

1. Common Council Meeting

Common Council Meeting

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CALENDAR
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
CENTRAL FIRE HOUSE
HYBRID MEETING - VIA - TELECONFERENCE AND IN-PERSON
(See information below to Join)

January 1, 2026

MASTER OF CEREMONIES - Matthew C. Alexander

A. PROCESSION - Mayor and Council

INVOCATION

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

B. OATH OF OFFICE CEREMONY

MAYOR AND COUNCIL -

Mayor Vivian C. McKenzie

Councilman Charles DiGruccio

Councilwoman Beverley Chang

Councilman Darren Rigger

POLICE CHIEF

Adam Renwick

C. PERFORMANCES

D. BENEDICTION

F. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

G. ROLL CALL

H. NEW BUSINESS

Recognition- Superintendent- Department of Public Works
Cornell Hammond

I. DISCUSSION ITEMS COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AGENDA

RESOLUTIONS

1.Reso. re: Order of Precedence

2.Reso. re: Designation of Official Newspaper

3.Reso. re: Designation of Official Banks

4.Reso. re: CPL Planning and City Engineering Services

J. ADJOURNMENT

DATE: January 1, 2026
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK

Pursuant to Executive signed by Governor Hochul, the City of Peekskill Common Council Meeting of Thursday, January 1, 2026 shall be a hybrid meeting, and as such residents may attend in person in the Common Council Chambers or via ZOOM (instructions below). The Common Council Meeting starts at 11:00 am (or as soon thereafter). Public Comment is welcome at the appropriate time as noted on the agenda. (Agenda items are at the beginning and non-agenda items at the end - Citizens Desiring to be Heard).

Public Comments on Agenda Items may be made three ways:

1. E-MAILED PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - comments must be emailed to Deputy Clerk at jmoore@cityofpeekskillny.gov and received by the Deputy Clerk by noon on Wednesday, December 31, 2025 for consideration by the Common Council. This is a strict deadline.

Please be aware that e-mailed public comments will no longer be read. They will be entered into the record.

2. ZOOM PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS - The public can Log in to address agenda items only. The three (3) minute limit will be strictly enforced.
3. IN PERSON - The three (3) minute limit will be strictly enforced.

Please send a "chat" message to the Deputy Clerk that you desire to speak and on what item. You must state your name and address. Once you start to speak, the 3-minutes will start.

This chat is for Official Business ONLY. Please use the chat to address the Chair when you wish to speak. You must state your name and address. This is NOT a discussion period. Please refrain from using the CHAT ROOM for conversating with one another. If you use the Chat Room to converse, you will be removed from the meeting.

Only one person can speak at a time. No foul language is to be used. If there are any flyers citizens wish to share, they must be emailed and received to City Manager, Matthew Alexander at malexander@cityofpeekskillny.gov and Deputy Clerk, Jeanette Moore at jmoore@cityofpeekskillny.gov prior to the meeting. They can share these items as long as they are sent in advance.

The public can listen to this conference call via the Government Channel and the cityofpeekskill.com website. The meeting will be recorded and later transcribed.

Dial 1-929-205-6099

Meeting ID: 8448259348

TIMETABLE

11:00 a.m. -	Swearing In
11:30 a.m. -	Committee of the Whole/Common Council Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/8448259348>

**CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK**

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT:	FOR AGENDA OF: 01/01/2026	AGENDA # J-1
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR AND ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL	DEPT. OF ORIGIN: CITY CLERK	
	DATE SUBMITTED: 12/15/2025	
	DEPARTMENT HEAD: CASSANDRA REDD	
	EXHIBITS:	

APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER	<i>DgJ</i>
APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY	<i>ELG</i>
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION	<i>CMca</i>

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	N/A	AMOUNT BUDGETED	N/A	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA RILEY AS DEPUTY MAYOR AND LISTS THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING COUNCILWOMAN PATRICIA RILEY AS DEPUTY MAYOR AND LIST THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

ROLL CALL VOTE				
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO	
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG	
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER	
COUNCILMAN FASSETT				

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR AND
THE ORDER OF PRECEDENCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §C31 of the City Charter, the Common Council shall designate the order of precedence among its members to serve as Mayor in the event of absences or emergencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §C31 of the City Charter, as amended, Councilwoman Patricia Riley shall be and is hereby designated to serve as Deputy Mayor and shall serve as the Mayor in the absence of the Mayor or in the event of emergencies, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the following is the order of precedence for Council members to serve as Mayor in the event of absence or emergencies:

