



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, July 1, 2013 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL- 7 Present, 1 Absent (Councilmember Herman)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

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

REMOVE

VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS

- 1. FROM CORPORATION COUNCIL ACKERMANN, Ordinance O-13-6, amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for a penalty for failure to provide access for the installation of new water meters.**

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

Fred Schaffer 12 Raymond Avenue - Attorney for the Redeemed Christian Fellowship Church of God Prophecy – submitted the attached letter.

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Hon. John C. Tkazyik
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Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

City of Poughkeepsie Common Council
Members
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Hon. Mayor Tkazyik and Common Council Members:

I represent the Redeemed Christian Fellowship Church of God of Prophecy. The Redeemed Church purchased the historic church building located at 100 Cannon Street from the First Presbyterian Church of Poughkeepsie in October of 2008. It has come to the Church's attention that the municipal parking lot (on which sits a two story parking garage) located at 88 Cannon Street is about to be to be auctioned off by the City at the end of August.

On behalf of the Church, surrounding residents and businesses, I make this plea for the parking garage to be removed from said list. The basis for the sale is the City Administrator's determination that the parking garage is no longer used for municipal purposes. He is incorrect. Contrary to the determination of the City Administrator this parking lot does serve a municipal purpose and it is not in the best interest of the City to auction same. This lot is in fact a two-story garage, used daily by residents of the immediate area, and used regularly by adjacent and neighboring churches, church groups and businesses.

The Redeemed Church uses the parking garage on a daily basis for its parishioners, employees and for members of other not-for-profits which share space with the Church. Residents of the area and businesses also use it regularly. The future of this area of Poughkeepsie depends on accommodating worshippers, customers and visitors to this area.

The Church would be interested in purchasing the parking garage from the City but does not want to have to outbid others who might be bidding to use it for commercial and/or residential purposes. Attached hereto are letters of support from St. Mary's Church and Ridley-Lowell Business & Technical Institute, as well as a more detailed analysis by the Church itself.

Very truly yours,


FRED W. SCHAEFFER

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June 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern:

Ridley-Lowell Business & Technical Institute has been operating a private post-secondary career school in the city of Poughkeepsie at 26 So. Hamilton Street since February 1998. In the past five years we have increased our student population from 80 to 300 and launched four new trade programs. In addition we purchased an additional campus on Main Street for our cosmetology and esthetics programs.

Parking has been a major issue for our day and evening student population at 26 So. Hamilton Street. Our landlord - St. Mary's Church - has allotted designated parking for our staff and faculty only and day students are required to purchase monthly parking passes from the City of Poughkeepsie for the Cannon Street (Clinton St) lot or from us for the River Church (Academy Street) lot we privately lease. Our evening school students have limited parking options and security concerns.

We welcome the opportunity to secure closer parking options for our day and evening students and would gladly partner with our neighbors - the Redeemed Christian Fellowship church (COGOP) to lease parking spaces for the Municipal Parking Lot located at 80 Cannon Street.

Please feel free to contact me at pcdirector@ridley.edu or 845-471-0330 if you require any additional information concerning this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Denise Fucito", is written over a horizontal line.

Denise Fucito
Executive Director

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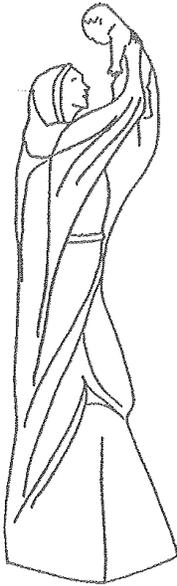
Saint Mary's Church

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June 24, 2013

To whom it may concern:

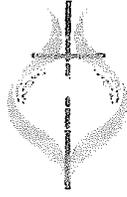
It has recently come to my attention that the City of Poughkeepsie is putting up for auction the municipal parking facility on 80 Cannon St. I am making an appeal to hold off on the auction of the property until after the Church of the Redeemed Christian Fellowship COGP, located on 100 Cannon St., has had an opportunity to negotiate a possible purchase of the facility with the City of Poughkeepsie. The Redeemed Christian Fellowship COGP will make good use of the property for their own congregation and will also make it available, when feasible, to other organizations in the neighborhood, such as St. Mary's Church. Church going citizens of Poughkeepsie are the folks that tend to get into less trouble and get more involved with projects that benefit the common good. Therefore I believe it is reasonable and beneficial to the city to offer the parking facility on 80 Cannon St. for purchase to Redeemed Christian Fellowship COGP, before the property goes up for auction. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.



Sincerely,

Fr. George Sears

Pastor, St. Mary's Church



Redeemed Christian Fellowship

Ministry of the Church of God of Prophecy

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Bishop Kenrick McBean

June 25, 2013

To Whom It May Concern,

I want to use this opportunity to bring to your attention the importance of the Municipal garage to us as well as to the many other citizens of the City of Poughkeepsie. I would also like to point out some of the things that we do here at Redeemed Christian Fellowship C.O.G.O.P which will be greatly impacted without the use of the Municipal garage.

- Marist College's over the many years has been using our facility annually for their Christmas Concert which hosts over 800 persons because of the accommodation and adequate parking facility.
- Presently there are four churches in the vicinity that needs parking spaces for their parishioners. There is the Redeemed Christian Fellowship C.O.G.O.P (RCF), Temple Christiana Fe., A Pentecostal Church and St. Mary's Church; which also has limited parking spaces.
- There is also Ridley Lowell Business and Technical Institute on South Hamilton Street, along with two other organization in the same building, that requires parking needs. The students enrolled at this institution have to park two blocks away at two separate locations.
- There is no street parking between South Hamilton Street and Market Street which link Cannon Street. On Hamilton Street between Church Street and Main Street there are only 15 parking spaces available.
- Currently the church has 28 parking spaces on the property with another 8 spaces owned by Brenner, Gordon & Lane; Attorneys at Law available to us only on weekends.
- There is a four family as well as a three family home on South Hamilton Street between Church and Cannon Streets as well as a Multi family apartment at the corner of Cannon and South Hamilton Streets.

*"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has
redeemed from the hand of the enemy"
Psalm 124:8*

Bishop Kenrick McBean-100 Cannon Street Requests that the parking lot at 88 Cannon Street not be put up for sale at auction. He asks that the City to negotiate a price

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with the church instead. They have invested over \$1.8 Million in the building...\$100,000 was spent toward renovations and are ongoing. Other facilities use the parking lot as well. Gave examples of such facilities in the attached letter. He asked that the City give kind consideration to this matter.

