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Albany Common Council Active Calendar Meeting of Thursday, July 7 2022

(NOTE: The Active Calendar is meant to indicate items which are anticipated to come up for action at the indicated Common Council meeting. Items on a committee agenda prior to the indicated Council meeting are included subject to committee action and recommendation. New items on the agenda for introduction, but which will not be acted upon on the evening of introduction is not included on the Active Calendar. This Calendar does not preclude the addition of items for action by Majority Consent of the Council. Items added by Majority Consent are those which were not available for the agenda within the required deadline but which cannot wait for the subsequent Council meeting for introduction and/or action.)

| Section | Number | Agenda Number | Sponsor | Subject |
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| Local Laws Held (c) | Local Law D of 2022 (MC) | 2 | Planning | 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 THE DEADLINE FOR THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT ON EMERGENCY DEMOLITIONS AND STABILIZATION PROCEDURES |
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| Ordinances Held (b) | Ordinance 9.41.22 | 2 | Romero | AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (SKATEBOARDS) OF CHAPTER 255 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE REGULATION OF SKATEBOARDING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY |
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- (a) Pending Discussion at Caucus on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 @ 5:30pm, IN PERSON in the Council Chamber, 2nd Floor, City Hall
- (b) Pending Discussions at Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee Meeting Monday, June 27, 2022 at 5:30pm via ZOOM
- (c) Pending Discussions at the Planning, Economic Development and Landuse Committee Meeting June 28, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM

(06/24/2022)

COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY
SUPPORT LEGISLATION
JULY 7, 2022

ORDINANCES

17.71.11

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING A COMMUNITY COMMISSION TO
STUDY THE ENACTMENT OF REPARATIONS REMEDIES
RELATED TO THE SALE OF CANNABIS IN THE CITY OF
ALBANY**

Council Members Romero and Anane introduced the following:

ORDINANCE 17.71.22

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

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

Section 1. Legislative Intent

For decades, Albany residents have been severely punished for the sale of cannabis during the War on Drugs. The criminalized use of cannabis has long been a source of wealth for communities who have been kept in poverty due to the lingering effects of slavery, redlining, and other forms of systemic racism. The Albany Community Commission on Cannabis Reparations will study how to repair some of this past harm now that it is legal to possess, display, purchase, obtain, or transport cannabis in New York State.

Section 2. Establishment, purpose, and duties of the Commission

- A. There is hereby established the Albany Community Commission on Cannabis Reparations.
- B. The Commission shall have the following duties:
 - 1) To examine municipal, state, and federal policies and institutions involved in the criminalization and disproportionate punishment of people of color involved in the sale of cannabis in the City of Albany;
 - 2) To analyze what extent, if any, the City of Albany and its various departments, charter, laws, policies, general orders, practices, and regulations furthered the criminalization and disproportionate punishment of people of color engaged in the sale of cannabis, whether or not such effects, if any, may have been the intention of such departments, charter, laws, policies, general orders, practices and/or regulations;
 - 3) To examine lingering practices in the public and private sectors within the City of Albany that continue to push people of color who were or are engaged in the possession, display, or consumption of cannabis;
 - 4) To recommend effective ways to educate City of Albany residents about the Commission's findings;

- 5) To recommend policies to implement reparations remedies to people of color who were punished for the sale, possess, and consumption of cannabis. The Commission shall include the sales tax revenue from the legal sale of cannabis in the City of Albany in its recommendation for how reparations remedies will be funded. The Commission may suggest other funding mechanisms as it sees fit. The Commission shall determine the form of reparations compensation, the amount of compensation, and who shall be eligible for such compensation in the City of Albany.
- C. The Commission shall submit a written report of its findings and recommendations to the Common Council, the Mayor, the Treasurer, and the Chief City Auditor of the City of Albany no later than six months after the date of the Commission's first meeting.