Councilwoman Kathleen Talbot

Councilman Brian Fassett

Councilman Charles DiGruccio

Councilwoman Beverley Chang

Councilman Darren Rigger

and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK**

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT:	FOR AGENDA OF: DATE 01/01/2026	AGENDA # J-2
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL AND SUPPLEMENTAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE YEAR 2026.	DEPT. OF ORIGIN: CITY CLERK	
	DATE SUBMITTED: 12/15/2025	
	DEPARTMENT HEAD: CASSANDRA REDD	
	EXHIBITS:	

APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER	<i>Jgj</i>
APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY	<i>ELG</i>
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION	<i>Ynca</i>

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	N/A	AMOUNT BUDGETED	N/A	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF THE JOURNAL NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR THE YEAR 2026 AND DESIGNATION OF THE WESTCHESTER HISPANO NEWSPAPER AS A SUPPLEMENTAL NEWSPAPER, AS NEEDED.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF THE JOURNAL NEWS AS THE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR THE YEAR 2026. THE CITY WILL CONTINUE TO USE WESTCHESTER HISPANO NEWSPAPER AS A SUPPLEMENTAL NEWSPAPER AS NEEDED.

MOVED BY:

SECONDED BY:

ROLL CALL VOTE				
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO	
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG	
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER	
COUNCILMAN FASSETT				

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE
OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS FOR THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to §C40 of the City of Peekskill City Charter, annually, in the month of January, the Common Council shall designate one or more newspapers circulated in the City as the official newspapers of the City of Peekskill.

WHEREAS, the Westchester Journal News publishes daily and outlines their deadlines for submission, and

WHEREAS, The Westchester Journal News is widely available to residents of the City of Peekskill; and

WHEREAS, the Westchester Hispano newspaper is also available to the residents of the City of Peekskill

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that pursuant to §C40 of the City of Peekskill City Charter, as amended, the Westchester Journal News is hereby designated as the official newspaper of the City of Peekskill, in which shall be published, at such times as shall be determined by the City, all legal notices required to be published, except as otherwise provided by the Local Finance Law, for the calendar year 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Peekskill will continue to use the Westchester Hispano newspaper as a supplemental newspaper for publication, as needed.

**CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK**

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT:	FOR AGENDA OF: 01/1/2026	AGENDA # J-3
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF THE OFFICIAL BANKS FOR USE BY THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL IN 2026.	DEPT. OF ORIGIN: FINANCE	
	DATE SUBMITTED: 12/23/2025	
	DEPARTMENT HEAD: TONI J. TRACY	
	EXHIBITS:	

APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY	ELG
APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER	JGJ
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION	McA

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	N/A	AMOUNT BUDGETED	N/A	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANKS FOR THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR THE YEAR 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE OFFICIAL BANKS FOR THE CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR THE YEAR 2026.

MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
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ROLL CALL VOTE					
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO		
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG		
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER		
COUNCILMAN FASSETT					

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
AUTHORIZING THE DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL BANKS FOR THE
CITY OF PEEKSKILL FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2026**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 3-b of the General City Law of the State of New York, Section 10 of the General Municipal Law (GML) of the State of New York and Sections C55 and C58 of the Charter of the City of Peekskill, the City must designate one or more banks for the deposit of public funds; and

WHEREAS, The City Comptroller has determined that Wells Fargo Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Orange Bank and Trust Company, PCSB Bank, Signature Bank, Webster National Bank, TD Bank, M&T Bank, Capital One Bank, Cogent Bank, and NYCLASS are quality banking institutions and/or depositories for the City of Peekskill and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that all funds and monies of the City of Peekskill be deposited to the credit of the City of Peekskill in either Wells Fargo Bank, JP Morgan Chase Bank, Orange Bank and Trust Company, PCSB Bank, Signature Bank, Webster National Bank, TD Bank, M&T Bank, Capital One Bank, Cogent Bank, or NYCLASS for the year 2026, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager, Comptroller and all other officers of the City of Peekskill into whose hands come monies or funds belonging to the City of Peekskill be, and they are hereby directed to deposit said funds and monies to the credit of the City of Peekskill in said banking institutions and/or depositories, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager, Comptroller and the Common Council take such bond and/or bonds, certificates or notes of the United States of America, State of New York, New York Municipalities or School Districts as security for the funds deposited in such amounts and in a form as the Comptroller shall recommend in writing to the Common Council, subject to the approval of the Common Council, and the Common Council hereby reserves the right to fix said amounts in sums other than recommended by the Comptroller; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**CITY OF PEEKSKILL COMMON COUNCIL
PEEKSKILL, NEW YORK**

