

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 September 25, 2023 beginning at 7:58 p.m., with Mayor Vivian McKenzie presiding, following the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor McKenzie asked for a moment of silence to recognize those who have fought for the freedom we enjoy.

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

Also present were: Acting City Manager/Corporation Counsel Tim Kramer, City Clerk Cassandra Redd and Sergeant at Arms Lieutenant Adam Renwick, Economic Development Specialist Matthew Rudikoff. Absent: City Manager Matt Alexander.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

Leesther Brown- Peekskill – asked for explanation of resolution J7, clarification on Oakwood Drive funding and clarification on who could be included for the pro housing certification.

COMMUNICATIONS

DT Henry- please see attached.

DEPARTMENT HEAD AND CITY MANAGER REPORTS

*There will be an update soon on the Cannabis, smoke shop and quality of life.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. Kitchen incubator at 701 Washington Street- Transfer of Title
2. Daycare at 312 Washington Street
3. Parking Hearing Officer

Public Hearing #1- Kitchen Incubator

Mayor McKenzie declared the Public Hearing meeting opened. The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing and advised the Legal Notice was published in the Journal News on September 13, 2023.

Matthew Rudikoff gave a statement by City Official.
Leesther Brown – asked for clarification of the statement by City official.
Response was given by Mayor McKenzie and Acting City Manager Tim Kramer.
Deputy Mayor Riley moved to close the public hearing.
Seconded by Councilwoman Talbot.
Unanimously passed.

Public Hearing #2 – Daycare at 312 Washington Street

Mayor McKenzie declared the Public Hearing meeting opened.
The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing and advised the Legal Notice was published in the Journal News on September 15, 2023.

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adjourn
Councilman Fassett seconded the motion
Motion unanimously passed.

Public Hearing #3 – Parking Hearing Officer

Mayor McKenzie declared the Public Hearing meeting opened.
The Clerk read the Notice of Public Hearing and advised the Legal Notice was published in the Journal News on September 15, 2023.
Statement read by Acting City Manager Tim Kramer.
Leesther Brown – Peekskill- asked for clarification on where the personnel were from and requirements.
Response by Acting City Manager Tim Kramer.
Elaina Walker – expressed difficulty to understand the need to go outside of the City of Peekskill.

Councilman Fernandez moved to close the public hearing.
Seconded by Councilman Fassett.
Motion unanimously carried.

1. Resolution #J-1 – Appoint Victor Garrido to Historic & Landmarks Preservation Board

Councilman Fassett moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING VICTOR GARRIDO TO THE HISTORIC AND LANDMARKS PRESERVATION BOARD

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board; and

WHEREAS, the authority and responsibility to make appointments to boards and commissions rests with the Common Council pursuant to the City Charter and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to make such appointment as it deems in the interest of the City to fulfill existing and impending vacancies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following named person is hereby appointed to the Historic and Landmarks Preservation Board.

| <u>HLPB</u> | <u>Term Commences</u> | <u>Term Expires</u> |
|---|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Victor Garrido Peekskill, New York 10566 | 9/25/23 | 9/25/26 |

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-2 - Appoint Kim Sinistore to Parks Advisory Board

Deputy Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KIM SINISTORE TO THE PARKS ADVISORY BOARD

WHEREAS, the authority and responsibility to make appointments to boards and commissions rests with the Common Council pursuant to the City Charter and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, vacancies exist on the Parks Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council desires to make such appointments as it deems in the interest of the City to fill existing and impending vacancies; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the following named person is hereby appointed to the Parks Advisory Board:

Planning Commission

Term Commences

Term Expires

Kim Sinistore
Peekskill, NY 10566

9/25/23

9/25/26

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-3 - Request for Parade Permit by PCSD for Homecoming

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TEMPORARY STREET CLOSURE OF 200
BLOCK OF RINGGOLD STREET TO ELM AND WELLS STREET FOR THE
PEEKSKILL CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, the Peekskill City School District has submitted a request to hold a homecoming

parade for the Peekskill High School Seniors on Saturday, September 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Peekskill City School District is requesting the street closure of the 200 block of Ringgold Street to Elm and Wells Streets on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 3:45pm to 5:00pm; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Chief of Police is authorized to close the 200 block of Ringgold Street to Elm and Wells Streets on Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 3:45pm to 5:00pm.