Devon Johnston - 155 Franklin Street – Asked the Council to reconsider and give the church the opportunity to own the garage.

Deacon George Gordon – 34 Fountain Place - Asked the Council keep the parking lot open for the future of the church. Feels it would be a great thing the Council could do by granting them the privilege of owning the garage.

Sadiki Kitson - 16 Toomey Drive – Seeking permission to ask that the church have control over the parking garage. Feels the church would do a great job with security.

Clement James - 87 South Clinton Avenue (Kingston) – Is a Deacon at Redeemed Christian Fellowship. He asked the Council to reconsider and sit down and negotiate ownership of the parking garage.

Noel Thompson - 42 Harrison Street – Is in support of keeping the parking lot for the Church's use.

Constantine Kazolias - 47 Noxon Street - I'm going to read a statement. As far as that parking deck, why don't you lease it to them as a solution to the problem? See attached statement.

BEING THE CITY UNDER THE TKYZIK ADMINISTRATION HAS
DISMANTLED THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT AND OTHERS SERVICES ARE
ON THE CHOPPING BLOCK FOR PRIVATATION. i.e. THE COUNTY
TAKEOVER OF CITY PLANNING WAS MOST OBVIOUS DURING THE
POWER POINT PRESENTATION AT THE GRAND HOTEL OF THE
WATERFRONT WARYAS PARK FROM KAAL ROCK NORTH BUT NOT THE
DILAPIDATED KAAAL ROCK PARK WHICH WAS THROWN UNDER THE
BUS. FOR THE COUNTYS PLAN TO COME TO FRUITION WILL HAVE TO BE
A REZONING OF MUCH THE SURROUNDING AREA. REZONING WILL BE
NESSITATED BY A POSITIVE FOUR [REDACTED] COUNCIL VOTE WITH THE
MAYOR HAVING A VOTE WOULD BE FAI COMPLET. THE ORDINACES
PROHIBITING ALCOHOL BEVERAGES IN CITY PARKS IS VIOLATED WHEN
THE ICE HOUSE EX TENTION INTO THE PARK SERVES ALCOHOL AND
THE REST OF THE PARK IS VERBOTEN, WHY THE DUPLICITY? A LETTER
TO THE EDITOR BY VINCE VELTRÉ WHY THE 5K ROAD RACE COULD NOT BE
RUN THRU THE CITY DOWN MAIN STREET!!! THE NOW LONG FORGOTEN
'THANKSGING YMCA ROAD RACES' WHICH WERE COORDINATED [REDACTED] BY
THE LATE DON MCKIERNAN, THE RACES WERE RUN THRU THE CITY,
WHY NOT NOW? THIS OPENS ANOTHER ACTIVITY, THIS PAST SATURDAY
THOUSAND PLUS BICYCLISTS COMING FROM OTHER STATES COULD
HAVE 'TOUR D'POUGHKEEPSIE,' SIMILAR TO THE 'TOUR D' FRANCE,'
THAN JUST RESTRICT THE FESTIVITIES [REDACTED] TO THE WALKWAY.
REGARDING THE ENTERPRISE SANITATION ACCOUNT, THERE ARE NO
PRE-EXISTING CONDITION A/K/A AWRDS, SO, WHY IS THAT \$300,000
LINE, IS IT A LOAN AND ANOTHER FLUB FROM THE PREVIOUS FINANCE
COMMISSIONER WHICH WAS NOT ADDRESSED IN THE RECENT STATE
COMPTROLERS AUDIT BECAUSE IT ENDED JULY /2012. THE ENTERPRISE
SANITATION Account CONCEPTION WAS 01/01/13. THERE ARE NO
FILED C.2 AND NO PRE-EXISTING CONDITION (AWARDS), SO?
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DATE: 07/01/13

Augustina Hayes - 39 Lent Street – The parking garage is very valuable, important,
necessary and needed.

Ralford Smart - 106 South Cherry Street – He asked that the City withdraws the parking garage from the auction, because if they are outbid, it may not even remain a parking garage. There is no street parking there. They serve the community in many different ways.

Salome Brown-Burrell - 1101 Parr Meadow Drive, Newburgh – Also wants the City to sell the parking lot to the church.

Sandra Lyons - 4 Williams Street – Wants the church to have the first bid on the parking lot.

Carmen Hylton - 73 Violet Avenue – There is not enough parking to accommodate so many people. Wants the City to sell the parking lot to the church. Stated it was essential.

Verona West - 2 Greenhouse Lane – To auction off the parking lot would have a devastating effect on the church, the school and other businesses in the neighborhood. Asked that the City reconsider its decision to auction the property and give the church the opportunity to purchase it.

Norma Jackson - 4 Veith Road – Asked the Council to reconsider auctioning off the parking lot and to allow the church to rent it.

Marcia Valentine - 25 Neer Avenue – Came to petition the elected body of the City of Poughkeepsie to withdraw the current plan of action and allow the church the opportunity to purchase the parking lot. It will benefit the church as well as the community.

Hermine Wallace - 22 Williams Street – Is in support of keeping the parking lot for the church's use.

Jacqueline Kelly-Collins - 16 Autumn Drive – Asked that the City not auction the municipal garage at 88 Cannon Street. Instead, allow them to negotiate and give them control of it, so that they may serve the community. Taking away the parking garage would hinder people from coming to worship as well as the other organizations that use it.

Elma Atkins - 64 Crestwood Blvd. – Is in support of keeping the parking lot for the church's use. She has a bad knee and attends church services on Sunday and also helps in the food pantry on Tuesday. For that reason, she needs to be able to park close to the church.

Naomi Downer - 4 Williams Street, 2C – Wants the Council to consider the church first. Feels they are the better candidate for the parking garage.

Sophia Gardner - 212 North Hamilton Street – Goes to church after work and if there's no where to park, she'll have to go home. Wants the city to give the church the parking lot for "free."

Lesma Haye - 105 Wisner Avenue, Middletown – Asked the Council to reconsider the plan of action for the garage next to the church. They will purchase the parking lot.

Carol Palmer - 97 South Cherry Street – Has come to petition the Council to withdraw the parking garage from auction and give the church a chance to become the owner.

Ken Stickle - 118 Catharine Street – Believes that two parking lots should be withdrawn. They should be leased. The one on Catharine Street, because there's no parking as it is. People are plowed in during snowstorms by the City. That lot is underutilized. The City doesn't enforce parking regulations there and people need to move their cars around. The other thing is we shouldn't sell that parking lot, we should lease it. Lease it to the church by the month like we do with the Family Partnership. Academy Street is beginning to thrive and there will be more parking needed for the amount of property going up in the City. Also voiced his opinion on the fact that the City should not have denied the 5K Race to take place in and through the City. The City should be trying to showcase the City. They need to focus on health as other cities and towns across the country are doing, by holding marathons.

