



COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE

Cathy Fahey, Chair

Meeting called by: Cathy Fahey, Chair Date: 2-03-21 Time: 5:30PM

Committee

Members Present: Fahey, Chair Doesschate Balarin Love Hoey

Invitees/Speakers

Jared Pellerin, Assist. Corporation Council
Chris Spencer, Commissioner, Department of Planning
Brad Glass, Deputy Director, Department of Planning

Council Members

Present: Conti, Farrell and Conti

City Personnel

Present: Danielle Gillespie and John-Raphael Pichardo

Minutes

Agenda Item (s):

ORDINANCE 46.122.20

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY RENUMBERING SUCH CHAPTER

CORPORATION COUNSEL PROVIDES AN UPDATE TO COMMITTEE ON THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM

LOCAL LAW G of 2018

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 39 ENTITLED “CITY OF ALBANY COMMISSION ON MUNICIPAL INTERNET SERVICE” AND PROVIDING FOR THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO RESEARCHING THE LOGISTICS AND FINANCING OF A CITY OWNED HIGH SPEED INTERNET SERVICE. AND REQUIRING THE COMMISSION TO MAKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE MAYOR AND THE COMMON COUNCIL REGARDING THE CREATION OF SUCH INFRASTRUCTURE

Questions and Discussion

- The Chair called the meeting to order
- Commissioner Chris Spencer explained broadband feasibility study
- Council member Anane provided justification for Local Law G of 2018
- Council member Doesschate, Love, Balarin, Hoey, Farrell and Conti spoke on Local Law
- Council member Doesschate made a motion to move Local Law G of 2018 (to form a commission on municipal internet service) out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Hoey. 4 – 1 Abstain (Love), the motion passed.
- Assistant Corporation Counsel, Jared Pellerin provided the committee with an update on the franchise agreement with Spectrum
- Brad Glass explained the amendments to Ordinance 46.122.20
- Council member Doesschate, Conti and Balarin spoke on those amendments
- Committee thanks Council member Doesschate for her work on the amendments
- The Ordinance will be further reviewed at the February 16, 2021 meeting

Public Comment:

There is no public comment

Adjourn:

Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.

This meeting was held following Governor Cuomo's executive order 202.1. It live streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil/> using Zoom as the meeting platform.

Link to meeting recording: <https://fb.watch/3rJumL1kTm/>

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Andre

Senior Legislative Aide to Common Council