It was seconded by Councilman Fernandez and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-4 - Parking Lease Agreement

Councilman Fernadez moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A LEASE
AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS FOR UTILIZE TEN
PARKING SPACES AT THE JAMES STREET PARKING GARAGE**

WHEREAS, the New York District of the Army Corps of Engineers has continuously leased ten parking spaces from the City of Peekskill since 2011 in one or two year increments to park vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers has requested a lease renewal of the same ten parking spaces for a term of five years; and

WHEREAS, the Army Corps of Engineers has agreed to pay the current fee for parking permits at the James Street garage, and any increases to parking permit fees that may be implemented by the City during the term of the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to continue to lease the ten parking spaces to the Army Corps of Engineers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, by the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager or his designee to enter into a lease agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers to lease ten parking spaces at the James Street Parking Garage for a period of five years at the current parking permit fee along with any permit fee increases; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall be subject to the review and approval of the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-5 - Annual and 5 Year Plan

Deputy Mayor Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ADOPTING THE SECTION 8 ANNUAL PLAN FOR 2024 AND FIVE YEAR PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2024-2028

WHEREAS, on July 17, 2023, Common Council received and reviewed the Section 8 Annual Plan for 2024 and the Section 8 Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028, in order to evaluate and establish local policies for administration of the City of Peekskill Section 8 Voucher Programs in accordance with requirements from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and

WHEREAS, the Section 8 Annual and Five Year Plan's purpose is to describe the City of Peekskill Section 8 Program's strategies for achieving the mission and goals of the program for the next five years; and

WHEREAS, since July 17, 2023, a copy of the Section 8 Annual Plan for 2024 and Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028 was located at the City of Peekskill Section 8 Office and the City of Peekskill Website for public review; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council continued to allow comments to be received on the proposed Section 8 Annual Plan for 2024 and Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028 for a period of forty-five (45) days prior to holding a Public Hearing on the plan; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council conducted a duly noticed Public Hearing on the 11th day of September 2023, in the Common Council Chambers at City Hall, 840 Main Street, Peekskill, New York, in order to obtain public comment on the City of Peekskill Section 8 Annual

Plan for 2024 and Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028, at which time all persons wishing to be heard were given the opportunity to be heard, and the Public hearing was closed on the same date; and

WHEREAS, public comments were made and addressed at the public hearing and no other public comments were received prior to or after the hearing; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby adopts the Section 8 Annual Plan for 2024 and Five Year Plan for Fiscal Years 2024-2028; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary 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-6 - Surplus Equipment

Deputy Mayor Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL TO DECLARE CERTAIN CITY-OWNED VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT SURPLUS AND ALLOWING THE CITY MANAGER OR HIS DESIGNEE TO SELL THE VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT ON AN ONLINE GOVERNMENT AUCTION WEBSITE.

WHEREAS, the City is the owner of certain surplus City-owned vehicles and equipment which are no longer needed for public use; and

WHEREAS, the City is desirous of selling said surplus vehicles and equipment in an “as is” condition without express or implied warranties; and

WHEREAS, the vehicles and equipment include: 1) 2008 Ford Explorer Vin#1FMEU73EX8UB23511; 2) 2014 Ford Taurus Vin#1FAHP2MK0EG107348; 3) 2014 Ford Explorer Vin #1FM5K8AR7EGB91244; 4) 2012 Ford Fiesta Vin #3FADP4EJ9CM194153, 5) 2006 Honda Pilot

Vin #2HKYF18546H556170, 6) 2013 Honda Fit Vin #JHMGE8H55DC027633, 7) 2007 Honda Vin #1HGCM66517A006418; 8) 2002 Dodge Dakota 4x4 Vin #1B7HG48N92S5147734 9) 2005 Hyundai Sonata Vin #KMHWF35H85A095784; 10) 1993 Dump Truck Vin #4V2JCBMEXPR819937; 11) 2005 Ford Bus Vin#1FDXE45SX5HA45341; 12) 2000 Freightliner Bus Vin #4UZ6CJAA6YCG42178; 13) 2007 Ford CVC Vin #2FAHP71W07X146622; 14) 2005 Ford Explorer Vin #1FMZU73K45UA60537; 15) 2010 Peterbilt Vactor Vin #2NPRHN8X1AM798374; 16) 2008 Ford Ranger Vin #1FTYR15E98PB12835; 17) 2007 Jeep Vin #1J8GR48K77C597229; 18) 2015 Ford Explorer Vin#1FM5K8AR4FGB62429; 19) 2003 Honda Accord Vin#1HGCM72603a024200 and 20) 1998 Honda Accord Vin #1HGCG5543WA250578 and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to auction these twenty (20) surplus vehicles and equipment through an on-line auction with Municibid, a website which provides a forum for governments and public agencies to conduct their own public auctions of tangible property; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to declare these twenty (20) vehicles and equipment surplus and to sell the vehicles and equipment through the public government auction website, Municibid.

NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council declare these twenty (20) City-owned vehicles and equipment surplus; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is authorized to sell these twenty (20) surplus vehicles and equipment on an online government auction website; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these vehicles and equipment will be sold on this government auction website in an “as is” condition without any express or implied warranty to the successful bidder concerning use of said surplus property; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee be and hereby are authorized to take such further action as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-7 - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Amendment of Contract

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXTEND AND AMEND THE ORIGINAL 2021-2022 WIOA WORKFORCE ACADEMY FOR YOUTH CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL YOUTH BUREAU AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024 TO PROVIDE THE CITY'S YOUTH WITH EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

WHEREAS, on September 29, 2020, Resolution J-4 was adopted by the City of Peekskill Common Council authorizing the City Manager, and the City thereafter entered into, an Agreement with the County of Westchester for the implementation of the 2021-2022 Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act to provide innovative youth workforce development programs to 30 WIOA income eligible out of school youth and young adults between the ages of 16 and 24 who are disconnected from traditional societal institutions, dropped out of school, are involved in the justice system, are aging out of foster care, are disabled, are unemployed or underemployed, are gang-involved or at-risk of gang-involvement, and/or other disadvantaged youth populations; and

WHEREAS, the contract for services began on or about July 1, 2021 and ended June 30, 2022; and

WHEREAS, last year, the County of Westchester exercised its option to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2023; and

WHEREAS, this year, the County of Westchester has again exercised its option to extend the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this extended Agreement will increase the grant funding provided to the City of Peekskill by an additional Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$92,670), for a new total funding of Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Ten Dollars (\$278,010); and

WHEREAS, a 10% match of the total grant award, using non-federal funds and/or in kind services is required, which will be paid from account number 015.7164.0100.0799 and

WHEREAS, all funds received shall be deposited into Youth Bureau budget line 015.0015.4799.0799; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Common Council of the City of Peekskill finds it to be in the best interest of the City's youth to accept this grant funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Common Council hereby authorizes the City Manager, or his authorized designee, to enter into an Agreement with the County of Westchester to extend and amend the original 2021-2022 WIOA Workforce Academy for Youth contract to operate the WIOA year round employment and training program until June 30, 2024 with additional funding of Ninety-Two Thousand Six Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$92,670) to be deposited into Youth Bureau budget line 015.0015.4799.0799; and be it further

RESOLVED, the new amount of the WIOA Workforce Academy for Youth contract with the County of Westchester is Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand Ten Dollars (\$278,010); and be it further

RESOLVED, the Agreement shall be extended through June 30, 2024; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City is authorized to provide a 10% match of the grant award, using non-federal funds and/or in kind contributions, with any City funds to be paid from account number 015.7164.0100.0799; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Agreement 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 authorize the City Manager or his authorized designee to take all and any necessary steps to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fernandez and unanimously passed.

Resolution #J-8 - Request authorization to award proposal Barton Loguidice for Water

Councilman Fernandez moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE ENGINEERING INC. TO
PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in May of 2022 the City was awarded a \$3.0 million WIIA (Water Infrastructure Improvement Act) grant with a \$2.0 million City match to replace: a 1922 drinking water storage tank, 4" water mains along with hydrants and valves, and two gate valves at the upper Wiccopee Dam

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for the Water System Improvements project related to the \$5 million WIIA grant on April 14, 2023, and,

WHEREAS, one response to the RFQ from Barton and Loguidice D.P.C. was received; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023 the selection committee interviewed the engineering firm and found Barton & Loguidice to be qualified to accomplish this project; and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc. submitted a proposal of \$621,000.00 outlining the scope of engineering services for this project; and

WHEREAS, staff reviewed the scope of service within this proposal with representatives from the City's engineering firm, CPL Engineering Group; and

WHEREAS, budget line 007.8340.0475.788 (Water Infrastructure Improvement Act) has sufficient funds for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, this Common Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to enter into an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc. to provide engineering services for the City's Water System Improvement project.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the engineering firm Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc., 443 Electronics Parkway Liverpool , NY to provide professional engineering services for the City's Water System Improvement project at a cost not to exceed \$621,000.00 to be paid from budget line 007.8340.0475.788 (Water Infrastructure Improvement Act); and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall be subject to review and approval of the City Manager and the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City shall take all steps necessary 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-9 - Request authorization to award proposal Barton & Loguidice for Sewer

Councilman Fassett moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH BARTON & LOGUIDICE ENGINEERING
INC. TO PROVIDE ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE CITY'S SEWER SYSTEM
IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

WHEREAS, in 2022 the City was awarded a \$1,075,000 WIIA (Clean Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant) with a \$3,225,000 City match for sewer system improvements; and

