



**THE CITY OF POUGHKEEPSIE
NEW YORK**

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES**

Monday, July 9, 2012 6:30 p.m.

City Hall

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

ROLL CALL

6 Present, 2 Absent (Councilmember Boyd and Chairwoman Johnson)

II. REVIEW OF MINUTES:

NONE

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

ADD

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN, Resolution R12-54, supporting a grant application being made by Hudson River Housing to New York State under the Consolidated Funding Application Process (CFA).**
- 2. FROM CORPORATION COUNSEL ACKERMANN, Resolution R12-55, supporting a grant application being made by Hudson River Housing to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places (OPRHP).**

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

Mae Parker Harris 16 Allen Place- came to speak about the bus situation. She stated that she does not understand why we would put a bus station on Market Street when there is already so much congestion there now. And to talk about putting a bus station with no bathrooms isn't right, the low income people need a bus so you are not being considerate. There was a wonderful bus station down next to the post office and there is still a lot there. Thinks you should look into it and put the bus company where it used to be. Stated that she thinks that this city is always trying to pad somebody's pocket and give them something to do. As far as Market Street goes, all you have to do it put a line in the middle of the street and put signs that state 2 way, you don't need a study, that's the way it was, put it back like it was. She can't see why the city workers can't do just that and put signs up saying 2-way. Take some of the money and instead of spending it on studies, putting it toward the youth in the city of Poughkeepsie and give them something to do. Instead of giving money to people who already have money, give it towards the youth to do something, instead of all these people coming into the city with their big ideas.

Doug Nobelitti 145 Academy Street- there was a gun fire incident on Academy Street incident on Academy Street recently. Gun slingers are hanging out, cars up and out, shooting out of the sunroofs at other houses, at other cars. The car that was shot as backed up, knocked over one of the historic houses right off its foundation which now has "do not cross" tape all over it. Understands that we are a small city and are not totally responsible for the crime that occurs, these are adults that choose this lifestyle but can't help but feel there has to be more done to try and rid our city of this crime. Property values are down, houses are being abandoned, and we can't attract people to our city by making them feel like they are moving here for good reason, were not going to gain any headway and attraction in trying to resolve those issues. Today's paper brought forth the news that we have some budgetary issues and it will be problematic. Chief Knapp and Mayor Tkazyik, I hope you guys can get together and come up with a solution to work this budget where it doesn't impact the police enforcement that we do have which is superb but one can't help but feel that there is not enough. Maybe the county needs to step up to the plate since we are the county seat. Everything is here in the City of Poughkeepsie and we bear an unequally burden over the rest of the county and that impacts what people do and how much they are willing to develop.

Constantine Kazolias 47 Noxon Street-Board of Education didn't have quorum but they continued. Financial straits in the city, you might get a 20% tax increase. The values are down and what he wants to see is there should be no sacred cows, cuts

across the board. You can put 1000 cops on the street and its not going to stop the drugs.

V. MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Tkazyik thanked everyone for attending the 4th of July fireworks, it was a huge success. Wanted to thank our sponsors for participating with us, the Walkway over the Hudson, Town of Lloyd, Royal Carting Services, M&T Bank, TD Bank, Marshall & Sterling Insurance all helped to support the event to make it a true success. Thousands were down at Waryas Park as well as on the Walkway and the lightening didn't hinder us one bit and the fireworks went off with a beautiful 24 minute show. The Ice House was open and operating with a line around the door. It is opening up to be a huge success and hope to have the restaurant done in a few weeks. Long time in the making but is finally in fruition with public bathrooms down at the park. Today we participated in our second PACE Landuse Alliance Study on vacant and abandoned properties, both Vice Chair Rich and Councilmember Solomon were there to participate. Second part of leadership training, discussing strategies and solutions. Many members of the public and neighborhood associations were there, a lot of feedback and great ideas. He stated that he is looking forward to presenting a final outcome to the city and the common council. Hope everyone has an enjoyable summer break from the councilmeeting.

