

A public meeting of the Common Council was held in the Common Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 840 Main Street, Peekskill, New York and virtually via ZOOM on March 27, 2023 beginning at 7:48 p.m., with Mayor Vivian McKenzie presiding, following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Councilmen Brian Fassett, Robert Scott, Dwight Douglas, Ramon Fernandez and Councilwoman Kathleen Talbot, Deputy Mayor Patricia Riley, and Mayor Vivian McKenzie.

Also present were: City Manager Matthew Alexander, Corporation Counsel Timothy Kramer, City Clerk Cassandra Redd and Sergeant at Arms, Chief Dylewski.

Motion made by Councilman Douglas to table Resolution #J-2 from tonight's agenda. Seconded by Councilman Fassett. Unanimously carried.

Motion made by Councilman Scott to table Local Law for Adoption of C-3 Zoning Text Amendments. Seconded by Councilman Fassett. Councilman Fernandez abstained from the vote. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Leslie Lawler – Thanked the Council for tabling the Local Law. There is more information- feasibility study that was done with taxpayer funded grant money in November 2015 under the Foster administration.

Fred Vansa?- Constant Avenue- Thanked Councilman Douglas for coming to see about their situations. Ongoing issue with neighbor who has 9 cats.

Ken Martin – question resolution #7- How will this affect the Trinity Boat operators.

Jeff A. – 628 Kissam Road- Boats on the dock at Fleishmann's Pier; provided information surrounding the pump out; Esther Street tabled; Depew Park bids.

Mary Foster -1423 Hudson Avenue- Depew Park should consider community needs; more detailed plans are needed.

Frederick D. 235 Ringgold Street – read a statement from DRI Guidebook; discussed the NYS intent of DRI; comments for 3 resolutions ( C-3 Zoning text amendments, Esther Street and Depew Park bids.

Brian Orsi- Nelson Avenue -tabled items; Esther Street closure; referenced 700 signatures.

Liz Greene- Walnut Street-Parks Advisory Board and Peekskill Walks- wants to include the soccer pitch; need better plan for Esther Street; would like Esther Street to be a permanent public outdoor plaza.

James Gerraro -24 Maple Avenue- applicant for C-3 Zoning Amendment; goal is to understand needs of Peekskill; wants to be inline with DRI.

Leesther Brown- Peekskill- in favor of opening up Esther Street; Mayor response – Esther Street can be rented by anyone.

Priscilla Augustin- NAACP President – mindful of how we address issues and don't hurt people along the way. Referenced statement made by Councilman Fernandez.

Councilman Fernandez- apologized and had no intent to be offensive. Hispanic population with recreation (soccer). It's about sensitivity. Human Relations Committee needs to have a discussion and bring back some help.

Ingrid Whitman- 308 Ringgold Street- in support of pulling the resolution (Esther Street); in support of mini pitch; need anti racism training; sound mitigation must be considered.

Hugo Sanchez- N. Division Street-pitch and Depew Park. He is in favor of Depew Park field.

Ryan Ray – 602 Fairlawn Avenue- in favor of mini pitch. In support Esther Street closed permanently.

Brittany Sharrock – Peekskill – not in favor of not permanently closing Esther Street.

Stephanie Mulcock -735 Hoover Avenue – in favor of soccer field; in favor of Esther Street to remain closed

John Sharp- 970 Main Street – in reference to tabled C- 3 Zoning Text Amendment; each building has to get separate approval; all voices matter old and new Peekskill residents.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

\*All Communications received in reference to the Depew Park and Esther Street will not be read due to large volume received.

Councilwoman Talbot asked for a count of for and against.

Esther Street – attached

Depew Park – attached.

