



MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, January 22, 2026

The Common Council was convened and called to order by Council President Kimbrough at 7:00 PM.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Anane, Balarin, Brodie, Farrell, Flynn, Hoey, Johnson, Jones, Keegan, Lumpkin, Powell, Robinson, Williamson, Zamer

Also present was the following staff: City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson, Research Counsel Robert Wenner, Junior Policy Analyst Alyssa Kamara, Junior Legislative Aide Carly Johnson, CPRB Program Director Garrett Shaaf, 9th Ward Intern Arianna Costello; Corporation Counsel Robert Magee,

Council President Kimbrough led the Council in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silence.

The proceedings of the meeting are as follows:

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Public Comment

- Beverly Lyons, Albany – West Hill Community Center
- Sheryl DeCosta, Albany – West Hill Community Center & ICE
- Dawn Hewitt – West Hill Community Center & Street Parking
- Sharon Davis – West Hill Community Center
- Shaquana Lewis – Department of General Services Workplace Culture Concerns
- Michael Simonelli – Department of General Services Workplace Culture Concerns

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

Approval of Minutes

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2026 regular meeting of the Common Council, which was duly seconded by Council Member Thomas Hoey and approved by voice vote.

Consideration of Local Laws

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to add Local Law A of 2026 to the agenda by majority consent; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.

Council Member Zamer noticed Local Law A of 2026 and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the local law:

LOCAL LAW A of 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the local law to the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation.

Reports of Standing Committees

General Services, Health and Environment Committee: Committee Chair Flynn spoke on the upcoming meeting on February 2nd, in which Resolution 6.12.26R will be discussed.

Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee: Committee Chair Keegan spoke on the upcoming meeting on January 29th, in which Local Law A of 2026 and Resolutions 4.12.26R, 5.12.26R, and 7.12.26R will be discussed. She noted as well that both the Mayor's Office and Auditor's Office were invited to speak on the legislation.

Consideration of Resolutions

President Pro Tempore Farrell noticed Resolution 3.12.26R and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 3.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM DIXON AS THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the resolution to the Committee on Council Operations and Ethics.

President Pro Tempore Farrell noticed Resolution 4.12.26R and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the resolution to the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation.

President Pro Tempore Farrell noticed Resolution 5.12.26R and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 5.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the resolution to the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation.

Council Member Flynn noticed Resolution 6.12.26R and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the resolution to the Committee on General Services, Health and Environment.

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to add Resolution 7.12.26R to the agenda by majority consent; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.

President Pro Tempore Farrell noticed Resolution 7.12.26R and asked for its introduction.

City Clerk Shaniqua Jackson read the resolution:

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

President Pro Tempore Farrell referred the resolution to the Committee on Finance, Assessment and Taxation.

Majority Whip Election

President Pro Tempore Farrell moved to nominate Council Member Anane as Majority Whip; the motion was seconded by Council Member Hoey.

Discussion was held regarding the nomination to the position of Majority Whip.

- Council Member Anane thanked the Council for their support.

There being no further discussion, President Kimbrough noted that the appointment of Council Member Anane to the position of Majority Whip was approved without objection.

Miscellaneous and Unfinished Business

Council Member Jack Flynn

- Discussed concerns with parking regulations raised during public comment and requested a commission on updating parking.

Council Member Derek Johnson

- Spoke on the importance of discussing issues raised during public comment.
- Discussed concerns regarding ICE within his community.
- Reflected on parking regulation issues raised during public comment.

Council Member Meghan Keegan

- Further discussed concerns regarding parking regulations and gave context to current practices.

Council Member Mark Robinson

- Spoke on the importance of discussing issues raised during public comment.
- Reflected on concerns raised during public comment regarding the West Hill Community Center.
- Talked about the need for the Police Chief to notify Council Members of violent crime and press conferences within their wards, following a shooting in the 5th ward.