VI. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

Vice Chair Rich stated that Chairwoman Johnson is not with us, she is in New Orleans, hopefully having a great time. The only comment he wished to make was in reference to the Mayor's comment on July 4th. Knows there were 3000 people on the walkway, 100s more in Waryas Park but he decided to go across the street to Kaal Rock Park and see what was happening there. There were literally 100s of people there, many families that brought picnic baskets. It was a great place to see the fireworks, maybe not as great as Waryas or the Walkway, but a great place.

VII. MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS:

Corporation Counsel Ackermann informed the Council that there are two resolutions that are supporting grant application that are being made by Hudson River Housing. Both of the applications require municipal support. The first resolution is a supporting grant supplication to the state under the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA) process. Both of the grants being voted on will support Hudson River Housing's effort to rehabilitate and redevelop the former Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory on North Cherry Street, which Hudson River Housing recently acquired.

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

**RESOLUTION
(R-12-54)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PARISE

WHEREAS, the City of Poughkeepsie recognizes and supports the importance of the economic and physical revitalization of the Middle Main Street area of this City and has made significant investments in that area; and,

WHEREAS, New York State is making funds available to assist New York communities under the 2012 New York Main Street Program and Urban Initiatives Program; and,

WHEREAS, Hudson River Housing, Inc. has been engaged in the Middle Main Street Revitalization Initiative, and is eligible to apply for these funds, and has proposed a project which will redevelop the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory on North Cherry Street, improve housing and commercial uses on properties on Cherry, Rose, and North White Streets and make streetscape improvements in that Middle Main neighborhood; and,

WHEREAS, the local match, where required by these programs, is provided by the individual property owners who stand to benefit directly from the grant;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby approves and endorses Hudson River Housing's application for funding under New York State's Consolidated Funding Application process.

SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SOLOMON

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2. A motion was made by Councilmember Rich and seconded by Councilmember Parise to receive and print.

Corporation Counsel Ackermann informed the Council that this grant is being made to New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Places (OPRHP).

**Resolution
(R-12-55)**

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PARISE

WHEREAS, Hudson River Housing, Inc., a not-for-profit organization, is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for a historic preservation project to be located at the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory, a site listed on the National Historic Register, at Main and North Cherry Streets, and a site located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Council; and

WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located;

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Poughkeepsie hereby does approve and endorse the application of Hudson River Housing, Inc. for a grant under the Environmental Protection Fund for historic preservation project to be located at the Poughkeepsie Underwear Factory and located within this community.

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VIII. ORDINANCES AND LOCAL LAWS:

IX. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1. FROM FOX HILL IV-C/O RIVER MANAGEMENT**, a notice of property damage sustained. **Referred to Corporation Counsel.**

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Councilmember Herman asked **City Administrator Long**, that since the Ice House is open, are they starting to pay rent.

City Administrator Long responded that he believes that the bill is being prepared if it hasn't already been prepared.

Councilmember Rich asked if it is \$1500 a month.

City Administrator Long responded that it is \$15,000 a year, divided by 12 months, so it's about \$1200 a month.

Councilmember Perry heard the Mayors comments regarding the Ice House, that it is now open and there is ice cream down there and the line was very long, so the anticipated failure hasn't surfaced yet. Thank you.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilmember Solomon wanted to wish everyone a very nice summer vacation, looking forward to it and is sure they are all too

Councilmember Perry also wanted to thank the gentleman that was here for his service to the City and to the Country and thank you for awarding our Mayor and Chief of Police.

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Mayor Tkazyik made a mistake on the meeting of the next Common Council, it is Monday August 20th and Monday August 27th.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by **Councilmember Rich** and **Councilmember Herman** seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Dated: September 12, 2012

I hereby certify that this true and correct copy of the Minutes of the Common Council Meeting held on Monday, July 9, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

City Chamberlain



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