



**COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**FINANCE, TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Ginnie Farrell, Chair**

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Meeting called by: Ginnie Farrell, Chair      Date: 09-24-20    Time: 5:30PM

Michael Wheeler, Budget Director  
Darius Shaninfar, Treasurer  
Nicholas Riley, Chief Financial Officer

**Invitees/Speakers**

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

**Council Members Present:** Hoey

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

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*Minutes*

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**Agenda Item (s):**

**LOCAL LAW K OF 2020**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 3(SCOPE) OF ARTICLE I (REMOVAL OF GARBAGE) OF CHAPTER 313 (SOLID WASTE) OF PART II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO BILLING OF THE FEE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 16.82.20**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO WILLIAM CHAPMAN OF A CITY-OWNED VACANT LOT AT 109 THIRD STREET**

**DISCUSS PRE-BUDGET RELEASE BREAKDOWN**

**Questions and Discussion:**

- Council Member Farrell called meeting to order.
- Treasurer provided a justification for Local Law K-2020.
- Local Law K of 2020 was amended:

**LOCAL LAW K OF 2020 (As Amended 09/24/2020)**

**A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 313 (SOLID WASTE) OF PART II OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO BILLING OF THE FEE FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION OF WASTE**

**BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:**

**Section 1.** Subsections C, D and G of section 313-3 (Scope) of Article I (Removal of Garbage) of Chapter 313 (Solid Waste) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

**§ 313-3 Scope**

- C. Bills for curbside collection program fees. Bills for curbside collection program fees shall be prepared and sent to each owner annually ~~[, starting February 1 of each calendar year; provided, however, that for calendar year 2017 and thereafter, bills may be prepared and sent to each owner in the same manner as water and sewer charges are now billed, distributed and collected].~~ Such bill shall be included with the property tax bill sent to each property owner in January
- D. Penalties for nonpayment. ~~[After three months of nonpayment, a property owner who fails to pay charges that have been established and imposed for the curbside collection program, a penalty of \$50 per unit will be added to the base curbside collection fee]~~ The penalty for late or non-payment of curbside collection program fees in the City of Albany shall be: 4% in the first month or fraction thereof, for any amount of the curbside collection program fee that is not timely received by the City Treasurer, in whole or in part. After the first month of late payment, the penalty shall be an additional 1% in each succeeding month or fraction thereof.
- G. All curbside collection program charges, and penalties and interest thereon shall be a lien upon the real property ~~[benefited by the]~~ for which any curbside collection program charge or penalty was not paid, from the date that the fee is due and payable, and such lien shall be prior and superior to every other lien or claim, except the lien of an existing tax or local assessment. The Treasurer shall certify to the Common Council the amount of any such lien which has not been paid at the time and in the manner prescribed, with a description of the real property affected thereby, and the Common Council shall include such amount in the annual tax levy and shall levy the same upon the property in default.

**Section 2. This local law shall take effect upon public hearing, final passage, and filing with the Secretary of State.**

- Council members Balarin, O'Brien, Doesschate and Conti asked question which Treasurer Darius Shaninfar and Budget Director Mike Wheeler answered.
- Local Law K – 2020 and Ordinance 16.82.20 was held for further discussion.
- Mike Wheeler discussed the 2020 budget forecast.
- Council members Doesschate and Farrell asked questions which Mike Wheeler answered.
- Council member Farrell called the meeting to order.

**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. It live streamed on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/albany.commoncouncil/> using Zoom as the meeting platform.**

**Link to meeting recording: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=336209837628174>**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Michele Andre*

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