Jeffrey Bowen - 230 Mansion Street – Supports keeping the parking lot for the church's use. The church should be given first priority. They don't have "deep pockets," and don't want to be outbid. Wants the City to consider the church.

Sharon Scafe - 53 Lindbergh Place – Asked that the City withdraw the parking lot from the auction and allow the church to occupy it. They would be in full compliance with the Police Department in keeping the crime out.

Charmaine Maxwell - 7 Valley Road, Wappingers Falls – Asks that the City take the parking lot off the auction block. The church has a seating capacity of 800. When there is a function held there, there will not be enough parking for the event. Made a plea to remove the parking lot off the auction block and give first preference to the church.

Lorette Wheeler - 113 Forbus Street – No available parking on the street. Is a County employee. She uses the lot when it snows, and when she attends Church because it is a covered lot. The church runs a food pantry and Department of Social Services makes referrals for the food pantry. The church is vital to the community. Asked that the City donate the parking lot to the church because the church doesn't have a lot of money and can't afford to go up against the highest bidder.

Delroy Brown - 22 Conklin Street – Minister at the church. Wants the City to show them favor with the parking lot because they need it. Especially when visitors come or during funeral services when the church is "packed." Even though the garage is being

used, at those times, they still don't find any parking. Said not to consider anyone else but the church.

Ingrid Selman - 14 Wilson Blvd – Is in support of keeping the parking lot for the church's use. Asks that the Council reconsiders this matter.

Shelly Ann King - 14 Wilson Blvd. – Is a member of the church and also is the food pantry coordinator there. They serve approximately 1,200 clients per month. The parking lot is beneficial not only to the clients, but also to the volunteers that help. Asked the Council to consider the church in purchasing the parking lot.

Mary F. Mucherson - 57 Cannon Street – Believes Poughkeepsie is on the uprise...new stores, new businesses. Feels it would be beneficial to the community if the church could own that garage. Asked the Council to consider them.

Jacqueline Bowen - 230 Mansion Street – Feels the church would suffer great consequences without the use of the parking lot. Made an appeal to the Council to have the parking lot removed from the auction block. Without adequate parking, the church would have to close its doors.

Tashagay Thompson - 149 Thompson Street – Without the parking lot, there will be chaos and traffic congestion on Sundays. Lack of parking space will hinder church activities for youth and members for the neighboring communities. Asked the Council to consider them.

Joyce Johnson - 15 Hoffman Avenue – Asked the Council to consider the church and to cancel the activities by removing the parking lot property from the auction block.

Joshua Wright - 2 Weed Street – Anticipates cutting the ribbon for the parking garage. When they purchased the building (church) at 100 Cannon Street, there was a major contingency they had to have. That was a parking garage for the members. The church is growing. There are over 200 members at present. Hopes to fill it to capacity, but cannot do so if there is not adequate parking. They want to stay there and change things. They want to turn the City around, much like the Council is trying to do. Feels that cannot be accomplished without a presence there. Losing the garage means that they cannot be there anymore. The life of the church is dependent on this garage. Asked that it be removed from the action list and give it to them perhaps, for free.

Kristopher C. Bottoms - 156 Rinaldi Blvd, Apt 4A – Sells Italian Ice as a pushcart vendor. He works with Dennis Dean, who runs the program in Tubman Terrace...June Park, and he does a summer league (Unity Program) which is a City run program. Mr. Dean gave him permission to come down to the City to sell the Italian Ice to the kids. However, he was told by the City that he was not permitted to go down to the parks or down by the river at Waryas Park and that he was not allowed to go there. He feels that his business cannot be successful if he is not allowed to go where the people are. This is not his only job. It is something he wants to do that is positive. He doesn't sell drugs or

run guns. He believes that it takes a village to raise our children. He feels that selling Italian Ice can only help. He asked that the Council look over the City's rules and regulations for vendors and revise and amend them in his favor. A couple of years ago, Vassar Hospital made more parking available to the employees and to the sick who are going to the hospital, in order to make it more convenient and easier for them. Spiritually, the church is a hospital where sick folk come to get healed. I am not a part of their church, but I understand the need for adequate parking, because my father is the Reverend Dr. Jessie Roy Bottoms, of Beulah Baptist Church. We stand with the Redeemed Church. Give sick folk a place to park.

Doug Nobiletti - 145 Academy Street – Brought in photographs depicting the current conditions of Main Street. City Chamberlain, Deanne Flynn was asked to pass them around to the Councilmembers and Corporation Counsel Ackermann. Feels the City is perceived as not caring very much about itself. City Administrator Bunyi has stated that there's a defensible argument with the unions over weekend work and how the City would like it. Reiterated a statement made on a previous occasion. "The City cannot be held hostage in a tug-of-war between the wills of the union and the administration." Concessions need to be made on both sides. By allowing it to deteriorate to the point that it looks like a trash heap is going to guarantee that no one coming down off of that bridge is going to venture uptown. If they do, they'll tell others not to bother going up the "hill," because there "ain't nothing there to see." The top photo depicts visitors that attended the parade on that Saturday, that he got Mr. Bunyi to force the pick-up of residential trash. The pail depicted in the photo, is one of two that refuses to be removed from in front of two offending properties. These two properties are in Councilmember Parise's ward. They use these two containers for household refuse trash containers. These are City receptacles. He pays for trash pick-up for his tenants and has a contract that he can provide at a moment's notice. Whether these people have contracts or not is at question, and whether or not they instruct their tenants to remove the garbage is another question. The point being, between that and the condition Central Hudson has left our street in, the trash that is left over the weekends, does nothing but send a clear message that we're a community that doesn't give a damn about ourselves. Although people have been saying positive things about how the City seems to be growing, he feels it's going into retreat. The City has lost one of three restaurants for a variety of reasons. It's not as simple as the newspaper article would make you think. Main Street is in retreat, and when the Ice House and the Waterfront are fully developed, you will see that most of that business will stay downtown. Unless a plan is developed to ensure that Main Street is on solid footing, the City's center will no longer be called, "downtown." Police action, additional parking and concessions are needed. On Garden Street a Caribbean bar has popped up and has been the site of gunfire at 4:00 – 5:00 a.m. That's the same violence that was attributed to the Bull and Buddha Restaurant who claimed it wasn't their patrons. We have an ongoing problem, and if we don't pull money out of the budget for police and trash to give the citizens and visitors to the City, a sense we're progressing, we're going to lose the war. It's in your hands. Money's tight, but it's money well worth pulling out of the budget and putting into these needs because if you don't, it only helps toward a spiral downward, and we don't have a minute to waste.