### **DEPARTMENT HEAD AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS**

City Manager Matt Alexander reported on the following areas:

- BID review of sanitation pick up
- Street light fixtures and repairs for 20 lights
- Water Department using new GIF
- Building, Police and Corporation Counsel met to discuss new cannabis issues
- Met with Safe Routes to School and DPW – focused on walkability items
- YB, Seniors and Recreation to move in and made room for anti-violence programs

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution #J-1 - NY Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Community Benefit Grant**

Deputy Mayor Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT A FUNDING GRANT FROM NEW YORK  
PRESBYTERIAN HUDSON VALLEY HOSPITAL'S COMMUNITY BENEFIT  
PROGRAM TO SUPPORT THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL'S SENIOR NUTRITION  
PROGRAMMING**

**WHEREAS**, New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital of Cortlandt, as part of its *Community Initiatives Program*, has awarded the City of Peekskill funding in the amount of \$2,000.00 to support the senior nutrition programming, specifically to fund eligible transportation to support the Senior Services socialization activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peekskill represents that it is an organization capable of coordinating nutrition and supportive services to improve the well-being of those elderly persons who are at nutritional high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peekskill desires to provide the program services to such elderly persons; and

**WHEREAS**, these costs are eligible to support senior community programming and transportation services, and no local cash match is required; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to receive the funding, the City Manager must sign the attached Community Benefit Grant Award letter; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds are to be deposited into line 001.7621.0464; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds it in the best interest of the City to accept the grant award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit a community benefit letter to New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital to support the Senior Nutrition Program initiatives; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Peekskill, upon awarding of the grant, to accept the \$2,000 grant award from New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital to support the senior nutrition programming to fund eligible transportation to support the Senior Services socialization activities, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that upon submission of the signed community benefit grant award letter by the City Manager, New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital will disperse the \$2,000 community benefit grant award to the City of Peekskill Seniors and Nutrition Program, to be deposited into budget line 001.7621.0464; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute said community benefit letter and other necessary documents to accept this grant; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the community benefit letter shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Manager and Corporation Counsel; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to take any and all necessary steps to effectuate the intent of this resolution, and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-2 - Esther Street Plan – Tabled.**

**Resolution #J-3 - Award Depew Park Bids**

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AWARDING BID NO. 2023-001 AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DEROSA SPORTS CONSTRUCTION INC. TO PERFORM IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ATHLETIC FACILITIES IN DEPEW PARK**

**WHEREAS**, improvements to the athletic facilities in Depew Park have been determined to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill because of their value as recreational space to the residents of Peekskill; and

**WHEREAS**, the City was awarded a \$1 million grant from the State and Municipal Facilities Program (S.A.M. Grant), for renovations and improvements to athletic facilities in Depew Park: and

**WHEREAS**, the City approved the acceptance of the grant by resolution on July 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the City issued a request for bids under Bid No. 2023-001 to perform improvements to the athletic facilities, and received three (3) bids on March 15, 2023 which were publicly opened and read aloud: and

**WHEREAS**, DeRosa Sports Construction Inc., PO Box 107, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 submitted the lowest responsible base bid in the amount of \$652,381.84; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council determined it was in the best interest of the City to accept Alternate 1 – Irrigation System for \$85,680, Alternate 4 – Pickleball Courts for \$222,612.25, and Alternate 8 – Drainage for \$19,698.50, for a grand total of \$327,990.75; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council reviewed the scope of the work and bid prices for the base bid and alternates, and determined that it is in the best interest of the City to award the base

bid and alternates 1,4 and 8 for a total bid price of \$980,372.59 to DeRosa Sports Construction Inc., the lowest responsible bidder; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council had previously authorized the creation of Account #007.7197.0200.0500 for payments for the improvements to the Depew Park Athletic Facilities S.A.M. Grant; and

**WHEREAS**, authorization is necessary to create a new expense line specifically for Depew Park Athletic Facilities S.A.M. Grant, line #007.7197.0406.0684, to allow specific tracking for this project; and

**WHEREAS**, the City previously approved by resolution J-10 on May 23, 2022 an expenditure not to exceed \$36,455.00 to James J. Hahn Engineering, L.P. on May 23, 2022 to oversee the design and construction phases of the project; and

**WHEREAS**, we have previously paid to James J. Hahn Engineering, L.P. a total of \$15,322.00 for preconstruction bid and design, leaving a balance due to James J. Hahn Engineering, L.P. of \$21,133.00.