WHEREAS, this grant will be used to replace and rehabilitate sewer mains and manholes, along with the replacement of the Riverfront Pump Station (out of the Hudson River Flood zone); and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Engineering Services for the Sewer System Improvements project related to the \$3.2 million clean water infrastructure improvements act grant on April 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the City received two (2) responses to the RFQ from Barton and Loguidice D.P.C., and Colliers Engineering; and

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2023 the selection committee interviewed both engineering firms and found Barton & Loguidice to be the most qualified firm; and

WHEREAS, Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc. submitted a proposal of \$718,000.00 outlining the scope of engineering services for this project; and

WHEREAS, budget line 007.8120.0475.788 (Clean Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant) has sufficient funds for this purchase; and

WHEREAS, this Common Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to enter into an Agreement with Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc. to provide engineering services for the City's Sewer System Improvement project.; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Manager, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with the engineering firm Barton & Loguidice Engineering Inc., 443 Electronics Parkway Liverpool , NY to provide professional engineering services for the City's Sewer System Improvement project at a cost not to exceed \$718,000.00 to be paid from budget line 007.8120.0475.788 (Clean Water Infrastructure Improvement Grant); and be it further,

RESOLVED, that the Agreement shall be subject to review and approval of the

City Manager and the Corporation Counsel; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City shall take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley and unanimously carried.

Resolution #J-10 - Request authorization to bid for the Hollowbrook Dam Rehabilitation Project

Deputy Mayor Riley moved to adopt the following resolution:

AUTHORIZING THE WATER SUPERINTENDENT TO REQUEST COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE HOLLOWBROOK DAM REHABILITATION PROJECT

WHEREAS, on November 15, 2019, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the “DEC”) conducted an onsite inspection of the Hollowbrook Dam; and

WHEREAS, this inspection was followed up by a written correspondence which noted deficiencies in the dam structure.; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, the City Council authorized the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Weston & Sampson Engineering to provide an engineering analysis of the current condition of the Hollowbrook Dam structure and prepare design and construction documents to address the deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, on March 28, 2022, the estimated project total was \$2,552,656.25.; and

WHEREAS, the City had been awarded \$500,000 as a Community Development Block Grant, Westchester County indicated that it will allocate \$1,100,000 towards the project, and the City Council passed resolution #J-4, authorizing a contribution of \$952,656.25 from the Water Fund for a total of \$2,552,656.25; and

WHEREAS, the estimated project total has now increased by \$206,546.88, bringing the total Water Fund contribution to \$1,159,203.13; and

WHEREAS, the NYS DEC. has issued a permit for the rehabilitation of the dam; and

WHEREAS, the City is still awaiting approval and permits from the Westchester County Department of Health;

WHEREAS, in anticipation of this permit, the Water Superintendent is requesting authorization to go out to bid on this project; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Water and Sewer Superintendent is authorized to advertise a Bid for the Hollowbrook Dam rehabilitation project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously carried.

Resolution #J-11 - Oakwood Drive Additional Funding

Councilwoman Talbot moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING
THE EXECUTION OF A SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT AGREEMENT
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF
OAKWOOD DRIVE**

WHEREAS, a Project for the Reconstruction of Oakwood Drive in the City of Peekskill, Westchester County, PIN 8761.51 – Reconstruction of Oakwood Drive, is eligible for funding under Title 23 U.S. Code, as amended, that calls for the apportionment of the costs such program to be borne at the ratio of 80% Federal funds and 20% non-federal funds; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. J-6 adopted by the City of Peekskill on 07/15/2019 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the costs of construction and construction inspection work; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. J-2 adopted by the City of Peekskill on 1/25/2021 approved and agreed to advance the Project by making a commitment of 100% of the non-federal share of the additional costs of construction and construction inspection work; and

WHEREAS, it was subsequently found necessary to undertake additional construction and construction inspection work not contemplated in the original agreement authorized by the previous Resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the federal share will be increased by \$44,692, in conjunction with the previously allocated non-federal City shares of \$11,173 and \$82,000 from the authorized BAN, for a total of \$136,865 in additional funding for construction and construction inspection work for the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Peekskill Common Council hereby approves the above-subject project; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Peekskill Common Council hereby authorizes the City of Peekskill to pay in the first instance 100% of the federal and non-federal share of the cost of the additional construction and construction inspection work for the Project or portions thereof, which was previously authorized in the BAN; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$136,865 (\$1,755,561 minus the previous \$1,618,696) is hereby appropriated from the previously authorized BAN and made available to cover the cost of such work; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in the event the full federal and non-federal share costs of the project exceeds the amount appropriated above, the Peekskill Common Council shall convene as soon as possible to appropriate said excess amount immediately upon notification by the City Manager; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Peekskill City Manager is hereby authorized to execute all necessary Agreements, certifications and reimbursement requests for Federal Aid and/or applicable Marchiselli Aid on behalf of the City of Peekskill with the New York State Department of Transportation in connection with the advancement or approval of the Project and providing for the administration of the Project and the municipality's first instance funding of project costs and permanent funding of the local share of federal-aid and state-aid eligible Project costs and all Project costs within appropriations therefore that are not so eligible; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be filed with the New York State Commissioner of Transportation by attaching it to any necessary Agreement in connection with the Project; and be it further

RESOLVED, this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously carried.