Section 3. Membership and Meetings

- A. The Commission shall be composed of nine members who shall be appointed within 60 days after the effective date of this act as follows: one member shall be appointed by the Mayor; one member shall be appointed by the President of the Common Council; one member shall be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Common Council, one member shall be appointed by the Majority Leader of the Common Council, two members shall be appointed by the Albany Center for Law and Justice; one member shall be appointed by the Albany chapter of the NAACP; one member shall be appointed by Avillage; and one member shall be appointed by the African American Cultural Center of the Capital Region.
- B. All members of the Commission shall be individuals who are especially qualified to serve on the Commission by virtue of their education, training, and/or experience, particularly in the fields of indigent legal services, mental hygiene, history, and racial studies.
- C. The Commission shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair from among its membership.
- D. Five members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum, but a lesser number may hold hearings. The Commission may create any number of sub-committees it deems appropriate.
- E. The members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their service as members.
- F. The Chair shall call the first meeting of the Commission within 90 days after the effective date of this ordinance. The Commission shall convene at least one meeting each month.

Section 4. Powers of the Commission

- A. The Commission may, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this ordinance, hold public hearings as the Commission deems appropriate.

- B. Any subcommittee or member of the Commission may, if authorized by the Commission, take any action which the Commission is authorized to take by this section.
- C. The Commission may request from the head of any department, agency, or instrumentality of the City available information which the Commission considers useful in the discharge of its duties. All departments, agencies, and instrumentalities of the City shall cooperate with the Commission's requests for such information and should furnish all information requested by the Commission to the extent permitted by law.

Section 5. Termination. The Commission shall terminate 30 days after the date upon which the Commission submits the written report of its findings and recommendations.

Section 6. This ordinance shall take effect immediately and shall expire and be deemed repealed 30 days after the Commission submits its final report.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
24TH DAY OF JUNE, 2022**

Corporation Counsel

To: Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk

From: Gabriella Romero, Council Member, 6th Ward

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: June 24, 2022

Sponsors: Romero, Anane

ORDINANCE 17.71.22

TITLE

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

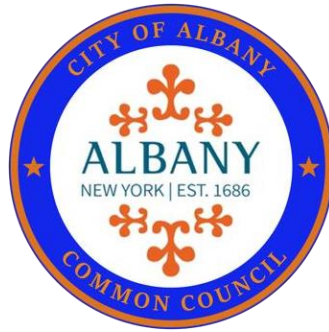
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NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

See above. This ordinance causes no change to existing law.

FISCAL IMPACT

None identified for the creation of the Commission itself.



**AGENDA
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
Thursday, July 7, 2022**

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 INTRODUCED

LOCAL LAWS HELD

1. Johnson

LOCAL LAW C-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

LOCAL LAW D of 2022 (MC)

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 THE DEADLINE FOR THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION'S ANNUAL REPORT ON EMERGENCY DEMOLITIONS AND STABILIZATION PROCEDURES

*Referred to Planning, Economic Development, and Land Use Committee

3. Hoey

LOCAL LAW F of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING PART 3 (DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY) OF CHAPTER 42 (BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

*Referred to Public Safety

4. Planning

LOCAL LAW 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, and Land Use Committee

5. Romero

LOCAL LAW H of 2022

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 231 (HOUSING) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO CREATING A PUBLIC CODE VIOLATION DATABASE

*Referred to Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee

ORDINANCES INTRODUCED

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ORDINANCES HELD

1. Balarin Ordinance 4.21.22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO INCREASING THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING REQUIREMENT IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS

*Referred to Planning, Economic Development and Land Use

2. Romero Ordinance 9.41.22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (SKATEBOARDS) OF CHAPTER 255 (PEACE AND GOOD ORDER) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE REGULATION OF SKATEBOARDING IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Referred to Law, Buildings and Code & Code Enforcement

3. Clarke Ordinance 12.51.22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLOSING OF ANTHONY STREET IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AND DEDICATING ANTHONY STREET TO WESTLAND HILLS PARK FOR PARK PURPOSES

4. Robinson Ordinance 13.52.22

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY OF 56 NORTH LARK STREET (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 65.65-4-1)

*Referred to Finance, Assessment, and Taxation

5. Clarke Ordinance 15.62.22

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PART 38 (PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD [PEGAOB]) OF CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE COMPOSITION OF THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVNERMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD

*Referred to PEG Access Ad-Hoc Committee

RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED

RESOLUTIONS HELD

1. Hoey

Resolution 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 & Environment Committee

2. Hoey

Resolution 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, and Family Service

3. Balarin

Resolution 63.61.22R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING ZACHARY SIMPSON TO THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Referred to PEGAOB Ad Hoc Committee

4. Balarin

Resolution 64.61.22R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING DONALD HYMAN TO THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Referred to PEGAOB Ad Hoc Committee