**WHEREAS**, the city has previously paid \$8,100.00 for surveying work completed by Rowan Land Surveying; and.

**WHEREAS**, the City deems it advisable to have a contingency fund of \$100,000 to cover any unexpected cost that are vital to the construction of these athletic facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, it has been determined that funds are available in the Capital Expense Fund for the additional expenses not to exceed \$124,927.59; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council deems the award of Bid No. 2023-001 to DeRosa Sports Construction Inc. to be in the best interest of the City.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, the bid results for Bid No. 2023 -001 are hereby accepted; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the bid for improvements to the Athletic Facilities in Depew Park, Bid No. 2023-001, is hereby awarded to DeRosa Sports Construction Inc. for the base bid plus alternates 1,4, and 8 in the total amount of \$980,372.59 to be paid from Account #007.7197.0406.684 an expense line created for this Depew Park SAM Grant project; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the budget transfer from the Capital Fund, to project Account #007.7197.0406.684 in the amount of \$124,927.59 for a contingency fund to pay the expenses of James J. Hahn Engineering and other unknown expenses; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with DeRosa Sports Construction Inc., PO Box 107, Mamaroneck, NY 10543 for the Depew Park Athletic Facility Improvements at a price not to exceed \$980,372.59; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the contract shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Manager and Corporation Counsel; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to take and all necessary steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution.

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley.

Mayor McKenzie asked for a Roll Call vote.

Affirmative – all except Councilman Fassett abstained. Motion carried.

**Resolution #J-4 – Peekskill Heights Tax Certiorari Settlement**

Councilman Fernandez moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION SETTLING TAX CERTIORARI WITH  
PEEKSKILL HEIGHTS, INC.**

**1101 Main Street, Peekskill, NY (33.30-3-3.1)**

**FOR TAX YEARS 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, AND 2022**

**WHEREAS**, PEEKSKILL HEIGHTS, INC. filed tax certiorari petitions; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Peekskill is in receipt of a Stipulation of Settlement reducing the assessment of property owned by Peekskill Heights, Inc. as follows:

1101 Main Street (33.30-3-3.1) Peekskill Heights Inc.						
Year	Tax Year	Ass'mt	Reduced	New Ass'mt	Tax Rate	Refund
2017	2018	\$99,000	\$6,435	\$92,565	309.35309	\$1,990.69
2018	2019	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	315.18574	\$0.00
2019	2020	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	316.95865	\$0.00
2020	2021	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	325.18686	\$0.00
2021	2022	\$104,000	\$0	\$104,000	332.49810	\$0.00
Total						\$1,990.69
Refund						

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available through Budget Line # 001.1900.1930.0200.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Peekskill hereby approves the settlement on behalf of the City of Peekskill of the tax review proceedings by PEEKSKILL HEIGHTS, INC., by reducing the assessments as previously shown; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager, the Comptroller, the City Assessor and the Corporation Counsel are hereby authorized to take all action necessary and appropriate to effectuate the terms of this Resolution including but not limited to the execution of the Stipulations, obtaining Orders from the Westchester County Supreme Court embodying the



above settlements and a refund or crediting of tax payments all in accordance with the above authorized settlement for PEEKSKILL HEIGHTS, INC.; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-5 – 1 Park Place (BNS I LLC) Tax certiorari Issues**

Councilman Douglas moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION TO RETAIN AN APPRAISER  
FOR THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL  
TO DEFEND AGAINST THE TAX CERTIORARI  
FILED BY BNS I, LLC  
(1 PARK PLACE, PEEKSKILL SECTION 33.30, BLOCK 5, LOT 1)**

**WHEREAS**, BNS I, LLC filed tax certiorari proceedings in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of Westchester (Index numbers: 63439/2018, 63065/2019, 58649/2020, 61200/2021 and 63626/2022) naming the Assessor and the Board of Assessment Review of the City of Peekskill, and the City of Peekskill in the filing; and

**WHEREAS**, funds will be made available through Budget Line # 001.1355.0475, and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds it necessary to defend the City, its servants, agents and employees in connection with the aforementioned litigation; and

**WHEREAS**, Sterling Appraisals, Inc., 2 Overhill Road, Suite 400, Scarsdale, NY 10583 has extensive experience preparing tax certiorari appraisals; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council deems it to be in the best interests of the City of Peekskill to enter into an agreement with the firm of Sterling Appraisals, Inc. to prepare an appraisal for the purpose of defending the City, its servants, agents and employees against the tax certiorari complaint filed by BNS I, LLC;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is authorized to enter into an agreement, in a form to be approved by Corporation Counsel, with the firm of Sterling Appraisals, Inc., for an appraisal in connection with the tax certiorari proceedings filed by BNS I, LLC and (Index numbers: 63439/2018, 63065/2019, 58649/2020, 61200/2021 and 63626/2022) naming the Assessor and Board of Assessment Review of the City of Peekskill and the City of Peekskill in the filing.

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-6 – CBA White Collar Bargaining Unit**

Councilman Scott moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AND RATIFYING THE STIPULATION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN LOCAL 456 I.B.T. (WHITE COLLAR EMPLOYEES) AND THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR A CONTRACT PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the existing Collective Bargaining Agreement between Local 456, I.B.T. (White Collar Employees), and the City of Peekskill (the "City") expired December 31, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties commenced negotiations for a successor Agreement in March of 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties met regularly to discuss issues of mutual concern relating to the contractual relationship between the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, after several meetings, the parties negotiated in good faith to arrive at a successor Agreement to provide certainty in the economic and daily work relationship between the parties; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 17, 2023, the parties agreed in principle to a successor Agreement for a term of six years commencing January 1, 2021, and terminating December 31, 2026, a copy of which is attached hereto; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 27, 2023, Local 456, I.B.T. (White Collar Employees) agreed to ratify the Stipulation of Agreement for a Collective Bargaining Agreement effective January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the City's best interest of the City of Peekskill to approve and ratify the Stipulation of Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** that the City hereby approves and ratifies the Stipulation of Agreement between the parties dated March 17, 2023; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute said Stipulation and other Agreements in connection with a successor Collective Bargaining Agreement; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that the City Manager and appropriate staff are directed and empowered to undertake all steps necessary to effect the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED** that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-7- Solicitation of Fleischmann Pier commercial boat operators**

Councilman Fassett moved to adopt the following resolution:

**AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE OF A REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (RFEI) FOR COMMERCIAL BOAT OPERATORS TO UTILZE FLEISCHMANN PIER**

**WHEREAS**, the City is reconstructing Fleishmann Pier to accommodate large commercial vessels; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that use of the newly constructed pier by commercial boat operators may occur in the spring of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to identify potential boat operators and to begin discussions about their intended use, needs, proposed lease terms and scheduling, it is desirable for the City to issue a Request for Expressions of Interest (“RFEI”); and

**WHEREAS**, the RFEI will provide commercial boat operators with information and characteristics for the surrounding waters, specifications for pier design, and the availability of ancillary pier services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired that commercial boat operators be identified that may have an interest in entering into an agreement with the City to utilize the reconstructed Fleischmann Pier; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council finds it in the best interest to issue an RFEI for commercial boat operators to utilize Fleischmann Pier.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to release a Request for Expressions of Interest to commercial boat operators to utilize Fleischmann Pier; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to take any and all necessary steps to facilitate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Scott and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-8- Update LOSAP**

Deputy Mayor Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REVISING THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FIRE DEPARTMENT  
VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM POINT  
SYSTEM**

**WHEREAS**, in 1999, pursuant to Article 11-A of the New York State General Municipal Law, the City of Peekskill adopted by resolution a Length of Service Awards Program, also known as LOSAP, intended to provide benefits to qualified active volunteer firefighters of the City of Peekskill Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, as outlined in New York State General Municipal Law, a “points system” was adopted as part of the LOSAP to guide in the assignment of points obtained by active volunteer firefighters for participation in approved operational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, since the inception of the program, the points system has remained relatively unchanged; and

**WHEREAS**, with collaboration from city staff and Penflex Actuarial Services LLC, the firm which administers the program for the City of Peekskill, Fire Chief James E. Seymour IV has made suggested revisions to the points system, to more accurately reflect the current operational structure and capabilities of the City of Peekskill Fire Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council may change the Point System in conjunction with the Fire Chief, via resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the LOSAP plan document and the General Municipal Law, written notice of such changes must be provided to all Active Members or posted at the fire station(s) within 180 days of adoption of such change; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council deems it in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to amend the Peekskill Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program Point System to become effective as of January 1, 2024.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the Common Council hereby amends the City of Peekskill Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program Point System as attached hereto; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager is authorized to sign the City of Peekskill Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program Point System as attached hereto on behalf of the City; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this approved revised points system shall be posted at Fire Headquarters for a period of 180 days; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the attached City of Peekskill Fire Department Volunteer Firefighter Service Award Program Point System shall be effective as of January 1, 2024; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Scott and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-9- Handicapped parking space 801 Hudson Avenue**

