

ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, February 23, 2012

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

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith.

Also present were the following staff: Cashawna Parker, Nala Woodard, Patrick Jordan, and Barbara Samel.

Council Member Smith led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY (Ordinance Nos. 58.102.11 Smoking and 9.12.10 Entertainment Permits);
2. Andrea Wilkinson, 147 S. Pearl St., Albany, NY (Ordinance No. 9.12.10 Entertainment Permits);
3. Vincent Riguso, 13 Beach Ave., Albany, NY (City Finances);
4. Rev. Joyce Hartwell, 416 Orange St., Albany, NY (Citizens' Police Review Board);
5. Elizabeth Rose Glassanos, 13 Guider Lane, Glenmont, NY (Citizens' Police Review Board);
6. Veronica Skinner, 21 Buchanan Street, Albany, NY (Ordinance No. 9.12.10 Entertainment Permits);
7. Doris M. Coles, 232 First Street, Albany, NY (Ordinance No. 58.102.11 Smoking);
8. James Crucetti, 85 Hampton Street, Delmar, NY (Ordinance No. 58.102.11 Smoking);
9. Theresa Zubretsky, 9 Jesse Court, Troy, NY (Ordinance No. 58.102.11 Smoking).

There being no further speakers, the President declared the public comment period over.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS

The local laws on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro-Tempore Conti.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Public Safety – Chairwoman Smith stated that the Committee would be meeting on March 7, 2012 to discuss Local Law B-2010 regarding the Citizens' Police Review Board and multiple complaints against an officer. The Committee will also discuss other public safety matters.

Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement – Chairman Igoe stated that the Committee met on February 16, 2012 to discuss Ordinance Number 58.102.11 in relation to tobacco free zones in the City of Albany, which was voted out of Committee favorably.

Housing and Community Development – Chairman Calsolaro stated that the Committee would be meeting on February 28, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the City’s Lead Abatement program, which will not be funded this year.

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use – Chairman Herring stated that the Committee met on Wednesday, February 22, 2012 to consider Ordinance Number 9.12.10 relating to “Entertainment Permits”, which held for further discussion. The Committee would be meeting on February 29, 2012 before Caucus to continue the discussion on 9.12.10 and the Committee would be meeting following Caucus to discuss Resolution 7.21.12R relating to the Capital Resource Corporation.

Human Resources and Human Rights – Council Member Fahey stated that the Committee would be meeting on March 1, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss Local Law C-2010 relating to city employee residency and diversity on the workforce.

Finance, Taxation and Assessment – Chairman Sano stated that the Committee met on February 9, 2012 to discuss various DGS bonding ordinances.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Members Sano, Konev, Bailey, Calsolaro, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Jenkins-Cox, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, and Smith offered ORDINANCE NUMBER 58.102.11, moved to amend and as amended, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 251 (PARKS AND RECREATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO CREATE TOBACCO-FREE ZONES IN CITY RECREATIONAL AREAS

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

Section 1. Section 251-9 of Chapter 251 of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 251-9. Repealer. Smoking in City recreational areas.

~~All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this article are hereby repealed.~~

A. Smoking is responsible for premature deaths of over 440,000 Americans each year from lung cancer, heart disease, and other smoking related diseases. It kills more Americans each year than alcohol, cocaine, heroin, crack, homicide, suicide, accidents, fires and AIDS combined. Eighty

percent of smokers started smoking before the age of 18, and the average initiation age is 12 years old.

B. No person shall smoke within the City's sport fields, swimming pools, or playgrounds. For purposes of this section, to "smoke" means to burn a lighted cigar, cigarette, or pipe, or to use any other substance which contains tobacco.

C. Violation of this Section shall be an offense punishable by a fine of \$50.00. Appropriate signage shall be posted designating tobacco-free zones, however, the presence or absence of signs shall not be a defense to a violation of this Section.

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect April 1, 2012.

The ordinance passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative – Bailey, Calsolaro, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith.