Council Member Thomas Hoey

- Discussed an upcoming ICE protest.
 - President Kimbrough asked that Council Member Hoey coordinate adding the new Council Members to an email list with the Chief of Police.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pro Tempore Farrell adjourned the meeting, seconded by Council Member Hoey. The meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

The link for this night's meeting: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gj8u_iMrL8E

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Kamara

Junior Policy Analyst

Carly Johnson

Junior Legislative Aide

Full Texts

Council Member Zamer introduced the following:

LOCAL LAW A OF 2026

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM EXEMPTION PERCENTAGE LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

Be it enacted by the Common Council of the City of Albany as follows:

Section 1. Subsection (A) of section 333-34 (Eligibility) of Article III (Senior Citizens Tax Exemption) of Chapter 333 (Taxation) of Part II (General Legislation) of the Code of the City of Albany is hereby amended to read as follows:

- A. Pursuant to § 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York, real property located in the City of Albany and owned by one or more persons, each of whom is 65 years of age or over, or real property owned by spouses, one of whom is 65 years of age or over, shall be exempt from taxation according to the following eligibility schedule:

Annual Income	Percentage of Assessed Value Exempt from Taxation
<u>\$47,000 or less</u>	<u>65%</u>
<u>More than \$47,000 and up to \$48,000</u>	<u>60%</u>
<u>More than \$48,000 and up to \$49,000</u>	<u>55%</u>
<u>More than \$49,000 and up to \$50,000 or less</u>	<u>50%</u>
<u>More than \$50,000 and up to \$51,000</u>	<u>45%</u>
<u>More than \$51,000 and up to \$52,000</u>	<u>40%</u>
<u>More than \$52,000 and up to \$53,000</u>	<u>35%</u>
<u>More than \$53,000 and up to \$53,900</u>	<u>30%</u>
<u>More than \$53,900 and up to \$54,800</u>	<u>25%</u>
<u>More than \$54,800 and up to \$55,700</u>	<u>20%</u>
<u>More than \$55,700 and up to \$56,600</u>	<u>15%</u>
<u>More than \$56,600 and up to \$57,500</u>	<u>10%</u>
<u>More than \$57,500 and up to \$58,400</u>	<u>5%</u>
<u>More than \$58,400</u>	<u>0%</u>

Section 3. This Local Law shall take effect upon final passage, public hearing, and filing with the Secretary of State and shall apply to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS
13th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026**

Corporation Counsel

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk
From: Trey Kingston, Commissioner of Assessment
Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: January 13, 2026
Sponsor: Council Member Zamer

Local Law A OF 2026 (MC)

TITLE

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING ARTICLE III (SENIOR CITIZENS TAX EXEMPTION) OF CHAPTER 333 (TAXATION) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM INCOME ELIGIBILITY LEVELS APPLICABLE TO THE EXEMPTION

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGSLATION

The City of Albany's senior citizen property tax exemption, codified at Code § 333-34 et seq., is authorized by and based upon section 467 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law. From 2009 to the taxable year 2024, Senior Citizen property owners could be awarded an exemption based on their income level with a maximum discount of 50%. On December 5, 2025, Governor Hochul signed into law 2025 NY AB 3698 (also known as 2025 NY SB 5175), effective beginning in taxable year 2025. This authorized municipalities to create three new income levels which would allow for the exemption to be granted at 55, 60 and 65%, the Legislature amended section 467 to increase the exemption amounts up to 65%. Under the amended local law, seniors earning less than \$50,000 per year may enjoy an exemption in excess of the 50% which was historically provided by law, with new tiers added for 55%, 60%, and 65%.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

This local law conforms the City of Albany's exemption income eligibility to those recently authorized by the State. Albany previously conformed to the maximum levels permitted by State law. With the recent statewide increase in maximum permissible exemption, this legislation is necessary to bring Albany back in line with State standards.

The local law will apply only to assessment rolls prepared on the basis of taxable status dates occurring on and after January 1, 2026. Because of the arrangement of the assessment calendar under the Real Property Tax Law, the exemption will not be reflected for those who fall under the new eligibility brackets until the 2026-27 school tax bills and 2027 City/County tax bills.

