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**CITY OF PEEKSKILL AND UNION REPRESENTATIVES
AGREE TO A NEW THREE YEAR CONTRACT**

(Peekskill, New York)... Mayor John G. Testa and members of the Common Council are delighted to announce that the bargaining unit representing Peekskill's blue-collar employees ratified a new three-year contract on Thursday, February 6, 2003.

At a meeting in City Hall on Thursday, February 6th, the contract settlement reached between the City of Peekskill and union representatives was presented to the city's blue-collar employees who approved the three-year agreement. This is the quickest contract settlement in recent years. The contract provides salary increases beginning at 3.4% for 2003, 3.65% for 2004 and 3.9% for 2005. These increases are on par with the average settlement for comparable units within Westchester County. The contract also provides two main scheduling changes that will enable the City of Peekskill to manage its employees to ensure better productivity and efficiency. The Common Council will adopt a resolution on Monday, February 10, 2003 accepting the agreement ratified by union membership.

"As part of our commitment to ensuring fair living wages for city employees and improve the quality of life for Peekskill residents, the new agreement ratified by union membership accomplishes both. The Common Council and I are pleased that city blue-collar employees will be able to deliver services to the residents of Peekskill without interruption and with greater efficiency," noted Mayor John G. Testa.

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