Negative - Commisso

Affirmative 13 Negative 1 Abstain 0

The remaining ordinances on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro-Tempore Conti.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Smith on behalf of Council Member Jenkins-Cox along with co-sponsors Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, and Sano offered RESOLUTION NUMBER 5.21.12R, moved to amend and as amended, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2012 AND HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO THE NATION AND THE CITY OF ALBANY

WHEREAS, African-Americans have provided much labor, intellect, creativity, strength and leadership that has made the United States of America a great place to live and a leader in the attainment of freedom and justice in the modern world, and

WHEREAS, African-Americans have also supplied much of the labor, intellect, creativity, strength and leadership that built the City of Albany and its many neighborhoods and communities since colonial times and played a major role in the justice and freedom seeking activities of the Underground Railroad, and

WHEREAS, the extraordinary role of African-Americans in the nation as a whole and Albany in particular has too often been overlooked by both well-meaning individuals and those

blinded by the legacy of racism left in the wake of our nation's history of slavery and bondage, and

WHEREAS, despite the many obstacles placed in the way of generations of African-Americans, they have proven their ability to keep the dream of freedom and racial justice alive by constantly striving to overcome those who would limit their educational and economic opportunities by restricting their choices and limiting their options through the use of Jim Crow laws, poll taxes and other restrictions, and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices and successes of those many generations of African-Americans led to the establishment of churches known for their religious leadership, the founding of historically black colleges and universities responsible for educating millions throughout the nation, entrepreneurs who have created thousands of jobs, and the flourishing of a rich cultural and artistic heritage that has contributed greatly to our nation and beyond, and

WHEREAS, efforts to restrict the rights of African-Americans have continued to this day and the struggle against racism remains a crucial battle throughout our nation generally and the City of Albany specifically that is directly relevant to our communities, and

WHEREAS, the intellect, creativity and leadership of African-Americans throughout the City of Albany's history remains a largely untold story and it is important for all residents of our City to become familiar with it, and

WHEREAS, Black History Month celebrations raise awareness and have proven to be valuable tools in drawing attention to contributions made by African-Americans to the United States, and

WHEREAS, it is important for the Common Council, as the legislative body that represents all residents of the City of Albany to commemorate the valuable contributions of African-Americans to the city and the nation, and

WHEREAS, the 1st Ward is proud and honored to be able to recognize Akosua Yeboah for Black History Month 2012. Akosua was raised in the Crown Heights section of Brooklyn New York and has been a resident of Albany for more than 30 years. As the daughter a Baptist minister who was a civil rights activist and confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King, Ms. Yeboah has been involved in advocacy for equality and justice from a very early age. She currently serves on the Albany Citizen's Police Review Board and on the Committee for Professional Standards in the Third Judicial District. She has also served on boards for the Center for Women in Government and Civil Society and the New York State Office of the Advocate for Persons with Disabilities. As a trainer for the National Coalition Building Institute, she has given community workshops on building bridges between different cultural and ethnic groups. Additionally, she has volunteered as a New York State Mediator for mediation boards in the Capitol District. Ms. Yeboah worked for the IBM Corporation as an Information Technologies consultant for 27 years until 2011. She holds an Honorary Doctorate from Virginia Theological Seminary, a Masters of Science degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Bachelor of Arts degree from the State University of New York College at New Paltz, and

WHEREAS, the 3rd Ward applauds the commitment and service of Barbara Caldwell. Barbara purchased her home in West Hill and has lived there since July, 1976, for a total of 36 years. She raised five children in the West Hill neighborhood and all five still live in the tri-city area and are upstanding citizens of the community. Ms. Caldwell was a member of the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church for 30 years as an usher. In 2005, she joined the Macedonia Baptist Church. Even though she never had much in terms of material wealth, Ms. Caldwell constantly has helped her neighbors and the people in her community. Whether it's giving them shelter, food, money, or washing their clothes, she never says no. She is affectionately known to everyone as "Ma." After serving 33 years at Key Bank, NA, Ms. Caldwell retired in December, 2002. Along with her 5 children, she is the grandmother of 14 and the great-grandmother of 9, and

