

**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

Thursday, September 6, 2007

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Council President Morris.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Calsolaro, Casey, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Fox, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Scalzo, Smith, and Timmons.

Also present was the following staff: Ann DiLillo, Patrick Jordan, Barbara Samel, and Cashawna Parker.

Council Member Timmons led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

- 1) Sue Frasier, 129 Green Street, Albany, NY 12202 (Water Rate Increase & Show appreciation for John Reilly's Assistance)

There being no further speakers, the President declared the Public Comment Period closed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

Council Member Conti made a motion to approve the minutes of August 6, 2007, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS

Council Member Conti made a motion to hold Local Law C-2006, Local Law B-2007, Local Law C-2007, and Local Law D-2007, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Taxation and Assessment – Council Member Sano stated that the committee would be meeting on September 26, 2007 at 6 PM to discuss Resolution Number 15.21.07R.

Human Resources and Human Rights – Council Member Casey stated that the committee would also be meeting on September 26, 2007 prior to caucus to consider the Human Rights Commission vacancies.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Member Conti asked and received majority consent to add Ordinance 69.91.07 (MC) to the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Ellis offered the following, which was held:

Ordinance Number 69.91.07 (MC)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CONVEYANCE OF ALL THE RIGHT, TITLE AND INTEREST OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN AND TO 155 CLINTON AVENUE (TAX MAP #65.81-1-18) IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT PRIVATE SALE TO THE ALBANY HOUSING AUTHORITY

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 property known as 155 Clinton Avenue (Tax Map #65.81-1-18), be sold at private sale pursuant to the provisions of Local Law No. 4 for 1984 to the Albany Housing Authority.

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 a valuable consideration.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

The remaining ordinances on the pending agenda were held at the request of Council Member Conti.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

The remaining Resolutions on the pending agenda were held at the request of Council Member Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Sano stated that he was surprised to find out that the library was giving away squirt guns to the children who read four (4) books over the summer. He stated that it gives out a mixed message about guns and hopes that the Gun Violence Task Force could look at this type of issue.

Council Member Scalzo asked members to remember an Albany Police officer that was accidentally shot in the line of duty.

Council Member Calsolaro stated that he wanted to clarify the statement from public comment regarding the water board article. He stated that the NYS Comptroller was contacted and an audit of the board was requested.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made for adjournment.

Council President Morris stated, hearing no objections, that the Council was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of September 6th, 2007.

**CASHAWNA PARKER
LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE COMMON COUNCIL**

**Note: Correction – Council Member Ellis was present.*