As the City continues to assist our aging community, this exemption will continue to allow our seniors to age in their homes and not have to seek alternative living arrangements as a result of tax liabilities.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

Council Member Zamer, Anane, Balarin, Farrell, Flynn, Keegan, and Powell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 2.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF PAPER FOR ITS MEETINGS

WHEREAS, sustainable efforts help to ensure that future generations will be able to meet their needs including well-being, economic development, environmental quality, and access to natural resources; and

WHEREAS, the environment, due to climate change, is in need of protection from resource depletion, pollution, deforestation, and increased greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the excessive printing of all materials for all members and staff before all meetings of the Common Council directly harms sustainability efforts by adding to landfill waste, increasing deforestation and contributing to the use of energy to create paper; and

WHEREAS, such printing of materials results in increased expenses related to the reams of paper, cartridges of ink, and other office supplies expended in the process as on average over 500 sheets of paper weekly; and

WHEREAS, recycling efforts are not extensive enough due to the energy needed to convert the inked paper into reusable pulp and the insecurity that all paper being recycled is being properly recycled; and

WHEREAS, The New York State Solid Waste Management Plan outlines the need to no longer view waste as inevitable, but to avoid it in order to meet their vision that landfilling and combustion is reduced by 85% by 2050; and

WHEREAS, the City of Albany must serve as a steward of the environment and strive for environmental justice, as has been demonstrated by Albany becoming a silver certified Climate Smart Community on April 17, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the materials for the meetings are posted on the internet and Council Members do have access to computers and the internet during meetings which can be referred to during discussion;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council affirms its commitment to sustainability and position as a climate-conscious agency through the reduction of usage of printed materials during their meetings; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Common Council staff will continue to ensure that all materials are readily available online for discussion of the Council at all meetings moving forward; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Common Council staff shall undertake to print fewer materials, only doing so when it is necessary or when they are directed to do so by a member of the Common Council.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk
From: Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide
Re: Supporting Memorandum
Date: January 7, 2025
Sponsor: Council Member Zamer, 14th Ward

RESOLUTION 2.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH THE REDUCTION OF PAPER FOR ITS MEETINGS

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

To recognize that excessive paper waste is directly harming the environment and hindering the City of Albany's commitments to a more sustainable future. The legislation calls on the Council Members to rely more heavily on their computers and the internet to align their actions to The New York State Solid Waste Management Plan. On average, Council Staff print over 500 sheets of paper weekly which impacts the sustainability of the office as a whole.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXSITING LAW

The Common Council finds that there is a necessity to use less printed materials during its meetings to better comply with both The New York State Solid Waste Management Plan and the City of Albany's status as a silver certified Climate Smart Community as of April 17, 2025. The Waste Management Plan declares that waste shall not be regarded as inevitable; and the Common Council can demonstrate this sentiment by the reduction of printed documents. Reducing printing is important to combat climate change as the use of paper increases resource depletion, pollution, deforestation, soil degradation, and greenhouse gases.

There will be no change to existing law. However, there will be increased compliance with the commitments that the City of Albany has outlined regarding sustainable efforts and actions as a climate-conscious agency. Because materials are already published online, access is readily available and a transition to relying on computers shall be accomplished easily.

FISCAL IMPACT(S)

None.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

Resolution Number 3.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM DIXON AS THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to section 301(c)(1) of the Charter of the City of Albany, the Mayor has the sole authority to appoint all non-elected City department and office heads, including the Commissioner of Administrative Services; and

WHEREAS, under that same section of the Charter, the Common Council must either confirm or reject any such appointment within 45 days of the Mayor's filing of a written notice of appointment with the City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Applrys has appointed Miriam Dixon as the Commissioner of Administrative Services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Miriam Dixon is confirmed as the Commissioner of Administrative Services for the City of Albany.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk
From: Carly Johnson, Junior Legislative Aide
Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum
Date: January 7, 2026
Sponsor: Council Member Farrell

RESOLUTION 3.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MIRIAM DIXON AS THE COMMISSIONER OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution confirms the Mayor's appointment of Miriam Dixon to the position of Commissioner of Administrative Services.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Under section 301 (c)(1) of the Charter of the City of Albany, the Common Council has advice and consent authority over all mayoral department head appointments. The Council expresses its consent via resolution.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Funding has already been appropriated for the position in the FY26 budget.

TIMELINE FOR CONSIDERATION

The Common Council has 45 days after the City Clerk receives an appointment letter to exercise its advice and consent authority.

Letter Received: January 7, 2026

Deadline: February 21, 2026

Preceding Regular Meeting: February 19, 2026

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services are requesting the changes in the planned rates of pay for the positions below included in the 2026 City Budget; and

Title	Budget Line	Grade	Planned	Amended
Deputy Mayor	11210000.Positions	W.13	133,600	162,930
Dep. Comm. of Admin Svcs	11610000.Positions	W.12	104,810	128,000

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate these changes in the Office of the Mayor and Department of Administrative Services staffing for 2026.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Martha Moscovitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: January 9, 2026

Sponsor: Council Member Farrell

RESOLUTION 4.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to adjust the rate of pay for a position within the Office of the Mayor.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Section 4 of Ordinance 27.101.25 requires Council Approval of changes in rates of pay exceeding ten percent of planned rates presented to the Committee on Finance, Taxation, and Assessment during the annual budget process.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 5.12.26R

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the Mayor has requested a change in the authorized positions included in the 2026 City Budget for the Departments of Recreation, and Youth and Workforce; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this request, the Budget Director has requested that the amendments reflected in the subsequent chart to the authorized positions of the 2026 City Budget be made; and

Action	Title	Budget Line	Grade	Range
Delete	Commissioner of Recreation, Youth, & Workforce	26210000.Positions	W.14	126,860 – 179,320
Create	Commissioner of Youth & Workforce	26210000.Positions	W.14	126,860 – 179,320
Create	Commissioner of Recreation	17010000.Positions	W.14	126,860 – 179,320

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this request, the Budget Director has requested that the transfers reflected in the subsequent chart to the 2026 City Budget be made; and

Account Code	Organization Name	Account Name	Amount
26210000.503100	Workforce Admin	Transfers In	(80,000)
26210000.479010	Workforce Admin	US DOL JTPA	80,000
Total Workforce Fund Revenue Change			\$0
17010000.700000	Recreation Admin	Salaries	130,000
17010000.781010	Recreation Admin	FICA	10,000
17010000.782010	Recreation Admin	Health Insurance	25,000
11991000.744080	Special Items	Contingency	(85,000)
11999000.790010	Inter-Fund Transfer	Transfers Out	(80,000)
Total General Fund Expenditure Change			\$0

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate the changes in the Departments of Recreation, and Youth and Workforce Services staffing for 2026.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: January 2, 2026

Sponsor: Council Member Farrell

RESOLUTION 5.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to effectuate a change in the staffing structure of the Departments of Recreation, and Youth and Workforce Services.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to section 604 (D)(b) of the City Charter “any transfer of budgeted funds that affects any salary rate or salary total” requires the approval of the Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

This action will utilize \$85,000 of contingency appropriations included in the 2026 adopted budget.

Council Members Flynn, Farrell, Hoey, and Zamer introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

WHEREAS, the Larsons have long been a pillar of the City of Albany, known for their deep-rooted commitment to public service, caregiving, and community spirit across all generations of family members; and

WHEREAS, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson was born and raised in Albany, becoming a staple in the community who devoted her life to caring for others with compassion, patience, and warmth as a nurse, family member, and friend to all; and

WHEREAS, after serving in local hospitals and taking time to raise her family, she became a school nurse in the Albany City School District, where she was beloved by students and colleagues alike for her care, comfort, and encouragement; and

WHEREAS, Molly Larson also quickly became a respected member and advocate within the Albany Public School Teachers Association, advancing the standing of school nurses across the Capital Region through her advocacy; and

WHEREAS, in retirement, Molly Larson—often lovingly called “Non”—spent her time, embracing former students, tending to her garden, and volunteering at the Focus Churches Food Pantry, alongside her partner of 52 years, her children, and her grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, her spirit of warmth, humor, and generosity was also embodied by her daughter, Molly Quinn Duffy, who shared the same kindness and radiance that defined her family’s character; and

WHEREAS, Molly Quinn Duffy brightened every room she entered, few people had met her and remained a stranger; she drew many in with her good nature and devoted friendship; and

WHEREAS, she had an incredible ability to bring people together through her baking skills—she cooked thousands of Christmas cookies annually and was known for her signature St. Patrick’s Day soda bread; and

WHEREAS, she loved being a mother to her son Brian, with whom she created countless memories: cheering him on at Little League games, planning surprises, and supporting school and community activities, even as she courageously battled metastatic melanoma; and

WHEREAS, the family’s legacy of service was also exemplified by James “Jimmy” William Larson, an excellent father to Molly Quin Duffy and phenomenal husband to Molly Phinney Larson;

WHEREAS, James served our city fearlessly for more than three decades, beginning with his appointment to the Albany Fire Department in November 1968 and his role as a charter member of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 2007; and

WHEREAS, some of his happiest and proudest years were spent riding the Rescue Squad as a firefighter, Lieutenant, and Captain before rising to Deputy Chief in 1985 and Chief of the Department in 1987, demonstrating leadership, strength, and unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Larson found tremendous joy in devoting himself to caring for his wife Molly and family—especially his grandchildren, Jack, Sean, Matty, Brian, and Keira—and further exploring his many hobbies; and

WHEREAS, together, Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson represent a family whose compassion, service, humor, and dedication to one another and to Albany strengthened the fabric of our community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany hereby honors the lives and legacies of Molly Phinney “OG” Larson, Molly Quinn Duffy, and James “Jimmy” William Larson by renaming a portion of Sycamore Street as “Larson Way”; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council directs that two signs shall be produced reading “Larson Way”, to be placed in consultation with the Division of Traffic Engineering.

To: Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk

From: Alyssa Kamara, Junior Policy Analyst

Re: Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

Date: November 21, 2025

Sponsor: Council Member Jack Flynn, 11th Ward
Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell, 13th Ward
Council Member Thomas Hoey, 15th Ward
Council Member Deborah Zamer, 14th Ward

RESOLUTION 6.12.26R

TITLE

A RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MOLLY PHINNEY LARSON, MOLLY QUINN DUFFY, AND JAMES WILLIAM LARSON AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SYCAMORE STREET IN THEIR HONOR

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

This resolution officially recognizes the contributions to the City of Albany made the Lawson Family and directs the creation of honorary street signs at the proposed location.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Per Code § 323-63.2 (B), the Council shall effectuate honorary street renamings “through the adoption of a resolution of the Common Council.”

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

MAP OF PROPOSED HONORARY STREET SIGNS

TBD



City Clerk
City of Albany, New York
City Hall
24 Eagle Street Albany, NY 12207
www.cityclerk@albanyny.gov

Date Received

Proposed Honorary Street Name Application Form

Instructions: This application must be completed in full and submitted for review. Please complete one (1) form for each proposed street name. Please complete the application in its entirety and print. Requests must be accompanied by the \$50.00 application fee

Applicant Information

Applicant's Name JACK FLYNN
Street Address 9 HARBOR City/State Albany, New York Zip 12202
Telephone (518) 205-7500 Fax () Email jackflynn@thwapa.com

Honorary Street Information

Please note, proposed honorary names will be placed under existing street names for persons or groups being honored.

Requested Honorary Name LARSON WAY
Suggested Location Sycamore and Hackett
Existing Street Name Sycamore
Cross Street Information: From Sycamore to 2
Number of Intersections 1

Map of location for the proposed honorary street name attached () Yes () No

Honoree Information

Biography or reason for honoring the individual or group attached () Yes () No

Individual or group to be honored relevance to the proposed location (please Explain):

Please Review Attachment

Applicant's Signature Please Review Attachment Date _____

Council Member Farrell introduced the following:

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

WHEREAS, section 604 (D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary rate or salary total, occurring after the adoption of the annual budget, requires the approval of the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control is requesting a change in its authorized positions included in the 2026 City Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Audit and Control commits to leaving an Auditor and Communications Coordinator positions included in the 2026 City Budget vacant; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of this request, the Office of Audit and Control has requested that the amendments reflected in the subsequent chart to the authorized positions of the 2026 City Budget be made; and

Action	Title	Budget Line	Grade	Range
Create	Chief of Staff	11310000.Positions	W.12	104,810 – 148,140

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of budgeted funds affecting a salary rate or salary total in order to effectuate this change in the Office of Audit and Control staffing for 2026.

To: **Shaniqua Jackson, City Clerk**

From: **Martha Moscowitz, Assistant Corporation Counsel**

Re: **Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum**

Date: **January 12, 2026**

Sponsor: **Council Member Farrell**

RESOLUTION 7.12.26R (MC)

TITLE

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2026 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of the legislation is to effectuate a change in the staffing of the Office of Audit and Control.

NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW

Pursuant to section 604 (D)(b) of the City Charter “any transfer of budgeted funds that affects any salary rate or salary total” requires the approval of the Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

None. Sufficient appropriations were included in the 2026 adopted budget in conjunction with other actions.