Peter Papamitoukas - 17 Academy Street – Downtown areas are an up and down battle. It's in transition. The budget is tight right now, but we need a police presence down there after hours – it's very important. He stated that he lost two rentals due to the activities that are going on down there. They were two young women harassed to the point where they wanted an early lease termination. He did so in order to compensate them as best as he could. Between the garbage that's going on down there (that Mr. Nobiletti has shown you), after people partying on weekends, and just the wrong things happening there; it doesn't send a good message out to the public to come downtown to shop, to invest, to live. He's living there to lead by example; to show that it's not so bad down there. He grew up on the Southside, was born and raised and has his business here in Poughkeepsie. Has seen it change from nice to not nice, when his parents owned a deli on Academy Street. Things began to change and get really good. Then the Luckey Platt came – up and down there. and it was good for awhile and now we're having problems. There's a couple of convenience stores that sell loose cigarettes and sell other cheap ones for other purposes and recreational activities, it sends the wrong message and attracts the wrong type of people there. Doesn't want those types of people on the block. People should be able to go there at a convenience store to buy milk, eggs, cigarettes, etc. and go on their way. There were four break-ins on Academy Street; his was one of the places broken into. Luckily, they only tried to take his bike but he chased the perpetrator. The others were a boutique, convenience store, Rita's and was told there were some cars that were broken into. Police presence is vital there to ensure the safety of people coming home late at night. Asked for something to be done downtown.

Christine Baker – 11 West Eugene Ct. – Used to see a lot of activity at South Hamilton and Cannon Streets. Because of the church, that's no longer the case and asks for consideration in giving the garage to the church.

Fernando Morrison - 97 South Cherry Street – Resident of City of Poughkeepsie since 1969. Does construction work in the City. Is a Deacon in the Redeemed Church, God of Prophecy. Comes as "Lazarus," to beg for the parking garage. Begs to consider the church.

Nancy Cozean – 115 Hooker Avenue – Welcomed the Redeemed Church to the neighborhood during her reign as Mayor. Also attended services last Sunday at the Bishop's request, so that she understood the situation clearly. Spoke on the church's behalf. Stated that they worked very hard making repairs. Asked that a lease situation be considered and withdraw the garage from the auction. The church will keep it open to the public, where it is sorely needed. They will make the neighborhood better. They will keep their word. When the vacant buildings in the surrounding area are again occupied, there will be much needed parking for the residents as well. The other reason Ms. Cozean came to speak on was the pilot for Highridge Gardens, which is to be a part of a bigger project. Has received concerns about how that might impact the surrounding area from residents. What will the housing do to the composting, College Hill, and increased traffic will be impacted. It's a congested area now. You have Dutchess Community College, Efron's, etc. Police protection, ambulance, fire services, and many other things along that line will be needed for the older population who are going to be housed there.

There needs to be more communication with the public. Very few people she talked to were not aware of this proposed additional housing. Many people were surprised to learn about this housing pilot program. Asking the Council, the realtor and developer to give further explanation as to what this housing will mean to the community.

Steven Planck - 81 Carroll Street – Wanted to speak about the shooting on Carroll Street. It happened right across the street from his house at 82 Carroll Street. Is angry because he’s called the police maybe 10 times in the past; has spoken with the Sergeant 4 times and has called the Mobile Mental Health unit twice. Nothing had been done. Spoke to one of the city administrators and was told that the police had been there every single day for one reason or another. There is a lot of domestic abuse in that building and it has to do with the people that are living there. He called them, “Undesirables,” and doesn’t want them living in his neighborhood or the community. Is not going to ask the Council, the Mayor, etc. for more help; he wants to help do something about it himself and thinks new laws have to be made to make landlords responsible for the actions of their tenants. Wants steeper penalties and larger fines for landlords who will then pass these fines along to the violators for keeping their buildings in “shambles.” Stated that tenants should be made to register and be put into a database for other landlords to check before renting to potential tenants. This can “flag” those who have been evicted...there are approximately 8 evictions per day by the Dutchess County Sheriff’s Office. He are on parole or have a criminal history, etc. are entered into the database. He can make the website free of charge. It will take about three months to put into place and name it the “Poughkeepsie Landlord Association.” Cited his own personal experience with a drug dealer who was living in one of his buildings on Carroll Street. He evicted him from there, only to find that he moved to a different block: Franklin Street. That’s what aggravated him. Feels that if the support system was in place, this would not have happened.

Yvette Blankenship- 53 S. Bridge St -Asked that the church be granted continued use of the parking garage.

Chairman Mallory asked for a 5 minute recess

V. MAYOR’S COMMENTS:

Absent

VI. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Chairman Mallory : Based on information we have today and some points that have come out – City residents asking for help, life of the church is dependent on the parking lot, the idea that the church was purchased with the idea of maintaining the parking lot, the 850 seat capacity, other resources being involved, must be accommodating, needs for activities; I look forward to my colleagues on the Council to direct all questions to Corporation Counsel on Unfinished Business, to see how we can change the situation and

discuss further, a more appropriate relationship with the church. So, on Unfinished Business we will discuss this matter further. I'm hearing concerns about garbage on Main Street corridor, meetings with property owners, residents and walking with Councilmembers Rich and Solomon. We, as a city, must work more in partnership with County Government and the Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce in addressing this problem. The City must hold property owners accountable for maintaining their property in accordance with our Ordinance and Local Laws. Our Building Department and other departments must be reminding, warning and citing properties that aren't performing their responsibilities in this quality of life issue. We can't let failed negotiations with the Union as a reason not to address this problem. We have other resources and must utilize them to the fullest. The City must be more engaging with the Regional Chamber of Commerce, and having their members along the Main Street corridor, clean up in front, on the side and behind their businesses – if not 7 days/week, then prior, during and before closing hours. If this Council can be of assistance, then please come before us and let us know how we can work together to address this quality of life issue. Addressing this problem of garbage benefits the businesses and the City overall. The same is to be said of all County properties, as the City of Poughkeepsie is the County seat. Finally, how can we, City, County, Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce pursue funding, grants to get the proper recyclable receptacles along Main Street and other specific locations? Smaller, efficient, green and environmentally friendly should be our goal. No more receptacles where people can put their apartment, garbage or other items in garbage cans. Let's look into some receptacle models the MTA uses or the solar-powered ones that are in front of the County Building at 22 Market Street or the ones in place in Rhinebeck. Garbage is a quality of life issue and the City needs to take the lead in tackling the problem. Lastly, Councilmember, Ann Perry, your event at College Hill was very inspiring. I look forward to seeing other such events at College Hill. There will be a Committee of the Whole Meeting next Monday at 5:30 p.m. prior to our scheduled Council Meeting to hear what our City's revenues actually are as of June 30, 2013 and what are the City's plans and ideas in reducing our \$20 Million deficit in the upcoming budget. Thank you very much. This ends Chairman's comments.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

