



**COMMON COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING
FINANCE, TAXATION AND ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE**

Ginnie Farrell, Chair

Meeting called by: Ginnie Farrell, Chair **Date:** 3/4/21 **Time:** 5:30PM

Invitees/Speakers Darius Shahinfar, Treasurer
Mike Wheeler, Budget Office
Stephane Ferradino, 76 Project
Kelsey Carr, 76 Project

Committee Members Present: Farrell, Chair O'Brien Doesschate Robinson Balarin

Council Members Present: Conti, Kimbrough, Hoey, Anane, and Frederick

City Personnel Present: John Raphael Pichardo and Cashawna Burt

Minutes

Agenda Item (s):

THE CITY TREASURER DARIUS SHAHINFAR AND BUDGET DIRECTOR MICHAEL WHEELER PROVIDED UPDATE ON CITY FINANCE

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 44.122.20
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE CLOSING OF SCOTT STREET IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 45.122.20
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF SCOTT STREET IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK TO SOUTH END DEVELOPMENT, LLC**

**RESOLUTION NUMBER 13.21.21R
A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONSENTING TO THE ELIMINATION OF ONE FULL TIME POSITION AND THE CREATION OF ANOTHER, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY TOTAL FOR THE 2020 BUDGET (OFFICE OF HUMAN RESOURCES)**

Questions and Discussion:

- Council Member Farrell called the meeting to order.
- Council Member Farrell and Mike Wheeler provided justification for Resolution 13.21.21R.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move Resolution 13.21.21R out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien. The motion passed unanimously.
- Council Member Frederick provided justification on Ordinances 44.122.20 and 45.122.20.
- Council Members Doesschate, O'Brien, Farrell, along with John Raphael Pichardo, Stephanie Ferradino, and Kelsey Carr discussed Ordinances 44.122.20 and 45.122.20.
- Council Member Doesschate made a motion to move out the Ordinance 45.122.20 out of committee with a positive recommendation subject Amendments and contingencies regarding secured financing, which was seconded by Council Member O'Brien
- Council Member O'Brien moved 44.122.20 out of committee with a favorable recommendation, seconded by Council Member Balarin. Council Member Doesschate asked a question regarding the immediacy language. Language was proposed that decommissioning of Scott Street should occur in advance of conveyance. The vote was unanimous and passed.
- City Treasurer Darius Shahinfar and Budget Director Michael Wheeler discussed updates regarding budget, revenues break downs, and federal aid.
- Council Members asked questions.

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Adjourn:

The Chair asked for a motion to adjourn, which was duly made, seconded, and passed.

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Link to meeting recording: <https://fb.watch/4oJOjeEu5I/>