AGENDA BILL

SUBJECT:	FOR AGENDA OF: 1/1/2026	AGENDA # J-4
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF CPL ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS ("CPL"), AS CITY ENGINEER AND CONSULTANT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT	DEPT. OF ORIGIN:	CITY MANAGER
	DATE SUBMITTED:	12/23/2025
	DEPARTMENT HEAD:	MATTHEW C. ALEXANDER
	EXHIBITS:	

APPROVED BY CITY ATTORNEY	ELG
APPROVED BY COMPTROLLER	JgJ
APPROVED BY CITY MANAGER FOR SUBMISSION	mca

EXPENDITURE REQUIRED	N/A	AMOUNT BUDGETED	N/A	APPROPRIATION REQUIRED	N/A
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SUMMARY STATEMENT

THIS RESOLUTION APPROVES THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF CPL ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS, SURVEYORS ("CPL"), AN ENGINEERING FIRM, AS THE CITY ENGINEER PURSUANT TO CITY OF PEEKSKILL CHARTER § C12, AND CONSULTANT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THROUGH AND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

ADOPT THE RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT OF CPL AS THE CITY ENGINEER PURSUANT TO CITY OF PEEKSKILL CHARTER § C12, AND CONSULTANT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, THROUGH AND UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2026.

MOVED BY:	SECONDED BY:
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ROLL CALL VOTE					
MAYOR MCKENZIE			COUNCILMAN DIGRUCCIO		
DEPUTY MAYOR RILEY			COUNCILWOMAN CHANG		
COUNCILWOMAN TALBOT			COUNCILMAN RIGGER		
COUNCILMAN FASSETT					

FUNDING SOURCE (FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, BUDGET)	AMOUNT	GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT	CITY MATCH AMOUNT	CITY MATCH GENERAL LEDGER ACCOUNT
FEDERAL	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
STATE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
COUNTY	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
BUDGET	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
APPROVING THE CITY MANAGER'S APPOINTMENT
OF CPL ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
SURVEYORS AS CITY ENGINEER AND
CONSULTANT TO THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT**

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Peekskill Charter §§ C-12b(a) and C-12b(b), respectively, the City Engineer position shall be filled by appointment by the City Manager, subject to the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Peekskill Charter § C-12b(c), at the discretion of the City Manager, the City Engineer may be a contractual consultant to the City of Peekskill retained by the City on a yearly basis; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City of Peekskill Charter § C-12b(b), the City Engineer must be licensed as a professional engineer in New York State; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy for a City Engineer currently exists; and

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2025, the Common Council passed Resolution #J17 to approve the appointment of CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects, Surveyors (“CPL”) as City Engineer for the year ending December 31, 2025 calendar year; and

WHEREAS, CPL employs engineers who are licensed as professional engineers in New York State; and

WHEREAS, CPL’s billing rates for 2026 are \$205 per hour for the Project Manager (Professional Engineer) and \$170 per hour for the Senior Engineer Civil/Structural; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for City Engineer services in expenditure account line 001.1900.1970; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill Common Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to approve the City Manager’s appointment of CPL as City Engineer for the period of December, 31, 2025 through December 31, 2026; and

WHEREAS, on August 12, 2024, the Common council passed Resolution #J11 to appoint CPL to provide consultant services to the City of Peekskill Department of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill requires planning consultant services for the Planning Department in conjunction with the review of applications for the Common Council, Planning

Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other tasks performed by the City Planning Department; and

WHEREAS, funds are available for general planning consultant services in expenditure account line 001.8686.0404; and

WHEREAS, the City of Peekskill Common Council finds it to be in the best interest of the City of Peekskill to approve the appointment of CPL Architects, Engineers, Landscape Architects, Surveyors (“CPL”) consultant to the City of Peekskill Planning Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the City of Peekskill Common Council hereby approves the City Manager’s appointment of CPL as the City Engineer and Consultant to the City of Peekskill Planning Department, effective immediately, through December 31, 2026; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to take any and all necessary actions to effectuate the intent of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.