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

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the Council. Before you is a proposed resolution authorizing a Pilot Agreement for Highridge Gardens. Highridge Gardens is the second phase of a development on Hudson Avenue. If you remember back in 2010, the Council sold approximately 8.5 acres to Kearney Realty and Development Group for a two-phase project. The first phase was 71 units of affordable senior housing, which is completed and the Council authorized a pilot agreement for that project, the second would be 74 units of workforce in support of housing on the remainder of the property. The Pilot Agreement is attached. It calls for an initial amount of \$743.00 per dwelling unit or \$54,892.00 annually which, according

to the Assessor will be slightly higher than the actual tax amount would be due based on the assessed value. Provides for an increase as the rents increase, like we did with the first pilot agreement. This will be shared with the other taxing jurisdictions as if it would be fully taxed. Ken and Shawn Kearney are here to give you a little overview of the project and would like to have you suspend the rules and have them come forward.

Chairman Mallory made a motion for the rules be suspended so that Ken Kearney could speak, **Councilmember Solomon** seconded the motion.

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

RESOLUTION (R-13-58)

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER SOLOMON

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie (the “City”) desires to encourage a sufficient supply of adequate, safe and sanitary dwelling accommodations properly planned for persons with low incomes; and

WHEREAS, Highridge Gardens Housing Development Fund Company, Inc., an Article XI New York private housing finance law corporation and a New York not-for-profit corporation (the “HDFC”), and Highridge Gardens Limited Partnership, a New York limited partnership (the “Partnership”), have identified property located at Hudson Avenue, City of Poughkeepsie, County of Dutchess, State of New York, Section 6162, Block 0065, Lot 590267 (“Land”), for the purpose of construction on the Land of a housing project for persons of low income, said project to consist of: (i) the acquisition of the Land; (ii) the construction thereon of seventy-four (74) units of housing for persons of low income (plus a superintendent’s unit) to be known as Highridge Gardens (the “Improvements”); and (iii) the acquisition and installation therein and thereon of certain machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures and other tangible personal property (the “Equipment”, and collectively with the Land and the Improvements, the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, the HDFC has been formed for the purpose of providing residential rental accommodations for persons of low-income; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC will acquire fee title to the Land, as nominee for the Partnership, and will convey its equitable and beneficial interests in the Land to the Partnership in furtherance of the development of the Project; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC’s and the Partnership’s plan for the use of the Land constitutes a “housing project” as that term is defined in the Private Housing Finance Law of the State of New York (“PHFL”); and

WHEREAS, the HDFC is a “housing development fund company” as the term is defined in Section 572 of the PHFL and Section 577 of the PHFL authorizes the Council Members to exempt the Project from real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the HDFC is a co-general partner of the Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the Partnership and the HDFC will be willing to enter into a PILOT Agreement whereby they will make annual payments in lieu of taxes to the City as set forth in the PILOT Agreement presented to the Council Members for approval;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby exempts the Project from real property taxes to the extent authorized by Section 577 of the PHFL and approves the proposed PILOT Agreement by and among the City of Poughkeepsie, the Partnership and the HDFC, in substantially the form presented at this meeting, providing for annual payments as set forth in such agreement; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor of the City is hereby authorized to execute and deliver the foregoing PILOT Agreement on behalf of the City; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER BOYD

R13-58			Yes/Aye	No/Nay	Abstain	Absent
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VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

Councilmember Solomon made a motion to table **O-13-6** in order to review the additional language and seconded by **Councilmember Boyd**. **Tabled.**

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. FROM POLICE CHIEF KNAPP**, a communication regarding a joint application with the Town of East Fishkill for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, FY 2013 Local Solicitation.

Heather Lombardi: I'm the Grant Specialist with the Police Department. The Chief asked me to come here tonight to talk about the application we're proposing to submit next week, jointly with the Town of East Fishkill Police Department. This year, for Dutchess County, there is available \$41,473 to be used for Law Enforcement purposes. There's a \$10,119 allocation for the Town of East Fishkill and a \$31,354 allocation for the City of Poughkeepsie. These amounts are determined by the U. S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice programs based on population and various crimes. Sadly, I wish it was more money. It has been going down subsequently, year after year. But I do have East Fishkill's proposed budget if anyone has any interest in that. I'll just leave that, if there are any questions on that from Councilmembers or the community. For the City of Poughkeepsie, I've been working with the Chief and we've come up with some needs that would actually be regular budget items, had we not been eligible for this grant. Some of those needs are as follows: Some computer software upgrades in the amount of \$7,000; some tactical equipment in the amount of \$8,000; CCTV cameral expansion and upgrades amounting to \$10,000; Back-up 9-1-1 room expansion and enhancement of \$3,354 and Police Department Training in the amount of \$3,000. Does anyone have any questions?

Councilmember Johnson: So, your share is going to be the \$31,354?

Heather Lombardi: Correct.

Councilmember Johnson: OK, so a lot of it is going to be used for software, camera, etc. Well, as you've noticed, a lot of people sitting here, probably would like that money to be spent on crime prevention, patrols...

Heather Lombardi: We can't use it for overtime patrols; we can't use it for salaries. There's a very small list of items that the funding can be used for. It's generally used to purchase equipment.

Councilmember Johnson: It says for crime prevention and safety activities.

Heather Lombardi: Correct.

Councilmember Johnson: So, it can't be used for any of that?

Heather Lombardi: It can't be used for overtime patrols. It can't be used for salaries.

Councilmember Johnson: OK, not for overtime or for salaries, but for anything that would really help in those areas where we had a young man here and two of his tenants had to move out because were being harassed. Is there anything you could do to help that section of town?

Heather Lombardi: You mean programming wise, or what?

Councilmember Johnson: Crime prevention and safety activities which is stated here.