WHEREAS, the 4th Ward nominates and honors Mark Bobb-Semple. Mark A. Bobb-Semple is a native of Guyana, South America and grew up in Albany, New York. He has made significant contributions to our community through his commitment to the arts and to empowering young people. He has been involved in various aspects of entertainment that include directing, acting, modeling, and choreography for over twenty years. In 1993, Mark wrote, acted in, directed, and produced his first play, *AKEBA: TALES OF THE LAST BLACK MAN*. He also directed and acted in *ANGELS OF GOD*, written by Nathaniel Bracey. He cites his late grandmother as one of his primary inspirations, and extends appreciation to his loving family, friends and students who have supported his creative talents. As the Artistic Director and Co-founder for the Urban Arts Experience, Inc., Mr. Bobb-Semple has worked to expose our communities to all aspects of theater and entertainment. As the founder of Too Deep Entertainment, he has directed and produced over thirty plays, including "AKEBA," "COMMON CENTS," "CAN I LIVE?" PARTS 1, 2, 3, & 4, "STD LIVE," "SISTAS IN DA BOX," "WERDZ," "9 LIVES," "25-LIFE," "All My Black Children," "D.A.A.M.," and "KETCH 22." These theatrical productions are unique because they are simultaneously entertaining and educational and have attracted ever increasing audiences. Mr. Bobb-Semple has had a highly productive career with the SUNY Research Foundation, the Urban League of Northeastern New York, the Liberty Partnership Program, and the Capital District YMCA. He has dedicated over twenty five years of his life to the betterment of youth and teens, especially in the African American and Latino communities. Throughout his career, Mr. Bobb-Semple has been consistently devoted and successful in making a difference in the lives of thousands of youth and teens in the Capital District. Mr. Bobb-Semple thanks everyone who helped with his life and career and looks forward to his newest endeavor, assisting with the opening of the first African American Cultural Center in the Capital Region, and

WHEREAS, the 5th Ward proudly nominates Cashawna Parker as it's 2012 Black History Month honoree. Cashawna "Mooch" Parker was born and raised in Albany, NY. She is a single mother of four children. Cashawna grew up in the Arbor Hill neighborhood and was educated through the Albany Public School system. She is the oldest of six siblings. Through life struggles, she gained custody of her youngest sibling and is raising her along with her own children. Cashawna persevered and earned her first job in the NYS Assembly under Assemblywoman Aurelia Greene. She worked very closely with the Honorable Sarah Curry-Cobb a former Council Member, who became a mentor teaching and giving opportunities for Cashawna to participate in various community activities. Cashawna has campaigned for Eliot

Spitzer's campaign for Attorney General and Hilary Clinton's campaign for Senate, traveling across the state to various events handing out fliers and pamphlets on the candidates. She's gone door to door registering voters and was a field officer for Census 2000. Cashawna was given the opportunity to gain employment with the City of Albany in 2001 in the City Clerk's office and has worked her way to become the Senior Legislative Aide to the Albany Common Council in 2006. She thoroughly enjoys assisting the Council with their meetings and helping residents get to resources and information. Cashawna recently has sent her oldest daughter to Long Island University, which makes her proud to know that her hard work as a single mother is paying off. You can catch Cashawna at any moment smiling and making other people smile. Her unique sense of humor sets her aside from most people. And the wealth of information she has gained over the years, she'd gladly share with anyone who comes across her path, and

WHEREAS, the 6th Ward recognizes Earl Belcher, Jr. Mr. Belcher is a valued member of the Park South community and has served as Vice President of the Park South Neighborhood Association since May 2009. Mr. Belcher has been an active participant in neighborhood association activities working to improve the quality of life in the Park South community. Originally from Syracuse, Mr. Belcher was a standout athlete in high school and college, playing on the Varsity Basketball Team at Christian Brother's Academy and receiving a full basketball scholarship to St. Bonaventure University. Subsequent to his college graduation Mr. Belcher was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs (NBA) in 1981 and played professional basketball until 1983 when an ankle injury cut his career short. In recognition of his scholastic athletic career, Mr. Belcher has been inducted into the St. Bonaventure Sports Hall of Fame (1991), Greater Syracuse Sports of Hall of Fame (2002), and the LaSallian Hall of Fame (2006). Prior to his professional career with the Spurs, Mr. Belcher served in the U.S. Army Reserve. In addition to his sports background, Mr. Belcher is also a professional saxophonist and plays with and manages the New York Jazz Trio which has performed at such local venues as Savannahs, 74 State and Athos. During the summer of 2008 through 2010, Mr. Belcher served as a part-time Parks Counselor in Park South's Pat Kelly Park where he supervised children ages 6-14, conducted activities and assisted with homework and arts and crafts. Mr. Belcher resides on Madison Avenue with his wife of nearly 22 years Sarah Lewis Belcher, and

