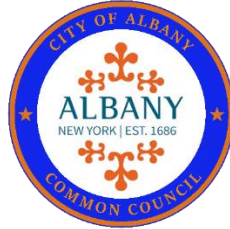


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## **COMMON COUNCIL MEETING**

**Parks, Recreation and Family Services Committee  
Jack Flynn, Chair**

**DATE: JUNE 23, 2021**

**TIME: 5:30 p.m.**

**TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION:**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 49.52.21R (MC)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY  
ENCOURAGING THAT CAPITAL HOLIDAY LIGHTS IN THE PARK REMAIN  
IN WASHINGTON PARK**

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: Yes**

**Council Member Flynn introduced the following:**

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IN WASHINGTON PARK**

**WHEREAS**, in 2021 the Capital Holiday Lights in the Park will be celebrating 25 years of illuminating Washington Park; and

**WHEREAS**, the annual Capital Holiday Lights in the Park event, which has grown from 30 festive illuminated displays during its first season, in 1997, to 126 today, has attracted between 100,000 and 125,000 visitors annually in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, the event is Albany Police Athletic League's principal fundraiser for a \$1.2 million annual budget that covers programs including after-school events and child care for younger kids to teen mentoring and leadership education; and

**WHEREAS**, Capital Holiday Lights in the Park has always required a balancing act between quality-of-life considerations of park-adjacent residents and accommodating a fundraiser for a community organization that all agree provides valuable services to the city's youth; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Albany encourages that Capital Holiday Lights in the Park remain in Washington Park.

**To:** Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk  
**From:** John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Research Counsel  
**Re:** Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** May 12, 2021

**SPONSOR** Council Member Flynn

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**TITLE**

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WASHINGTON PARK

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

Encourages that Capital Holiday Lights in the Park remain in Washington Park

**MESSAGE OF NECESSITY**

The Mayor has stated her position on the issue of Capital Holiday Lights in the Park in a and not having it in Washington Park this year in a recent Time Union article. Waiting on the next agenda would be too late and cannot wait for an introduction due to the need to respond quickly.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

None.