Heather Lombardi: We can't use it for programming. It's basically for equipment and needs such as that.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I think some of the equipment that is proposed is just for those situations - tactical equipment that is proposed as well as some of the expansion of the camera projects.

Heather Lombardi: I understand what the Councilwoman means. It's not direct services perhaps, to the community but...

Councilmember Johnson: Well, maybe more cameras in that area...

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I think that's part of it.

Councilmember Johnson: Well, no, I mean to be used solely for some sort of crime prevention in that area because right now, we get this money annually, correct?

Heather Lombardi: We do.

Councilmember Johnson: Right, because we always use it for equipment and something...

Heather Lombardi: Much of the equipment is actually used by our undercover units. We actually conduct enforcement operations. Our Narcotics Unit and our Emergency Services Unit haven't received equipment under this grant in probably 5 to 7 years, so a lot of the equipment they have been using is grossly outdated. A lot of it is not working at all. Some of it...

Councilmember Johnson: Maybe that explains why I still have that drug dealer for a year and a half.

Heather Lombardi: So we're looking to upgrade some of those items.

Councilmember Rich: Is there any of this equipment or training currently in the budget so that it would take budgeted items and pay for them, so that particular amount of money that was in the budget, could be moved to another or crime prevention way or is it just that they're telling you to better take it or you can't have any money?

Heather Lombardi: Well, this is proposed for the next year, for the end of 2013 and 2014. Taking this money to pay for the money already budgeted is actually illegal. That's called, "Supplanting." You couldn't actually do that.

Councilmember Rich: But you could do it in a...

Heather Lombardi: Yes, you can pre-plan. These are items that the Chief and I had gone through on the list. These are actually items that he will not be asking for that are essential for the 2014 Budget.

Councilmember Rich: But, nevertheless, we're told what we need, rather than let us, with the \$31,000 decide what we need. I think that's what Mrs. Johnson was talking about. It's all well and good...these things. But, if I had a choice of \$31,000 that shows up, there would be a different list than this list. That's the problem with a lot of these grants that the Feds and the State tells us what we need and if you don't like it, don't apply. You know what I'm saying?

Heather Lombardi: I do.

Councilmember Rich: They're the ones responsible, but the folks out there think that we're the ones responsible for fighting crime in the City, when in fact, it "ain't" that simple. A lot of it is bureaucracy from the State and the Feds and our hands, if not tied, are at least not fully able to do the things we'd like to do with the money we get.

Councilmember Perry: Well, I was going to ask about the cameras, but I withdraw the question. Thank you.

Councilmember Boyd: I have a question regarding the training. What kind of training would our Police Department receive for that \$3,000?

Heather Lombardi: It hasn't been specified yet, but our Training Budget has been seriously diminished through the past several years. It is basically non-existent. What we're looking at for this training would probably be in tandem with the software enhancements and upgrades, to train people to push out the software upgrades to maintain our computer systems, to keep up to snuff.

Councilmember Boyd: You're talking about the New World Systems?

Heather Lombardi: Correct.

Councilmember Boyd: OK. Thank you.

Councilmember Johnson: Really, if I had it my way, I would take the \$31,000 and spend it on cameras downtown, because cameras do prevent crime as we have seen nationwide. If we had cameras on the Eastbound Arterial, we probably would have solved the case of the little girl with the "Hit and Run." So, I think cameras are essential to deterring crime. How many cameras do we have on the Eastbound Arterial, since we still can't find the Dooley truck that hit the little girl, and how many do we have downtown near "Buddha Buddha," and that area where the 17 year old or the 15 year old that shot the 17 year old? He's still missing...I mean, we have so many unsolved crimes, shootings every week. How many cameras do we have downtown now?

Heather Lombardi: I believe we have seven now.

Councilmember Johnson: Seven? Are they helping to deter crime?

Heather Lombardi: Actually, they are. I don't know if it was a shooting or a stabbing two weeks ago on the Main Street corridor...that was actually caught on camera and a suspect was apprehended...

Councilmember Johnson: You mean the shooting with the three people?

Heather Lombardi: Correct.

Councilmember Johnson: OK, but the reason that they caught them was that they were running from the scene and the police approached them as they were running from the scene...

Heather Lombardi: Well, that did happen to be good response time, but it was actually well-documented on camera. I actually saw the tape myself. I totally agree with you and I know the CCTV camera was pioneered by Chief Knapp, so that's a project of his as well. We have CCTV money in several grant projects. As you know we completed a quarter of a million dollar upgrade to the systems throughout the City. So, we are right on board with what you are saying.

Councilmember Johnson: And you know, it's unfortunate that Mr. Nobiletti and Mr. Planck have gone. It would've been nice if they'd had some input in this \$31,000 because the same people come here week after week complaining about crime, this, that and the other. Now you have \$31,000 and maybe they would have had some ideas that they think would have been beneficial since there are businesses down there now soon to be going out of business. We'll have a ghost town on Main Street.

Councilmember Solomon: Is there a camera on Academy Street...or do you not divulge the location of the cameras?

Heather Lombardi: No, I don't think they're covert.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I believe there is one on the corner of Church and Academy Street.

Heather Lombardi: Main and Academy Street.

Councilmember Solomon: There is a deli there and it is a source of much, much problems. It's in my ward and I hear about it all the time. I'm glad to hear that there's a camera...maybe you need another one. And, we also need to close that deli at a reasonable hour...Mr. Ackermann.

Heather Lombardi: Some of the enhancements to the cameras involve the rotatability of the camera. Some of them can and only move in certain areas and that's just a technology difficulty. A lot of the enhancements, even from the ones we installed last year or the year before, are going to involve the ability for us to view in great detail the areas of the community, so that should help.

Councilmember Perry: Now that we're on the subject of cameras, I wonder if there could be a camera on College Hill. There is a problem up there with dumping and unless we find the people who take the trouble to take their couches and baby strollers and everything else up on College Hill instead of taking it to the site that the f Public Works Department provides, they take it to College Hill and dump it there. Somebody's going up there with a truck because they're not carrying up there with their hands, so we need a camera up there to see exactly who it is, because I have been making great effort physically going up there cleaning that park. Mr. Stickle – Ken Stickle, goes up there all the time to clean. Sue Brooks, Mae Parker Harris – a lot of us are going up there cleaning up. We're not going to waste our time cleaning so someone can use it as a place to dump their couch, so please...I thought Chief Knapp was coming here tonight, and I was going to ask him. So, would you please convey this message to him for me? We need some attention. We need to know exactly who the culprit is, because I want to go up there to have him remove it and all of Poughkeepsie can see.

Heather Lombardi: I will. Thank you.

