poughkeepsie is under no obligation to award the Supply RFP for any bid that fails to meet the specifications established in the Supply RFP. In addition, the City of Poughkeepsie is under no obligation to award the Supply RFP if any of the conditions of the CCA Administration Agreement shall not be met.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie authorizes Joule to prepare or include the Municipality in an Opt-out CDG Implementation Plan for submission to and approval from the New York State Department of Public Service;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Poughkeepsie authorizes Joule to enter into negotiations on the City's behalf, with Utility and CDG Sponsor(s) for incorporation of Opt-out CDG into existing CCA Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor/Supervisor is authorized to enter into any agreements on behalf of the City of Poughkeepsie in relations to Opt-out CDG consistent with this resolution in the Mayor/Supervisor's reasonable discretion.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER: BRANNEN

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**VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:**

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

1. **A PRESENTATION BY MAYOR ROLISON**, introducing “PKGO Parks”: a proposed \$3MM investment in parks infrastructure and enhancements”
2. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR NELSON AND BUILDING INSPECTOR PHILIP**, on short term rentals in the City of Poughkeepsie
3. **A COMMUNICATION FROM CITY ADMINISTRATOR NELSON**, on the proposed sale of city owned property at 123 Smith Street.
4. **FROM EDWIN MENDOZA** , a notice of personal injury sustained on January 21, 2021
5. **FROM JUANA C. ORTIZ** , a notice of property damage sustained on March 15, 2021
6. **FROM HILARY GOLDMAN**, a notice of property damage sustained on March 25, 2021

**X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Councilmember Brannen and seconded by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn the meeting at 10:39 pm.

**Dated: April 26, 2021**

Official Minutes of the Common Council Meeting of April 19, 2021

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, April 19, 2021

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Jasmin Nicole Davis**  
**City Chamberlain**

