



AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL Monday, August 7, 2023

The Common Council meets the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (note: when Monday falls on a legal holiday or day of special observance, the Council meeting is ordinarily moved to the following Thursday). This meeting will be held in the Common Council Chambers in City Hall and live streamed on Facebook. If we experience any technical difficulties on Facebook, the video will be streamed to YouTube. For more information on how to be heard please visit our website. If you wish to speak during the meeting or provide written comments, they must be received by 12noon on the day of the meeting. All comments are memorialized on our Facebook page, website, and are subject to FOIL.

ORDER OF BUSINESS:

Roll Call

Welcome

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence

Public Hearings

Public Comment Period (30 Minutes)

Approval of Minutes from Previous Meetings

Consideration of Local Laws

Communications from the Mayor, Department Heads and other City Officials

Consideration of Vetoes

Presentation of Petitions and Communications

Reports of Standing Committees

Reports of Ad Hoc Committees

Consideration of Ordinances

Consideration of Resolutions

Additional Public Comment (30 Minutes)

Miscellaneous or Unfinished Business

Adjournment

Local Laws Held

1 Johnson

C of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO CREATING A PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION

Referred to Public Safety

2 Planning

G of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PART 4 (HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION), PART 13 (PLANNING BOARD OF CITY OF ALBANY), AND PART 35 (BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION, CITY PLANNING BOARD, AND BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use

3 Romero

I of 2022

A LOCAL LAW CREATING A COMMUNITY COMMISSION TO STUDY THE ENACTMENT OF REPARATIONS REMEDIES RELATED TO THE SALE OF CANNABIS IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Referred to Joint Finance and Human Rights Committee

4 Romero

J of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VIIB (ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERACTIONS) OF PART 1 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN REALTION TO PROHIBITING THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM PURCHASING, STOCKPILING, AND USING KINETIC ENERGY MUNITIONS

Referred to Public Safety

5 Romero

K of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VIIB (ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERACTIONS) OF PART 1 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT FROM PURCHASING, STOCKPILING, AND USING CHEMICAL WEAPONS

Referred to Public Safety

6 Kimbrough

L of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE VIIB (ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT INTERACTIONS) OF PART 1 (DEPARTMENT OF POLICE) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY WITH REGARD TO THE USE OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND KINETIC ENERGY MUNITIONS ON CIVILIAN POPULATIONS

Referred to Public Safety

7 Zamer

M of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY FROM 30 TO 25 MILES PER HOUR

Referred to Public Safety

8 Anane

D of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING SECTION 5 OF LOCAL LAW 1-2016 IN RELATION TO THE EXPIRATION THEREOF

Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement

Local Laws Held

9 Keegan

E of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 255 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING THERETO A NEW ARTICLE XI TO BE ENTITLED “HARASSMENT OF A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, PUBLIC SERVICE OFFICER, OR TRAFFIC SAFETY AIDE”

Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement

10 Adams

F of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PART 4 (RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCY PERMIT AND RENTAL DWELLING REGISTRY) OF CHAPTER 231 (HOUSING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO REQUIRING SUCH PERMITS FOR SHORT-TERM RENTAL DWELLING UNITS

Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement

11 Planning

G of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PART 4 (HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO REDUCING THE SIZE OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

Passed the Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee

12 Zamer

H of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 41 THERETO CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY COMMISSION ON MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC ART

Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement

13 Frederick

I of 2023

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE XV (HOMESTEAD AND NONHOMESTEAD BASE PROPORTIONS) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE REPEAL DATE OF SUCH ARTICLE

Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

Ordinances Introduced

1 Balarin

32.81.23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 375-405 (PARKING AND LOADING) OF CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO REQUIRING OFF-SITE PARKING FOR THE DURATION OF A

Ordinances Held

- 1 Farrell 16.72.22
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I (BICYCLES AND ALL MOTOR VEHICLES) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE REGULATION OF SKATEBOARDING ON SIDEWALKS
Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement
- 2 Love 19.91.22
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 21 (COMMON COUNCIL) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY ENACTING A SUMMER RECESS IN LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS
Referred to Council Operations & Ethics
- 3 Anane 49.121.22
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 3 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
Referred to Public Safety
- 4 Anane 5.21.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE I (LOITERING; DISTURBANCES; DEFACING PROPERTY) OF CHAPTER 255 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO SIMPLIFYING THE ENFORCEMENT GUIDELINES FOR LOITERING.
Referred to Public Safety
- 5 Robinson 9.31.23
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 284 LIVINGSTON AVENUE (TAX MAP NUMBER 65.65-5-2) TO BRANDI POCZIK
Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee
- 6 Clarke 11.32.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 64 COLVIN AVENUE, 65 COLVIN AVENUE, 67 COLVIN AVENUE AND 69 COLVIN AVENUE FROM “MIXED-USE COMMUNITY URBAN” (MU-CU) TO “MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER” (MU-NC) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY
Passed the Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee
- 7 Clarke 12.32.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY REGARDING THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF DWELLING UNITS IN MIXED-USE-NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER DISTRICTS
Passed the Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee
- 8 Romero 15.41.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V (COMPLETE STREETS) OF CHAPTER 323 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PEDESTRIAN SIGNALIZATION AND PEDESTRIAN INTERVALS
Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement

Ordinances Held

- 9 Farrell 16.42.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE V (UNNECESSARY AND UNUSUAL NOISES) OF CHAPTER 255 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
Referred to Law, Buildings & Code Enforcement
- 10 Romero 17.42.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 313 (SOLID WASTE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY CREATING AN INCREASING FEE SCALE AND MODIFYING THE NOTICE REQUIREMENTS FOR REPEAT VIOLATIONS OF TRASH AND LITTER PROVISIONS
Referred to General Services, Health & Environment
- 11 Kimbrough 18.52.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) CHANGING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF 27 MAIN STREET FROM “MIXED-USE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER” (MU-NC) TO “LIGHT INDUSTRIAL” (I-1) AND AMENDING THE ZONING MAP ACCORDINGLY
Passed the Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee
- 12 Clarke 20.61.23
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 2 PITCH PINE ROAD (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 41.13-4-1) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A PAD-MOUNTED RECLOSER UNIT AND THE NECESSARY APPURTENANCES THERETO
Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee
- 13 Zamer 24.61.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 313 (SOLID WASTE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY CODIFYING THE REGULATIONS AROUND BUILDING MATERIALS AND MATTRESSES FOR CURBSIDE COLLECTION
Referred to General Services, Health & Environment
- 14 Keegan 25.61.23
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AMENDING CHAPTER 323 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY CODIFYING EXEMPTIONS FOR SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS
Referred to General Services, Health & Environment
- 15 Kimbrough 26.61.23
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 48 (EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROTECTIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED AND CONTROLLED BUSINESSES
Referred to Human Resources & Human Rights

Ordinances Held

16 Frederick

27.62.23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 46.112.22 (AS AMENDED 12/22/2022) WHICH AUTHORIZED CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (APD – IMPROVEMENTS TO APD FACILITIES) BY INCREASING SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO \$3,441,000

Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

17 Keegan

28.62.23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 313 (SOLID WASTE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A PERMITTING SYSTEM FOR COMMERCIAL HAULERS OF SOLID WASTE

Referred to General Services, Health & Environment

18 Balarin

29.71.23

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY ESTABLISHING STANDARDS FOR CANNABIS DISPENSARIES AND CONSUMPTION SITES

Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use

19 Robinson

31.72.23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 177 FIRST STREET (TAX MAP NUMBER 65.73-5-68) TO MICHAEL LANE

Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

Resolutions Introduced

1 Johnson

84.81.23R

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DIRECTING THE CREATION OF A HOTSPOT
ELIMINATION, ASSESSMENT, AND TRACKING PROGRAM**

Resolutions Held

- 1 Hoey 13.21.22R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REQUESTING THE ALBANY WATER BOARD TO FLOURINATE THE WATER OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
Referred to General Services, Health and Environment
- 2 Hoey 14.21.22R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS DESIRE TO CREATE A BIKE/WALKING TRAIL ALONG THE NEW YORK STATE THRUWAY
Referred to Parks, Recreation & Family Services
- 3 Clarke 9.21.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE OF BEVERLY BARDEQUEZ AND RENAMING A PORTION OF RAPP ROAD IN HER HONOR
Passed the General Services, Health & Environment Committee
- 4 Balarin 49.52.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO ACCEPT CONVEYANCE OF THE STATE OWNED PROPERTY AT 327 WASHINGTON AVENUE (TAX MAP NUMBER 65.71-1-55) FROM THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR PUBLIC PARKING AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING PURPOSES
Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee
- 5 Finance 54.61.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL
Passed the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee
- 6 Balarin 67.62.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING JESSICA WILCOX TO THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION, AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD
Referred to PEG Ad Hoc
- 7 Balarin 75.71.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF GLINNES D. GAILLIARD, ESQ. TO THE CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING BOARD
Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use
- 8 Balarin 76.71.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF SHADI KHADIVI TO THE CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING BOARD
Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use
- 9 Balarin 77.71.23R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL BREIDSTER TO THE CITY OF ALBANY PLANNING BOARD
Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use

Resolutions Held

10 Balarin

82.72.23R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE REAPPOINTMENT OF PAIGE BARNUM TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use

11 Balarin

83.72.23R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE APPOINTMENT OF JELLISA JOSEPH TO THE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Referred to Planning, Economic Development & Land Use