2. **FROM QAYDISHA SHAKIR**, a notice of property damage sustained on April 25, 2013. **Referred to Corporation Counsel**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Rich: You've already begun my unfinished business, so for the last number of months in the 2nd Ward, I have a lot of Main Street, all of Market Street, Academy Street, Cannon Street so a lot of my district is, if you will, "Ground Zero" when it comes to criminal activities going on in this City and what we desperately need in this City, downtown, we got the waterfront coming along very nicely, but we need to put some money, some effort in the downtown. Main Street, Academy Street, Market Street, Cannon Street or when we find out that we're going to have our elevator come in and people come in and come up here because we're going to try to have a shuttle, they're going to take a look at our Main Street and then never, ever, come back. We really have to face that. To do something and I don't care where you get the "bucks," – I don't care if you have to raise taxes, we do it. We've got to save Main Street, or what's happening on the Waterfront will not save the City. The only thing that will save the City, is if our heart comes back...and is repaired and that is downtown. Thank you. I think we've got to put this to the Executive Branch (they're not here), but Mr. Ackermann is here. I can tell the rest of the Executive Branch that Mr. Joe Rich said, "You've got to do it, I don't care where you get the money, you got to do it."

Councilmember Boyd: I have two things. I'm going to suggest once again, that the user fee should be placed on the tax bill. Also, on May 4th weekend, we took a rig out of service for the Fire Department. I wanted to know and raised this question to the Mayor and City Administrator how safe the City was regarding that rig being out of service. I didn't get a reply. This was a couple of Council Meetings ago and I would like an answer to my question(s).

Councilmember Johnson: This message is for Milo, I know he's not here and I don't know where Mayor Tkazyik is, but if you could relay the message about the street sweeper; when is it going to be put back into service? Also, when is the asphalt for the street paving going to begin and the trip hazards on the sidewalks, because last year I got nothing done in my ward because of the water main break here at City Hall when they had to demolish the stairs and a lot of money was spent on those repairs. Hopefully, he can get back to my ward; to the Caribbean Place who has a trip hazard, so I'm wondering when we're actually going to begin making repairs to the streets and sidewalks.

Councilmember Solomon: I have a question about 40 South Hamilton Street. It is the old Marist Brothers residence. Does it have a Certificate of Occupancy?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I have to check. I know that several complaints came into the Building Department. I know that they were attempting to investigate it. I will find out what the result of that issue is.

Councilmember Solomon: I have to say that no other person in the City of Poughkeepsie is allowed to occupy a building, unless they have a Certificate of Occupancy. This surprises me. What's going on?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I don't know. I have to check. It's my understanding that they have a Certificate of Occupancy. I think the question is, "How is it being occupied?"

Councilmember Solomon: I would really like to know. I called Mr. Beck two weeks ago, and have not received an answer.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I'll follow up.

Councilmember Solomon: The neighborhood is worried about it.

Councilmember Perry: Mr. Ackermann, would you be able to tell me if the person who has a soda machine on Pershing Avenue on the sidewalk has a permit? I don't expect you to tell me now, but I would like you to look into it, Sir.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Where on Pershing Avenue?

Councilmember Perry: It's right between Main and Mansion. You actually can't miss it, because if you go on Pershing Avenue, you practically will trip over it.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: We'll take a look at it.

Chairman Mallory: We've heard quite a few people speak today, Corporation Counsel, and I know two weeks ago this Council had approved an auction. What is the legal procedure in itself to remove such an item that has been placed by the City for being auctioned, to be reconsidered being that we've heard from the representative from the church and their supporters?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I think we can look at...

Chairman Mallory: Unfinished?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Yeah...

Chairman Mallory: No, she asked a question...

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I think that if that's the desire of the Council, there first needs to be a conversation with the Administration and there are procedures to reconsider. There is a Resolution that was affirmatively adopted by this Board, but that does not mean that there's not procedures to change or make alterations to either one to the property auction or two, to reconsider the Resolution that was adopted by the Board. I think it's going to take some time for us to review and discuss the issue, move carefully forward if that's going to be the desire of this Board. But, it's a conversation that could be had and we can try to figure out the procedure if that's what this Board is looking to do.

Chairman Mallory: To clarify that one, procedure in itself can get a feel for the Council and itself, in discussion with the Administration and, if need be, we can pursue to adjusting/amending – whatever terminology you want to use legally, to the previous Resolution.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: No, the conversation that needs to be had is, "Is this going to be removed? Is there going to be a negotiated sale? Is the property auction going forward?" Those things have to be worked out prior to make a determination on what procedural issues that this Council will use or take to effect any changes to that. The list has been published, some expense has been laid out by the City, so those things have to be taken into consideration. We need to look at those and decide how we're going to move forward.

Chairman Mallory: When you say, "We" you mean collectively...this Council...Administration?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: Collectively. Correct.

Councilmember Rich: For Unfinished Business, will the Mayor be around for the Agenda meeting at 10:30?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I can't speak to his schedule.

Chairman Mallory: Obviously he's not here, so no one knows about his schedule. So, could you please inform him if he's not going to be available at 10 o'clock when he meets with me onto that one...that someone needs to be so we can continue this conversation?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I'm available.

Chairman Mallory: OK. See you tomorrow morning onto that one.

Councilmember Rich: Paul, when is this auction scheduled to happen?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The auction is scheduled to be taking place, the last week in August I believe the last Wednesday in August – August 28th at 10:00 a.m.

Councilmember Rich: So there is time to change the Resolution without changing the auction date. If we were to take one of those items off?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: There is limited time because of the notice requirements, publication, and title insurance...there's issues that are in the process now, so there is limited time, but there is time.

Councilmember Rich: I realize that. But, when I voted for this thing I was told that this garage doesn't really get a lot of business anymore. Now, I'm under the impression that it does get a lot of business from the churches and from others that are looking for a place to park someplace near downtown. We don't charge anything there anymore, do we?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: There is a limited number of permit holders that operate out of there, but besides those minimum monthly permit holders, I don't believe there is...

Councilmember Rich: We were looking to have some additional money come in from a place that wasn't really making any money and it was costing the City to keep up without any revenue coming in. The expenditures were going out, revenue was not coming in and we felt that it may need to be off the public books. So we could have a property tax on the private person that owned it.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I believe that one of the bigger concerns of the Administration in the very near future there is significant investment that's going to be needed to the deck; to repair it, and safety issues the top deck, for the most part has not been used because of engineering issues and whatnot, and that's the big concern.

