



COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

FINANCE, TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Ginnie Farrell, Chair

Meeting called by: **Ginnie Farrell, Chair** Date: **04-02-20** Time: **5:00PM**

Michael Wheeler

David Galin

Darius Shahinfar

Invitees/Speakers **Roy Vincent**

Committee Members **Farrell, Chair** **O'Brien** **Doesschate** **Robinson** **Balarin**
Present:

Council Members
Present: **Conti, Flynn and Anane**

City Personnel
Present: **John-Raphael Pichardo, Danielle Gillespie**

Minutes

Agenda Item (s):

- D - 2020 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZEN TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE FILING OF APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION
- 43.112.19 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF A CITY OWNED VACANT LOT AT 142 LIVINGSTON AVENUE
- 2.22.20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO ROY VINCENT OF A CITY OWNED VACANT LOTS AT 187 HENRY JOHNSON BOULEVARD, 217 THIRD STREET AND 219 THIRD STREET
- 15.31.20R RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO A TITLE CHANGE FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS FOR THE 2020 BUDGET (Treasurer)
- 22.31.20R RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARY, SOCIAL SECURITY, AND OVERTIME FOR CERTAIN POSITIONS IN THE BUILDINGS AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2020 BUDGET

Questions and Discussion:

- Mike Wheeler provides justification for Resolution 22.31.20R.
- Balarin, O'Brien, Robinson and Doesschate asked Michael Wheeler questions.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Resolution 22.31.20R out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Members Conti, Doesschate and Farrell spoke on Local Law D-2020.
- Council Member Balarin made a motion to move Local Law D - 2020 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Balarin. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Members O'Brien, Doesschate, and Farrell spoke on Ordinance 43.112.19.
- Council Member Doesschate suggested amendments;

ORDINANCE NUMBER 43.112.19 *As Amended*

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO ALBANY COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF A CITY-OWNED VACANT LOT AT 142 LIVINGSTON AVENUE

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. It is hereby ordered and directed that all the right, title and interest of the City of Albany in and to the undeveloped parcel at 142 Livingston Avenue, parcel identification number 65.74-4-13, be sold at private sale pursuant to the provisions of Local Law No. 4 of 1984 to the Albany County Historical Society.

SUBJECT to all easements, restrictions and rights-of-way of record.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the aforesaid property has been abandoned for municipal or public purposes.

Section 3. The form, content, terms and conditions of such conveyance shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and if approved by said Board, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a proper deed of conveyance for the assessed value.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Ordinance 43.112.19 with the amendment out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Doesschate, Conti, Robinson, Balarin and Farrell spoke on Resolution 2.22.20.
- Council Member Robinson made a motion to move Resolution 2.22.20 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Balarin. Four in aye and one abstain, motion pass.
- Darius Shahinfar provided justification for Resolution 15.31.20R.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Resolution 15.31.20R with the amendment out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
- David Galin spoke on Resolution 24.41.20R.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 24.41.20R

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO AN ADJUSTMENT IN SALARY FOR THE SPECIAL PROJECTS COORDINATOR POSITION IN THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

AND FOR THE POSITION OF HR GENERALIST II IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE 2020 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Section 604(D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary total that occurs outside of those described in the duly adopted budget must be consented to by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Office has requested an amendment to the 2020 proposed budget, adjusting the salary of the Special Projects Coordinator (budget line 1210.10.7000) adjusted as follows:

Current Salary	\$48,962
Adjusted Salary	\$66,944
Difference	+\$17,982

and

WHEREAS, the difference in salary will come from the Information Technology Unit's Contracted Services budget line (1680.40.7440) as follows:

From:	A.1680.7440 (Contracted Services)	\$19,358
To:	A.1210.7000 (Salaries)	\$17,982
	A.1210.7801 (SS)	\$1,376

and

WHEREAS, the Special Projects Coordinator position, which was a part-time, 30-hour per week position, will be become a full time, 37.5 hour per week job as reflected in this salary change effective March 16, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has requested an amendment to the 2020 final budget creating the position of HR Generalist II at a salary of \$45,000 effective March 16, 2020, the details of which are as follows:

From:	A.3120.7803 (Compensation)	\$48,442
To:	A.3120.7000 (Salaries)	\$45,000
	A.3120.7801 (Social Security)	\$3,442

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of funds affecting the salary total for the Special Projects Coordinator position in the Mayor's Office and an HR Generalist II in the Police Department as detailed above for the 2020 budget year.

- Council Members Robinson, Doesschate and O'Brien spoke on Resolution 24.41.20R.
- Roy Vincent asked questions about Resolution 2.22.20R which the Chair answered.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjourn:

The Chairperson asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded by O'Brien, and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michele Andre

Senior Legislative Aide to Common Council