WHEREAS, the 7th Ward is proud to nominate and honor Dr. Annette M. Johnson during Black History Month for her many years of exemplary community service both in a professional and volunteer capacity. Annette Johnson, Ed.D. R.D., MCHES, is currently a program administrator with the New York State Department of Health in the Bureau of Women's Health and teaches in the Africana Studies Department at Albany State University. Dr. Johnson has been employed in New York State service since January 1980 and has worked in a broad range of public health areas. She currently serves as an administrative manager in the Safe Motherhood Initiative with the goal of preventing and reducing maternal mortality among pregnant women in New York State; the Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Program to increase awareness about bone health and prevention and early detection of osteoporosis; the New York State Infertility Demonstration Program and the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health as a liaison for breastfeeding initiatives. She has experience as a hospital nutritionist, a community health center nutritionist and health educator, and has consulted with a variety of local, national, federal and international organizations and groups. Dr. Johnson has extensive experience with the development of multi-sector partnerships, coalitions and service networks

and has been instrumental in the development of local community efforts to address nutrition and primary health for women, children and adolescents, HIV/AIDS education, social support and health care and refugee/immigrant health and supportive services. Dr. Johnson's list of volunteer activities is long and varied and includes work for the American Cancer Society; American Health Foundation; American Red Cross; New York City Council of Churches; Minority AIDS Task Force; Headstart of Brooklyn, NY; SHARE: Breast and Ovarian Cancer Self-Help; Dairy Council of Northeastern New York; Black Women's Health Project; Rwandan Children's Emergency Relief Program; Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood; Women's Building; Holding Our Own; and Capital District Coalition for Universal Health Care, and

WHEREAS, the 8th Ward recognizes C. Anthony Owens for his accomplishments and for his service to the City. Mr. Owens was born in the City of Albany and is a life long resident of the Capital Region. He is a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute with a Masters of Business Administration in Finance and has handled over \$3 billion dollars of municipal bond transactions, working as an investment banker for some of the most prestigious financial firms in the country. Mr. Owens currently is employed as a Vice-President & Regional Community Reinvestment Officer for Key Bank where he works to ensure that Key Bank's lending, investment, and community service practices meet and surpass compliance with the Community Reinvestment Act and cultivates economic development opportunities throughout the Capital Region. He serves on the Re-Capitalize Albany Committee, the Community Police Review Board, the Capital City Housing Development Fund Company and formerly on the South End Action Committee. Mr. Owens has been honored several times and has received the "40 Under Forty" Award from the *Business Review*, the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Sienna College's Board of Trustees, the Capital District YMCA's Black & Latino Adult Achievers Award, the Times Union Capitaland Quarterly "Dozen Who Make a Difference," the Israel AME Church Next Generation Award, Schenectady NAACP Community Service Recognition, and

WHEREAS, the 9th Ward is proud to recognize and honor Mrs. Georgia Hodge in 2012. Mrs. Hodge came to Albany in 1950 to join other family members, after graduating from high school in Florence, South Carolina where she was born. With her educational background she was able to obtain employment with Albany Medical Center as a floor clerk and then later as a typist in the engineering department of General Electric. From there she went onto Niagara Mohawk as a keypunch operator. Mrs. Hodge is a mother of six children, three girls and three boys. After seeing her children through their school years and onto college she went back to work full time with NYS and worked in the Motor Vehicle Department and the Department of Higher Education. She has now retired and enjoys doing her own landscaping and gardening at her home, and