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 290 OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has received proof of necessity for the placement of a Handicapped Parking Space on west side (Depew St) of the residence located at 801 Hudson Ave. in the City of Peekskill; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council has received recommendations from the Chief of Police that Part 290 of the Administrative Regulations of the City of Peekskill be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council deems it in the best interests of the City that Part 290 of the City's Traffic Regulations be amended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

1. Chapter 290 of the City’s Administrative Regulations, Section 290-97 thereof, entitled

“Parking for the Handicapped”, is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
801 Hudson Ave	One space on the west side of 801 Hudson Ave.; and

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this amendment to Part 290 of the City of Peekskill Traffic Regulations shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-10- Handicapped parking space 124 Hadden Street**

Councilman Fernandez moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AMENDING CHAPTER 290 OF THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police has received proof of necessity for the placement of a Handicapped Parking Space in front of the residence located at 124 Hadden St. in the City of Peekskill; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council has received recommendations from the Chief of Police that Part 290 of the Administrative Regulations of the City of Peekskill be amended; and

**WHEREAS**, this Common Council deems it in the best interests of the City that Part 290 of the City’s Traffic Regulations be amended;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

2. Chapter 290 of the City’s Administrative Regulations, Section 290-97 thereof, entitled

“Parking for the Handicapped”, is hereby amended by the addition of the following:

<b>Name of Street</b>	<b>Location</b>
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124 Hadden Street

One space directly in front of 124 Hadden St.; and

**BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this amendment to Part 290 of the City of Peekskill Traffic Regulations shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Douglas and unanimously passed.

**Resolution #J-11- LEAP After School Program**

Councilman Douglas moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACTING CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HAVE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ADMINISTER THE YOUTH LEAP 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS PROGRAM FROM FEBRUARY 28, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 23, 2023**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Peekskill (the “City”) and the Peekskill City School District (“School District”) desire to enter into an agreement for use of certain facilities and services; and

**WHEREAS**, the City and the School district acknowledge that pursuant to General Municipal Law (“GML”) §119-n and Educational Law (“EL”) §414 the parties possess the authority to enter into a cooperation agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the City and the School District to enter into an agreement to have the Peekskill Police Department administer the Youth LEAP 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program from February 28, 2023 through June 23, 2023, as well as for use of certain facilities and services; and



**WHEREAS**, the Police Department will provide a Police Officer two days a week for three sessions from 4:00pm until 6:00pm and supply basic teaching materials needed for each class; and

**WHEREAS**, the School District shall pay the Police Department an amount not to exceed \$34,733.28 and will be funded by LEAP, and payment will be made upon receipt of expenses and services rendered by the Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, these funds will be recorded in revenue line 001.0001.2779.0000; and

**WHEREAS**, the term of said agreement shall commence on February 28, 2023 and shall terminate on June 23, 2023.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED**, that the City Manager or his designee be and the same is hereby authorized to enter into a contract with the Peekskill City School District for the period from February 28, 2023 through June 23, 2023, to have the Peekskill Police Department administer the Youth LEAP 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers Program as well as for use of certain facilities and services; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the contract shall be substantially similar to the attached, subject to the review and approval of the Acting City manager and Corporation Counsel; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that this Resolution takes effect immediately.

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley and unanimously passed.

### **CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD**

Mary Foster – 1423 Hudson Avenue- Council needs to raise funds to put back into athletics and the youth.

Leesther Brown – questioned what are we going to do against murder and issues.

Ingrid Whitman – 308 Ringgold Street- questioned why soccer pitch is out and pickleball in.

Ken Martin- Simpson Place- we need a Master Plan and RFP for parking lots on Water Street should it include aesthetics, height and connectivity.

James Guerrero – obesity is an epidemic amongst the youth; I am trying to bring money to Peekskill.

DTHenry – non agenda item- attached.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion made Councilman Fassett by to adjourn the meeting, seconded Deputy Mayor Riley unanimously approved by acclamation. Meeting adjourned at 9:14pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Redd, MPA  
City Clerk