



COMMON COUNCIL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

GENERAL SERVICES, HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Mike O'Brien, Chair

PARKS, RECREATION AND FAMILY SERVICES COMMITTEE
Jack Flynn, Chair

DATE: Monday, June 29, 2020

TIME: 5:30PM

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- 51.62.20R RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY A. HUGHES AND NAMING A PORTION OF TRINITY PLACE BETWEEN WESTERLO STREET AND MADISON AVENUE IN HER HONOR
- 53.62.20R A RESOLUTION BY THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF THE CAPITAL HILLS GOLF COURSE PROPERTY AND BROADEN RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
- 57.62.20R A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM HANK WALLACE AND NAMING A PORTION OF LARK STREET "WILLIAM HANK WALLACE WAY"

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Yes

The meeting is being held in accordance to Executive Order 202.15 which prohibits in-person attendance at public meetings, if executive order 202.15 expires before June 29, 2020, this will be an in-person meeting in City Hall, please check our website and Facebook for updates. Please submit your public comment via email commoncouncil@albanyny.gov or on our website <https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/CityOfficials/CommonCouncil.aspx> by Monday, June 29, 2020 12pm which will be read for the record at the meeting.

Meeting will be held using Zoom and streamed through the Albany Common Council's Facebook. To stream this video please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/albanv.commoncouncil>

If any technical problems, the video will then be streamed to YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-rQHpf1fBLPcdk_4N6J4XbQ

Council Member Johnson introduced the following:

Resolution Number 51.62.20R

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY A. HUGES AND NAMING A PORTION OF TRINITY PLACE BETWEEN WESTERLO STREET AND MADISON AVENUE IN HER HONOR.

WHEREAS, Ruby was born on October 23, 1934, in Georgetown, SC to the late Ophelia Reed & Westley Carter. At an early age, she relocated to the Bronx, NY. At age 19 she arrived in Albany, NY and married Frederick Hughes; and

WHEREAS, with a passion and purpose to improve conditions in her community, she was a member, leader, adviser, president and co-chairperson for several community service organizations in the Capital Region; and

WHEREAS, Ruby was fondly known as the Mayor of Arbor Hill. Her motto in life was, “Always leave the people, place or things, better than when you found it.”; and

WHEREAS, some of the awards she received include: Outstanding Black Woman of the Year for the YMCA, Outstanding Service from the Urban League, NAACP Shafer Award and many more; and

WHEREAS, she served as Director of Community Services for more than 19 years at the Trinity Institution where she trained and developed youth ages 14-21 years old, planned and prepared an annual handbook for working with children and first-time-employed teenagers, planned fundraisers and assisted in planning programming for the holidays, and invited college professors and students to meet parents, staff, and youth enrolled in the program, among many other phenomenal things; and

WHEREAS, her heart and pulse resided at Trinity Place;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of her life that an honorary street sign to read “Ruby A. Hughes Place” shall be placed adjacent to the existing Trinity Place sign; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public street designation recognizing Ruby A. Hughes will serve as a reminder of her accomplished life, her good nature, her passion, and her love for the City of Albany; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to the family of Ruby A. Hughes and to Trinity Institution, with the condolences of the Common Council of the City of Albany.

To: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk
From: John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel
**Re: Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**
Date: June 5, 2020

SPONSOR Councilmember Johnson

RESOLUTION NUMBER 51.62.20R

TITLE

RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF RUBY A. HUGES AND NAMING A PORTION OF TRINITY PLACE BETWEEN WESTERLO STREET AND MADISON AVE IN HER HONOR.

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To designate Trinity Place between Westerlo Steet and Madison Avenu as “Ruby A. Hughes Place”.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

To honor the life and legacy of Ruby Hughes, and to rename the street.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

None.

Council Member Flynn introduced the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 53.62.20R

A RESOLUTION BY THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL TO CREATE A COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE FUTURE OF THE CAPITAL HILLS GOLF COURSE PROPERTY AND BROADEN RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY.

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years Capital Hills Golf Course has been a recreational asset for the residents of Albany and it is the sense of this body that the continued operation of Capital Hills as a golf course is imperative for the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted significant damage to our community, highlighted by the loss of life but also resulting in the closure of numerous recreational venues including public parks, playgrounds and the golf course; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has also resulted in the likely termination of all organized youth recreational activities in 2020; and

WHEREAS, it is the sense of this body that we must plan accordingly to reimagine the future of the Capital Hills property, maintaining its imperative mission of a golf course, but to also study and pursue additional recreational activities which could be offered to all Albany residents; and

WHEREAS, the expansive Capital Hills property holds vast recreational potential and opportunities that could include additional walking trails, hiking, swimming and youth camping services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has a history of philanthropy and corporate support of recreational activities including the Freihofer's Run for Women and the CDPHP Symmetra Golf tournament; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to explore the creation of a legal entity or Authority that is designed to generate revenue and recruit corporate and private sector sponsorships in support of all Albany recreational venues operated by the City of Albany;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT, RESOLVED, that the Common Council shall create a temporary Commission to explore the future of and/or reimagine the Capital Hills Golf Course property and to explore ways in which the City can broaden recreational opportunities for all residents of the City of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Committee shall consist of seven members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that one seat on the Committee shall be held by the Common Councilmember who represents the ward in which Capital Hills is located, one seat

shall be held a licensed engineer, one seat shall be held by a licensed attorney, one seat shall be held by an individual with a demonstrated background in golf or the management of golf courses, and the remainder of the seats on the Committee shall be held residents of the City of Albany; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Councilmember who represents the ward in which Capital Hills is located shall chair the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council shall interview and appoint the holders of the seats reserved for the engineer, the attorney, and the individual with a golf background, while the Mayor shall appoint the remaining members of the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee shall exist for a period of one year from the date of its first meeting, except that its existence may be extended or it may be disbanded by resolution of the Common Council.

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

Resolution calling for creation of a Committee to study the future of the Capital Hills golf course.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

The sponsor desires to investigate more into the finances of the golf course and if there are opportunities for other activities.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

None.

Council member Kimbrough introduced the following:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 57.62.20R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE OF WILLIAM HANK WALLACE AND NAMING A PORTION OF LARK STREET “WILLIAM HANK WALLACE WAY”

WHEREAS, William Hank Wallace, known by most as simply “Hank” was the first African American basketball player at West Virginia State College in 1959. While attending college he became the Director of the Collier Playground located on Second Street in the City of Albany; and

WHEREAS, in 1961 he became the Co-Founder of the Arbor Hill Softball League and in 1966 was the Co-Founder of the Sons of Arbor Hill. In 1970 Hank became the Director and basketball coach at the after school program located at St. Joseph’s Academy, on the corner of Second and Swan Street in Arbor Hill; and

WHEREAS, Hank’s career path lead him to be a gym teacher for Public School #6 and assistant principal at Phillip Livingston Junior High; and

WHEREAS, Hank had a passion for softball that became contagious to others. He enjoyed making people happy and seeing them having fun, and he could frequently be found at Arbor Hill Softball Field; and

WHEREAS, Hank, a legendary softball pitcher in the Capital Region, educator, coach, mentor, and role model passed away in March 2007 at Albany Memorial Hospital, not far where he would holler “PLAY BALL” while throwing the ball to the pitcher;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the corner of Lark Street and Livingston Avenue to Lark Street and Manning Boulevard, ending at the Arbor Hill Softball Field be named “William Hank Wallace Way”.

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From: John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel
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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To designate the corner of Lark Street and Livingston Ave to Lark Street and Manning Blvd ending at the Arbor Hill Softball Field be named “William Hank Wallace Way”

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

To honor the life and legacy of William Hank Wallace.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

None.