WHEREAS, the 10th Ward is proud to recognize and honor George W. Woodard, Jr., born July 4, 1945 in Albany, New York. His parents were George W. Woodard, Sr. and Dora MaCall Woodard. While living in the South End of Albany with his three brothers and five sisters, he attended the Albany Public School system and graduated from Phillip Schuyler High School. Mr. Woodard has lived on Morris Street for 40 years with his wife Janice Woodard and three daughters Stephanie, Stacey and Sheraqua Woddard, and one grandson, Xyier Woodard. Mr. Woodard worked for the New York State Office of General Services for 29 years where he worked for plant utilities. During his 29 years of service, Mr. Woodard was responsible for the

grounds and power supply for the Empire State Plaza, Governor's Mansion and other state-owned buildings. Mr. Woodard supervised low-security inmates from the New York State correctional facilities who would work at the Empire State Plaza. During this time, Mr. Woodard would have their undivided attention and provided the inmates with work experience and life lessons. Mr. Woodard began asserting his leadership role when he was elected as co-President for the student body at Phillip Livingston Jr. High School. As an adult, he was an advocate for change in Albany's fourth ward as a Committee person who rose to being appointed Ward Leader. In addition to working and raising a family, Mr. Woodard served on the Albany Academy for Girls Board of Trustees and was appointed by Mayor Thomas Whalen to the Albany Water Authority. Mr. Woodard's children appreciate his ability to fix things, that he knows who to go to, and that he helps people who are in need or who cannot help themselves. He says that he's tried to teach his children to help those in need, whether it is a ride down the street or sharing information to help someone do better in life. Mr. Woodard may no longer hold a Committee seat or be a Ward Leader, however he continues to help many communities within Albany by working with city leaders and advocating for families so they can receive their fair share of what Albany has to offer, and to guide them to where they can receive the help they need to overcome some of the obstacles they may face, and

WHEREAS, the 11th Ward is privileged to have the opportunity to honor Pastor Norman F. Pounds. Pastor Pounds was born in Danville, Virginia, the youngest son of William and Elizabeth Pounds. He spent his primary years were in Virginia where he attended elementary school. Subsequently his family relocated to Albany, New York, where he attended Hackett Junior High School. Pastor Pounds participated in extra curriculum activities, where he learned teamwork in sports such as football and boxing. He graduated from Schuylar High School with honors. One year after graduating, Pastor Pounds went to serve his country in Vietnam, and served for two tours of duty returning home with honors. In his early childhood it was predicted that he would be a preacher and that prediction became reality. Pastor Pounds is the proud father of six wonderful children, five lovely daughters and one extraordinary son. He is an inspiration to our community, is always willing to give a hand up to those that are in need of help both physically and spiritually with an encouraging prayer. Pastor Pounds is true man of God, and

WHEREAS, the 12th Ward recognizes and honors Dorothy E. Woodard. Dorothy was born Dorothy E. Hamilton on August 25, 1934 to Joseph and Grace Harris in Savannah, Georgia, the eldest of seven children. She graduated from Woodville High School in Savannah Georgia in 1952 and during that summer, relocated from Savannah to Albany, NY. In 1953 she married Alfred Woodard Jr. remaining married for 57 years. She is the mother of five children: Charlayne, Allaine, Lisha, Jolene, and Alfred and the grandmother of ten grandchildren, including our City Clerk Nala Woodard, and a great grandmother to fifteen. She has worked for Albany Medical Center, St. Peter's Hospital, Sterling Winthrop, Albany City School District and lastly retired from New York State after 25 years of service. Mrs. Woodard has been very active in her church as a longtime member of Wilborne Temple Church of God in Christ and the Shaker Park Neighborhood Association. In retirement Dorothy has embraced many of her lifelong hobbies of cooking, sewing, gardening, traveling, and spending quality time with her family, and