Resolution #J-12 - Pro-Housing Certification Application

Councilman Fernandez moved to adopt the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF
AN APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE HOMES & COMMUNITY RENEWAL
FOR PRO-HOUSING COMMUNITY DESIGNATION**

WHEREAS, in July 2023, Governor Hochul signed Executive Order 30 creating the Pro-Housing Community Program, designed to reward local governments that are addressing New York’s housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, localities that obtain “Pro-Housing Communities” designation from NYS will receive priority consideration for State funding programs, including the City’s recently submitted Momentum Fund grant application; and

WHEREAS, the number of “housing permits” in Peekskill rose by 3.95 % in the last 3 years, which meets one of the criteria to be designated as a Pro-Housing Community; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council deems it in the best interest of the City to apply for this designation to help foster and spur residential growth, and for the State to prioritize Peekskill for upcoming funding opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Manager or his designee is hereby authorized to submit an application to NYS Homes & Community Renewal for Pro-Housing Community Designation; and be it further

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

It was seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously carried.

Resolution #J-13 - NYSDOT TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) Proposed Amendment to add Bear Mountain Parkway Corridor Study

Councilman Fassett moved to adopt the following resolution:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS SUPPORTING THE NYMTC PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (TIP) AMENDMENT TO INCLUDE THE BEAR MOUNTAIN PARKWAY / NORTH

**WESTCHESTER COUNTY CORRIDOR STUDY AND TO EXPRESS THE CITY'S INTENT
TO WORK WITH NYSDOT
ON IMPLEMENTING THE CORRIDOR PLANNING STUDY
ALONG WITH THE OTHER PARTICIPATING MUNICIPALITIES**

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill, Towns of Cortlandt and Yorktown, County DPW and NYSDOT completed a Bear Mountain Corridor Action Plan and Report, which includes an analysis of allowing large trucks on the Bear Mountain Parkway daily from 7am to 7pm; and

WHEREAS, the City and other participating localities were notified that NYSDOT had allocated funding for a \$3 million Corridor Planning Study Project; and

WHEREAS, NYMTC proposed an amendment to the TIP to include the \$3 million Corridor Study and to invite public comments up until September 29, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to submit supportive comments to the proposed TIP Amendment and to express the City's intent to be an active participant in all phases of the Study in coordination with the other participating municipalities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

It was seconded by Deputy Mayor Riley and unanimously carried.

CITIZENS DESIRING TO BE HEARD

Mary – 29 Buena Vista Avenue- expressed concern for single family dwellings housing more than one family.

Polly Byers – 212 Nelson Avenue – expressed concern for Quality of Life issues.

Lesesther Brown- Peekskill -expressed concerns with lawsuits and promotions within the Police Department and requested an update for the Police Reform.

Elaina Walker- asked for clarification on Cannabis update and expressed concern for parking on Esther Street.

Motion to adjourn to Executive Session moved by Councilman Fassett.

It was seconded by Councilman Fernandez and unanimously carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Councilman Fernandez to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Fassett and unanimously carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cassandra Redd, MPA
City Clerk

Redd, Cassandra

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Good evening, There are a couple of topics I would like to address:

*** Upcoming Budget: I understand, from Mr. Alexander's comments, that healthcare premiums will significantly increase. What is the City's percentage contribution to the monthly premium (as a total % and then broken down by union non union, administrative, etc)?

Has the City developed a necessary/discretionary list of positions and activities? This is a common business practice and is helpful in reviewing expenses as well as identifying critical areas of concern and potential overlap.

***** Cannabis Issues: Would you please explain why law enforcement action has not been taken on those known shops that are illegally selling cannabis products? Yes, it is a NYS law.

As further evidence of illegal activities, this picture was posted on September 22 at 9:09 pm on Facebook. Please visit and note other posts on this Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/papissecretstash>



Mayor Mckenzie told a constituent several months ago that there would be "No Smoking" signs installed in appropriate locations. Has this been done?

Thank you.