



COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

FINANCE, TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

Ginnie Farrell, Chair

Meeting called by: Ginnie Farrell, Chair Date: 05-14-20 Time: 5:00PM

Michael Wheeler, Budget Director

David Galin, Mayor's Chief of Staff

Darius Shaninfar, Treasurer

Invitees/Speakers Trey Kingston, Assessor

Committee Members Farrell, Chair O'Brien Doesschate Robinson Balarin

Present:

Council Members

Present: Hoey, Igoe, Love, Anane, Frederick, Fahey, Conti and Kimbrough

City Personnel

Present: John-Raphael Pichardo, Danielle Gillespie

Minutes

Agenda Item (s):

LL F - 2020 A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE XVI (EXEMPTION FOR FIRST- TIME HOMEBUYERS) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

4.41.20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF NORTHEASTERN NEW YORK, INC. OF CITY-OWNED LAND AT 69 SHERMAN STREET (Tax Map Parcel No. 65.72-3-24)

5.41.20 AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO 39 COLUMBIA STREET ASSOC., LLC OF CITY OWNED LAND ALONG VAN TROMP STREET

29.41.20R A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE MANNER IN WHICH THE CITY OF ALBANY GRANTS REAL PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO VETERANS AND CALLING ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO BRING THE STATE-WIDE VETERANS' EXEMPTIONS IN LINE WITH THE CITY OF ALBANY'S PRACTICE

REVIEW FINANCIAL ISSUES WITH BUDGET DIRECTOR MIKE WHEELER, TREASURER DARIUS SHAHINFAR AND MAYOR'S CHIEF OF STAFF DAVID GALIN

Questions and Discussion:

- Sonia Frederick provides justification for Local Law F - 2020.
- Council Member Doesschate asked questions which Darius Shaninfar and Trey Kingston answered.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Local Law F-2020 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Balarin. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Members Love and O'Brien spoke on Ordinance 4.41.20.
- Council Member Conti and Anane asked questions which John-Rapahel Pichardo answered.
- Council Member O'Brien made a motion to move Ordinance 4.41.20 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Doesschate. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Members Doesschate and Love spoke on Ordinance 5.41.20.
- Council Member Anane asked questions which Darius Shaninfar and Trey Kingston answered.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Ordinance 5.41.20 with the amendment out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Farrell provides justification for Resolution 29.41.20.
- Council Member Doesschate asked questions which Trey Kingston and Council Member O'Brien answered.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Resolution 29.41.20 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member Balarin. The motion passed unanimously.
- David Galin gave a presentation on anticipated revenue reduction due to COVID-19.
- Council Members Conti, Robinson, Doesschate, Hoey, Farrell, Anane, Balarin, O'Brien, Fahey and Igoe asked questions about Resolution 2.22.20R which David Galin, Mike Wheeler and Darius Shahinfar answered.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjourn:

The Chairperson 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 and Mayor Sheehan's emergency order 315-1b. It live streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil/> using Zoom as the meeting platform.

Link to meeting audio: <https://www.facebook.com/413617072120394/videos/481424862587733/>

Respectfully Submitted,

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