WHEREAS, the 14th Ward is proud and honored to recognize Dorothy Canteen. Dorothy graduated from the former Van Renssalaer High School in 1957. During her senior year she

started working part-time for New York Telephone as an operator. After graduation she was hired full-time as a ticket investigator in Menands. She became a single parent to her two children and continued to work in Menands for New York Telephone, finally retiring with 30 years of service at age 48. Dorothy's son Edward is an investigator for the New York State Police and her daughter, Joyette worked for Time Warner Cable until she was disabled due to an injury. Dorothy began babysitting for her grandchildren and for some of the children from her church, the Metropolitan New Testament Baptist Church. Dorothy joined one of the ministries at her church – the Home Mission. This group has been involved in many community projects such as sending boxes to our servicemen and women overseas; providing Thanksgiving baskets for area families in need (over 300 in this past year); and helping unwed mothers with clothes for their babies. Dorothy gave up her babysitting when both her Mom and Dad became ill. Along with her siblings, she took care of them until their passing. Dorothy enjoys cooking and baking for her husband Herman and for several of their elderly friends by sending Sunday dinners and Thanksgiving. She gives all her thanks to God for these many blessings. One of her favorite song lyrics are, "If I could just help somebody as I travel, then my living shall not be in vain," and

WHEREAS, the 15th Ward applauds the service and commitment of Beverly A. Bardequez. In September, 1994 Beverly returned to the Rapp Road Community as a 3rd generation resident and purchased the Samuel Coleman house. The Rapp Road Community is rich with history stemming back to the Great Migration of African Americans in the 1930's and 1940's. Her home is located next door to the home built by her grandparents, Alfred and Leola Woodard in 1944. As a small child, she lived in the community until her parents moved to Rensselaer, New York. After that, she would frequent Rapp Road on weekends and summers to visit her grandparents. During the late 70's, her Aunt, Emma Woodard Dickson, curious about her humble beginnings as a resident of Rapp Road (an African American Settlement) began a journey to unravel the history of how the community was formed. At the time, many of the original settlers (several being family members) were still living and willing to share their stories. Ms. Woodard Dickson documented oral histories of elders over a thirty year period. In the year 2000 with the help of Jennifer Lemak, a SUNY Albany graduate student, they continued the journey which led them to Shubuta, Mississippi. In 2003, as a result of their research and extensive documentation, they were able to have the Rapp Road Community nominated and placed on the New York State and National Historic Registry. In 2008, Dr. Lemak published a book titled *Southern Life, Northern City The history of Albany's Rapp Road Community*. This publication has given the community its rightful place in the history of the Pinebush Area of Albany. An exhibit of the community can be seen in the Pinebush Discovery Center located on New Karner Road. More importantly, the fact that these African American settlers were able to cultivate and develop this small community in the Pinebush Area of Albany, New York has earned them a place in Black American History's Great Migration 1910 – 1940. Sadly, in February of 2007 Emma Woodard Dickson took ill leaving her unable to tell the story of the Rapp Road Community. It was at this point that Beverly A. Bardequez realized someone had to continue to tell the history. When she first arrived back to the community in 1994, she questioned what her purpose was for returning but soon it became crystal clear. It is rare that an individual is able to retrace the steps of their heritage with such ease; it is even more rare that the individual is able to live where their roots began. She currently serves as a Democratic

committee member for the 15th ward. Her sole mission and involvement is to ensure that the Rapp Road Community has a voice and is accounted for as part of the City of Albany.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany Common Council, acting on behalf of all the people of the City of Albany, hereby commemorates February 2012 as Black History Month, and pauses in its deliberation to honor the sacrifices and contributions made by African-Americans.

BE, IT FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the Common Council honors all of the nominees in recognition of their leadership, service, and contributions to civic life throughout the City of Albany.

The resolution passed by the majority vote of the following Council Members:

Affirmative - Bailey, Calsolaro, Commisso, Conti, Fahey, Freeman, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Konev, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, and Smith.

Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

The remaining resolutions on the agenda were held at the request of President Pro-Tempore Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Pro-Tempore Conti made a motion to adjourn. Council President McLaughlin, hearing no objections, stated that the meeting was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council February 23, 2012.

CASHAWNA PARKER
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE
ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL