CITY OF ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, September 17, 2018


Staff Present: Gerald Campbell, Marisa Franchini, Michele Andre

The roll being called, the meeting was called to order by President Ellis at 7:00 pm; Council Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

Public Comment Period

The following members of the public spoke:

1). Gene Solan, 6 Prospect, Albany, NY (Public Safety)
2). Marlon Anderson, 216 Lark Street, Albany, NY (community issues that’s outstanding)
3). Merton Simpson, Albany, NY 12206 (police deadly force)
4). Holly Northrop, 399 State Street, Albany, NY 12210 (peace& good order)
5). Alana Klein, 29 Glenwood Street, Albany, NY 12208 (Council attendance)
6). Charles “Obar” Robinson, 404 Livingston Ave, Albany, NY (police issues)

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

Approval of Minutes

There were no prepared minutes for approval.

President Pro Tem Conti made a motion to change the order of business so as to take up Resolution 70.91.18R as the first item and allow for the opening of the roll call vote thereon and to thereafter return to the regular order of the agenda. The motion, being duly seconded, was ADOPTED by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Johnson noticed Resolution 70.91.18R (RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF GEORGE MARBLEY FOR HIS WORK AS PRESIDENT OF STEAMBOAT SQUARE TENANT ASSOCIATION AND THE CITY WIDE TENANT COUNCIL BY NAMING GREEN STREET BETWEEN RENSSELAER STREET AND FOURTH AVENUE IN HIS HONOR), which had been previously introduced, requested passage and a roll call vote thereon.

Council Members Johnson spoke on the Resolution prior to a vote.

There being no further discussion, President Ellis called for a roll call vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED:

*Resolution 70.91.18R was co-sponsors by Council Members Anane, Applyrs, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson
The Resolution passed by the following vote of all Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Local Laws

President Pro Tem Conti held the pending local law on the agenda for further consideration.

Reports of Standing and Ad Hoc Committees

Finance: Council Member Doesschate reported that the Committee met on September 12, 2018 to consider Resolution 67.82.18R, Resolution 68.91.18R and discuss the 2019 City budget process. The Committee favorably reported out Resolution 67.82.18R with amendments, Resolution 68.91.18R was held in committee. The Mayor will present the 2019 proposed budget to the Council on October 1 and the Budget office will present and answer questions from the Council on October 10.

Public Safety: Council Member Applyrs reported that the Committee will meet on October 9, 2018 in response to officer involved shooting that occurred on August 20, 2018.

Human Resources and Human Rights: Majority Leader Kimbrough reported that the Committee interviewed candidates for the Commission on Human Rights and recommended two candidates, Harriet Lewis and Aaron Moore to the Full Council.

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use: Council Member Fahey reported that the committee will meet on September 26, 2018 to discuss Resolution 72.92.18R.

Consideration of Resolutions

Council Member Fahey noticed the introduction of Resolution 72.92.18R as follows, which was held for further consideration:

Resolution Number 72.92.18R

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PURCHASE AND SALE AGREEMENT WITH NATIONAL GRID FOR THE PURCHASE OF STREETLIGHTS AND THE CONSUMMATION OF THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED THEREIN

BE IT ENACTED by the Common Council of the City of Albany, as follows:

WHEREAS, the City of Albany has negotiated a purchase price equal to the net book value of the assets pursuant to the Public Service Commission’s Joint Proposal settlement agreement;

WHEREAS, the City Of Albany was required, pursuant to the Joint Proposal, to enter into a purchase and sale agreement prior to September 1, 2018 and has entered into a purchase
and sale agreement with National Grid for the purchase of streetlights;

WHEREAS, the purchase and sale agreement and the Public Service Commission require the approval from the Common Council prior to approving the sale;

WHEREAS, the New York Power Authority will be providing funding for the purchase and conversion of the streetlights to LED;

RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute a Purchase and Sale agreement with National Grid for the purchase of streetlights as authorized by the Public Service Commission and to incur the indebtedness associated with such purchase in the form of a loan from the New York Power Authority.

President Pro Tem Conti referred Resolution Number 72.82.18R to the Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee for further.

President Pro Tem Conti made a motion, which was duly seconded, to add Resolutions 73.92.18R, 74.92.18R, 75.92.18R, 76.92.18R and 77.92.18R to the agenda. There being no discussion, the motion was adopted by voice vote.

Council Member Applyrs offered Resolution 73.92.18R (MC) as follows, asked for its passage and a vote thereon:

Resolution Number 73.92.18R (MC)


WHEREAS, Section 604(D)(b) of the Charter of the City of Albany dictates that any transfer of budgeted funds that affects a salary total that occurs outside of those described in the duly adopted budget must be consented to by the Common Council; and

WHEREAS, in order for the terms of the agreement that was collectively bargained between the City and Albany Permanent Professional Firefighters Association – Local 2007 to be satisfied, the adjustments in the salaries addressed by the agreement that affect salary totals for the 2018 budget year must be authorized by the Common Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany consents to the transfer of funds affecting the salary totals for those positions addressed by the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Albany and the Albany Permanent Professional Firefighters Association – Local 2007 for the 2018 budget year.

Council Member Anane spoke on Resolutions 73.92.18R (MC) prior to a vote.

There being no further discussion, President Ellis called for a roll call vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED.
Resolution 73.92.18R (MC) was co-sponsored by Council Members Anane, Applyrs, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson.

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Applyrs offered Resolution 74.92.18R (MC) as follows, asked for its passage and a vote thereon:

Resolution Number 74.92.18R (MC)

RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN JAHMEL K. ROBINSON UPON ELEVATING IN MINISTRY TO THE OFFICE OF REVEREND AT METROPOLITAN CHURCH

WHEREAS, Reverend Jahmel K. Robinson was born and raised in the inner-city of Albany, New York and graduated from Luther Rice University with an M.A. in Leadership in 2014 and SUNY Empire State College with a B.S. in Human Development in 2010. Reverend Robinson is currently pursuing a Master’s in Public Administration with plans to pursue a Doctoral degree in September 2019; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Robinson is married to his Song Bird, Lynnette D; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Robinson has dedicated his life to the service of others at a very young age. Reverend Robinson accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his Savior and was baptized at the Metropolitan New Testament Mission Baptist Church under the pastorate of the late Reverend Dr. Earnest Mel at the age of 7; and

WHEREAS, Understanding that a call to preach is a call to preparation, Reverend Robinson continues to study to show him approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. After considerable preparation, Jahmel preached his Initial Sermon in March 2006 and was licensed to preach in October 2010; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Robinson loves to share his passion for ministry, particularly in organizational leadership. He has been the keynote speaker, preacher, and instructor for several workshops and conferences for churches across New York State, as well as the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, Inc. Youth and Young People's Auxiliary and Congress of Christian Education, the Central Hudson Baptist Association, as well as other state associations; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Robinson’s work has not gone unnoticed; in 2006, he was recognized as a “Face of Faith” by the Albany Times Union Newspaper. In 2009, he received the EBMC Congress of Christian Education Sandy F. Ray Seminarian Award and was appointed Youth Director of the CHBA Youth Department, where he was instrumental in increasing participation of youth, young adults, and youth leaders by offering innovative programming. In 2011, he was honored as a Man of Integrity by the Central Hudson Baptist Association, received recognition from the New York State Legislature and Senator Neil Breslin and was appointed by Pastor Johnson as the Minister of Technology and Pastoral Initiatives where he was responsible
for upgrading the technological infrastructure of Metropolitan as well as the oversight and implementation of several initiatives. In 2014, he was appointed and currently serves as Director of Ministries where he is responsible for ministry and leadership development. Not only has Reverend Robinson made an impactful transformation in the church; he has become a change agent in his community. In 2017, Reverend Robinson was elected Vice-president of the Board of Trustees at Green Tech Charter High School; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Robinson contributes his love of life, ministry, and desire to pursue his passion and purpose to his Mother, Tammy Alexander, Grandmother, Pearl Frazier Drake, Aunt, Stella Frazier, mentor and pastor, Rev. Dr. Damone Paul Johnson and his Metropolitan Church Family; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Robinson’s life verse can be found in Timothy 1, 4:12 “Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, and in purity”; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Common Council of the City of Albany congratulates Councilman Jahmel K. Robinson elevating in ministry to the office of Reverend, wishes him continued health and happiness and expresses its appreciation for all that he has contributed to the City of Albany.

Council Member Johnson, Doesschate, Love, Anane, and Applyrs spoke on Resolutions prior to a vote.

There being no further discussion, President Ellis called for a roll call vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED.

*Resolution 74.92.18R (MC) was co-sponsored by Council Members Anane, Applyrs, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0
Council Member Love offered Resolution 75.92.18R (MC) as follows, asked for its passage and a vote thereon:

**RESOLUTION HONORING MICHAEL-AARON POINDEXTER UPON ELEVATING IN MINISTRY TO THE OFFICE OF REVEREND AT METROPOLITAN CHURCH**

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Michael-Aaron Poindexter is a native of the Bronx, NY; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Poindexter is married to his beautiful wife Amber and they are proud parents to one son Ashton Michael, one daughter Makena Aubree Raquel, and have one child on the way; and

**WHEREAS,** Reverend Poindexter graduated from the United Theological Seminary with an Master of Divinity degree (M.Div.) and the State University of New York, University at
Albany with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Religious Studies, Africana Studies, and Business in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Poindexter accepted his call to preach at the age of 15 and commenced preaching the Gospel at the age of 18 in 2006 at Metropolitan; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Poindexter is the founding director of the successful Metropolitan Youth Summer Camp which has been in operation for seven years. He started the camp because there was a need for safe summer enrichment in the Arbor Hill community and he believed God was calling him to meet that need. The Metro Youth camp started as a two-week camp with two paid staff, one volunteer, and 20 campers in 2011 and the camp has now grown to an eight-week camp with more than 265 campers and 20 staff; and

WHEREAS, In an effort to increase direct mentorship, he implemented a Girl Scout Troop and Karate team and in 2016 launched “Youth Church at Metropolitan, ‘A Real and Relevant Word for today’s Generation’”. Each month the youth church averages 100-125 attendees, many of whom don’t frequently attend Metropolitan; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Poindexter demonstrating strong promise in preaching, teaching, and pastoral ministry, in 2009 Minister Poindexter received the Dr. Spurgeon E. Crayton seminarian award from the Rev. Dr. Carl L. Washington, Jr. (Congress President) and the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention Congress of Christian Education. He has been featured as the cover article for the “Faces of Faith” section in the Albany Times Union newspaper and he has been the recipient of numerous awards from nonprofit, private, and public organizations due to his academic success and his tireless effort to see his community succeed; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Poindexter currently serves as the Vice-Chairman of the newly created “Bridge Ministry” of the Empire Baptist Missionary Convention, a ministry specifically designed to bridge the gap between multiple generations and works as a Community School Site Coordinator for the City School District of Albany; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Poindexter knows he is the product of unconditional love shown to him every day by a loving Christ named Jesus

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Albany congratulates Reverend Michael-Aaron Poindexter elevating in ministry to the office of Reverend, wishes him continued health and happiness and expresses its appreciation for all that he has contributed to the City of Albany.

Council Member Johnson, Applyrs, Robinson and Love spoke on Resolutions prior to a vote.

There being no further discussion, President Ellis called for a roll call vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED.

*Resolution 75.92.18R (MC) was co-sponsors by Council Members Anane, Applyrs, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Kimbrough offered Resolution 76.92.18R (MC) as follows, asked for its passage and a vote thereon:

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING AARON MOORE AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Albany, pursuant to the Section 42-362 of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany, appoints members to the City of Albany Commission on Human Rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Aaron Moore is hereby reappointed as a member of the City of Albany Commission on Human Rights for a term ending on August 21, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

There being no discussion, President Ellis called for a voice vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED.

*Resolution 76.92.18R (MC) was co-sponsors by Council Members Anane, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson*

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Kimbrough offered Resolution 77.92.18R (MC) as follows, asked for its passage and a vote thereon:

**Resolution Number 77.92.18R (MC)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING HARRIET LEWIS AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS**

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Albany, pursuant to the Section 42-362 of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany, appoints members to the City of Albany Commission on Human Rights.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Harriet Lewis is hereby reappointed as a member of the City of Albany Commission on Human Rights for a term ending on August 21, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.
There being no discussion, President Ellis called for a voice vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED unanimously.

*Resolution 77.92.18R (MC) was co-sponsors by Council Members Anane, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Doesschate moved to amend Resolution Number 67.82.18R, which had been previously introduced, and as Amended requested passage and a vote thereon.

RESOLUTION 67.82.18R (as amended)

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING AN EXTENSION FOR THE PAYMENT OF TAXES BY PERSONS 65 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER WHO HAVE AN ENHANCED STAR OR SENIOR CITIZENS EXEMPTION

MICHELE: ADD TEXT OF 67.82.18R AS AMENDED HERE

There being no discussion, President Ellis called for a roll call vote thereon and the Resolution was ADOPTED:

*Resolution 67.82.18R (As Amended) was co-sponsors by Council Members Anane, Applyrs, Balarin, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Farrell, Hoey, Igoe, Johnson, Kimbrough, Love, O’Brien, Robinson

Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:


Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0

President Pro Tem Conti held the remaining pending resolutions on the agenda for further consideration.

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Pro Tem Conti made a motion to adjourn, which was duly seconded and adopted by unanimous voice vote. President Ellis declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:06 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
Michele Andre
Legislative Aide to the Common Council