Councilmember Rich: I hope the church heard that. If you're going to take it over, you're going to have to repair it. Whatever your cost is to give you, and sell it to you, you're going to have to repair it and spend a lot of money. That's what we were told, so I wanted to let you know that.

Councilmember Johnson: I spoke to you during a meeting, Mr. Ackermann, in regards to this issue about the Cannon Street parking lot, the garage. I'm sorry that the Mayor isn't here to hear the Congregation from the church, but as I was telling some of the church members that this dialogue really has to take place with the Mayor and City Administrator, who runs the City. I know that maybe there's a possibility that some arrangement can be made, as far as that property is concerned, I do believe Mr. Pastreich was interested in that property at one time.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: It's a possibility....

Councilmember Johnson: I thought he was interested in Cannon Street.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: A lot of people have expressed interest. Whether or not they're going to come out and bid is another story, but there's been interest that's been expressed on other properties that are on the auction list.

Councilmember Johnson: Well, I was thinking that maybe it would be a good idea if the pastor from the church with Mr. Schaeffer, maybe could meet with you and the Mayor and maybe try to see if they can find a partnership with someone, because I know Mr. Pasterich is a very good person and maybe the church can go into partnership with this garage if they don't have enough money. Instead of them taking on this big burden alone, so I'm wondering if that's something we can look into.

Councilmember Perry: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I was wondering if the parking area that is in your ward if that will be part of the conversation.

Chairman Mallory: I plan to hear a lot of questions about that.

Councilmember Boyd: I just hope that, Corporate Counsel Ackermann, that the City Administrator and Mayor gets to speak with somebody...the Reverend over there at the church, to see if we could do anything because what I understand from you, time is of the essence. We have to move pretty quickly if we plan on doing something about this. So, I'm hoping that things don't drag on.

Chairman Mallory: To reassure Majority Leader, I plan to continue this conversation first thing in the morning with Corporation Counsel and whoever else is involved. So, that if time is of an essence for us to move quickly and things can be done – either renegotiating or changing something in the Resolution, I plan to work with Corporation Counselor and legal representation of the church and see what we can do about this. Yes, it's only conversation stage, Corporation Counsel, but yes, I don't expect this to sit idly by and wait until August 27th for something to be done.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Boyd: Can anybody tell me when Pulaski Pool is not open?

Councilmember Johnson: It is open.

Councilmember Perry: It is open.

Councilmember Rich: Not today, because of the weather.

Councilmember Boyd: When did it become open?

Councilmember Perry: Thursday. They had a Grand Opening.

Councilmember Johnson: I was there.

Councilmember Boyd: What was that article in the newspaper about with the 5K Race, and why wasn't it allowed in the City of Poughkeepsie? Do you know what the status of that is and why we didn't allow it?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: I know there was conversations with the Police Department and concerns about closing the Arterial for a significant period of time that would be required to conduct the race. Other than that, I'm not sure what the final decision was on that.

Councilmember Boyd: So, you don't know what happened and what fell through the cracks...?

Corporation Counsel Ackermann: The only thing I can speak to was significant concern with closing the Arterial for a good part of the day, and that was an issue. Attempts to reroute it didn't seem to work, so other than that I...(inaudible).

Councilmember Boyd: That could've brought some revenue into downtown. Thank you.

Councilmember Perry: I just wanted to mention the event on College Hill on Saturday. It was very successful. There was a large turnout. Thanked the Church of the Nazarene, Triumphant and Steven who plays the guitar and all the people who came from near and far who brought drums for the drumming circle. It was a wonderful day. The Good Lord kept out the clouds and it did not rain. I was happy that no rain date was set because they really didn't need one. It turned out very well. I want to do another one before the year is out and expects Triumphant and Church of the Nazarene and Redeemed Christian Fellowship to come, bring their drums and their music. Let's have a good time on College Hill...it's a wonderful park. If you've never been up there, I talk about it all the time – it's the park on the Northside. It's our park and we need to support it. And we need to go up there and support it and help keep it clean. Can I count on you for that?

Also, thanked the wonderful workers from the Sanitation Department. They were on point. They were there from beginning right up to the end. They cleaned up. That place was clean as the Board of Health when we left up there. Thanked Chairman Mallory for coming, and wanted him to sing but he wasn't in a singing mood that day. And, Vice Chair Solomon was there with her husband. I tried to get him to dance, but he also wasn't ready to dance. We had a wonderful time. Sue was there taking care of the few measly refreshments that we had, because nobody wanted to donate anything. But, it was a worthy cause. I just like the idea that College Hill is getting back on the forefront and I hope the gentleman over there's recording because we did not have any kind of support from the media – none, whatsoever. It was advertised all over, on the radio, we handed out flyers, went door-to-door and we didn't get any kind of help from media, but it's OK. College Hill has got to come forth...it's going to be on the forefront, because it's a very relevant part of the Walkway-Over-the-Hudson and one of these days, you're going to thank me for talking about College Hill on a regular basis. One more thing. We ordered some Port-a-Pottys. Our event was from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Do you know what time they called and said they were 2 miles away? Five minutes to 4, so we told them we would no longer need their services and they could go back to whence they came. Hopefully, the next time we have a function if we call the same people, they would be a little more punctual. Thank Heaven there were no emergencies up there and were able to manage without Port-a-Pottys. Once again, the Sanitation people were excellent. Also, the McCann Foundation (Golf Course) – I was flabbergasted, stunned, surprised to see that they showed up with their lawnmowers and riding mowers and they did a fine job helping us to cut the grass, and I think they deserve a round of applause. Thank you Mr. Chairman.

Councilmember Boyd: I just wanted to thank the Congregation for the nice T-Shirts you provided the Common Council with this evening.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Chairman Mallory and seconded by Councilmember Solomon to adjourn the meeting at 9:28 p.m.

Dated: August 5, 2013

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, July di1, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain



COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

Common Council Chambers

Monday, July 1, 2013

6:30 p.m.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

Common Council Meeting of May 6, 2013

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 CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN**, Resolution R13-58, approving a PILOT Agreement with Highridge Gardens.

IX. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

1. **FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN**, Ordinance O13-6, amending Chapter 6 of the Code of Ordinances to provide for a penalty for failure to provide access for the installation of new water meter.

X. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

3. **FROM POLICE CHIEF KNAPP**, a communication regarding a joint application with the Town of East Fishkill for funding from the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, FY 2013 Local Solicitation.
4. **FROM QAYDISHA SHAKIR**, a notice of property damage sustained on April 25, 2013.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIV. NEW BUSINESS:

XV. ADJOURNMENT: