Council Member Doesschate introduced the following:

Resolution Number 91.112.18R

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OUTLINING ITS ACTIONS AND EXPRESSING ITS FINDINGS AND INTENT WITH REGARD TO THE ADOPTION OF THE FISCAL YEAR 2019 CITY OF ALBANY BUDGET AS PROPOSED IN ORDINANCE 38.102.18 (AS AMENDED) ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR, WITH AMENDMENTS, ON OCTOBER 1, 2018, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019”

WHEREAS on October 1, 2018 the Common Council received the proposed budget for the City of Albany for fiscal year 2019; and

WHEREAS subsequent to receipt of such budget, the Common Council engaged in an extensive review of the proposal which included meeting with department heads, holding two public hearings, and discussing the city’s financial status and Council budget priorities; and

WHEREAS as a result of this process the Council has adopted Ordinance Number 38.102.18 (as amended) which adopts the fiscal year 2019 City of Albany Budget with revisions;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council does adopt the following statement outlining its actions and expressing its findings and intent with regard to adoption of the fiscal year 2019 City of Albany Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, Chief of Staff, Budget Director and all other department heads; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of the “Statement of Common Council Actions, Findings and Intent” as herein adopted be printed in the final bound document constituting the “City of Albany 2019 Budget” immediately following the Mayor’s transmittal message.

2019 City of Albany Budget
Statement of Common Council Actions, Findings, Intent and Recommendations

The Common Council has completed its review of the 2019 City of Albany Proposed Budget. This statement summarizes the Council’s actions, findings and intent with regard to adoption of Ordinance 38.102.18 (as amended).

Public Comment/Hearings

The Common Council held two public hearings on the proposed 2018 Albany City Budget on Monday, October 15, 2018 and Monday, November 5, 2018. Many people appeared before the Council at its hearings and meetings to comment on a variety of issues relating to the budget, including: 1. The creation of a new Complete Streets Coordinator position to oversee and advocate for the implementation of the City’s Complete Streets Ordinance and Guidelines; 2. Funding for more sidewalks, bike lanes and sharrows through the City on an equitable basis, especially along busy roads; 3. City initiatives to reduce greenhouse gases, including improved public transportation, improved bicycling and pedestrian infrastructure and safety, use of insulation, solar and geothermal in all city buildings, reducing methane gas at the landfill, and
encouraging composting; 4. Increased funding for better bus stop signage, bus stop curb cuts, and bus stop demarcations; 5. Increased funding for PEG to create a full time coordinator position; 6. A 1% hotel tax (which speakers acknowledged would require State legislation) or allocate a share of the Albany County hotel tax receipts to reimburse municipalities that are disproportionately impacted by hotels; 7. Increased employee salaries after conducting a study of comparable salaries within the city and the capital region; 8. The need to make sure Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) is the end result of the extension of the curbside waste collection fee to all residential properties and engaging in a community conversation about “aggressive waste reduction;” 9. Opposition to the curbside waste collection fee and its extension to all residential units receiving such services; 10. Changing to “land value” property taxation to encourage development; 11. General opposition to the budget as not being an adequate, fair or equitable fiscal plan for the City; Finding other sources of revenue, including charging fees for more City services, to reduce the burden on tax payers.

Overview of the Budget

The Mayor’s 2019 Proposed Budget continues to exert substantial fiscal restraint on the growth of the city’s budget while providing necessary city services. While the budget increases expenditures by $587,868 - a .33% increase over the 2018 adopted budget, it does not increase the real property tax levy.

Expenditure increases are mainly related to salary increases resulting from the settlement of several union contracts in the last year and a 1% increase for non-union employees ($1.2M), and increases in health insurance and other employee benefits ($1.3M). These increases are substantially offset by a significant decrease in the 2019 debt service payments of $2.6M due to our careful monitoring of capital expenditures and bond accounts. Growth is also driven by an increase in federal funding to the Albany Community Development Agency that directly offsets any increase in spending for that agency – primarily in the form of grants to programs, improvements, and individuals in our neediest neighborhoods. The budget also includes an estimated $525,000 reduction for streetlight expenses due to the anticipated purchase of the city’s streetlights and the conversion to more energy-efficient LED lighting. This reduction in expenditures is offset by a similar increase in the contractual “Processing Fee” (page 55) for recyclables due to the recent well-publicized change in the market for recyclables that now requires the City to pay for the disposal of its recyclables.

As noted above, on the revenue side, the proposed budget includes no increase in the property tax levy. Sales tax revenue is projected to increase by about $900,000 over the 2018 adopted budget based upon the past 18 months of sales tax revenue. However, the budget also makes a necessary and prudent $1.5M reduction in “Other PILOTS/tax” largely because commitments from several not-for-profit entities (such as Albany Med and SUNY Polytech) to pay voluntary annual PILOTs have not materialized. This reduction in voluntary PILOTS revenue is offset primarily by a similar increase in “Departmental Income” which is predominantly due to the spreading of the curbside waste collection fee across all properties that currently receive curbside waste collection services while reducing that fee to $90 per residential unit in 2019. Currently, the first unit of a residential dwelling is not assessed this fee, which was $156 per unit in 2018.

The Mayor’s proposed 2019 budget again includes $12.5M in Capital City funding although the State only approved $12M for Capital City Funding in 2018. The Common Council continues to fully support the Mayor’s inclusion of this amount in the budget as it is not only necessary, but a fair and reasonable request of our Governor and Legislature. In fact, most of the
Council continues to believe that even the $12.5 million requested from the State is inequitable and insufficient, given that 63% of the property in the City is tax exempt, our Aid to Municipalities (AIM) funding is disproportionately lower than other similar upstate cities, and the City provides essential services to tens of thousands of public employees and other commuters everyday who do not reside in Albany. We, alongside the Mayor, will continue to push for this funding to become permanent because it truly is our “fair share” that should not fall on the shoulders of our taxpayers.

We note again, the Mayor’s proposed 2019 Budget continues to steer the City away from past unsustainable budgeting practices such as one-shot funding mechanisms, unrealistic revenue projections, excessive landfill revenues, and PILOT spin-ups that drain future resources. We applaud the continued implementation of these fiscally sound budgeting policies and practices.

Common Council Review of the 2019 Proposed Budget

The Finance, Taxation, and Assessment Committee (hereinafter referred to as “the Committee”) and the full Council conducted over ten meetings following the release of the Mayor’s proposed budget and requested additional documentation to support the revenue and expenditure projections and clarify program and budgetary goals. Members of the Committee and the entire Council appreciate the efforts made by the Budget Director and department and unit heads to provide the requested information in a timely manner and attend Committee meetings to further explain programs, policies, goals, and initiatives, and answer Council Members’ questions.

Our detailed review of the budget finds it to be fiscally prudent and based upon reasonable revenue and budgetary experience and assumptions. Where revenues have not met projections in past years, or as compared to a Year-To-Date (YTD) analysis, the budget has reduced these income items. Where significant YTD variances were identified by the Committee, the Budget Director and department heads have provided clear explanations regarding normal billings and payment lags and routine timing of state and federal payments. However, we remain concerned that Special Events and Cultural Affairs has failed repeatedly to meet revenue projections included in the budget for events such as Alive at Five and the Tulip Fest (approximately $100,000 and $35,000 under projections respectively). We have been advised that the unit recognizes the need for, and has been moving towards, the goal of becoming self-sustaining and potentially profitable, and encourage the administration to monitor this unit’s progress towards these goals.

The other notable exception to this budget’s alignment with 2018 actual or projected revenues is the inclusion of $12.5M in Capital City Funding although the State only approved $12M in Capital City Funding in the 2018 budget. Despite the 2018 shortfall, the Council fully supports the inclusion of the full $12.5M in this line in recognition of the inequitable treatment of the City under existing AIM formulas, the large amount of tax exempt property in the City, and the need to obtain a permanent commitment for this reasonable funding request. As the 2019 budget is fiscally restrained and many of our employees are significantly underpaid, we do not support any reduction in Capital City Funding and will stand by the Mayor in her fight for Albany’s FairShare.

On the expenditure side, the Council has carefully reviewed all increases from the 2018 adopted budget. In addition to increasing salaries to address union-negotiated raises and a 1% increase for all non-union employees, this budget includes funding for a half dozen new positions, changes to existing positions and titles, and other salary increases over the noted 1%
standard raise for approximately two dozen non-union employees. The new positions include positions that are intended to allow Departments to improve fiscal monitoring and asset management, including a new Analyst position in Audit and Control, a Fiscal Analyst and Fleet Manager position in the Police Department, and an Asset Manager position in the Department of General Services that were justified in our discussions – most of which are expected to generate an equivalent or greater savings and efficiencies than the cost of adding these positions. Justifications and comparisons to other similar positions in the Capital Region have been provided for most of the non-union salary increases that are above the standard 1% increase, including increases in the Fire Department Chief and Deputies, Police Deputy Chiefs, Deputy Auditor, Traffic Engineering Supervisor, DGS Director of Operations, Fleet Maintenance Manager, and Engineering Technician. These increases are necessary to retain qualified staff. We note that numerous essential salary adjustments have been included in the Treasurer’s Office budget as a result of the Treasurer’s past and continued pleas for adequate compensation to avoid the loss of valuable, knowledgeable, long term non-union employees.

We also note a significant adjustment has been made to the allocation of Undistributed Employee Benefits on page 85 of the 2019 Proposed Budget relating to Workers’ Compensation benefits. Almost $1M from this line has been reallocated to the Department of General Services (page 52) with a slight increase in recognition of the fact this Department has incurred a significant portion of these expenses and both the Fire and Police Department’s budgets have included a separate item for Workers’ Compensation for years. It is hoped that by including this amount in the DGS budget, a greater focus will be placed on employee health and safety, thereby reducing these costs over time.

**Council Amendments to the 2019 Budget**

**REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ADJUSTMENTS**

The Common Council, with guidance from the administration, has made the following adjustments to the 2019 Proposed Budget:

1. The Department of Fire and Emergency Services “Other Equipment” expenditure line (page 47, line 7250) has been increased by $180,000 for Turnout Gear that was originally budgeted as a capital expense, but is now more appropriately included in the operating budget.

2. Sales and Use Tax revenue (page 12, line 1120) has been increased by $180,000 to offset the above expenditure increase. This increase is fully justified by the current year-to-date Sales and Use Tax receipts that are substantially over projections included in the 2018 adopted budget and 2019 proposed budget.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMON COUNCIL BUDGET**

As the Mayor’s 2019 Proposed Budget includes a 1% increase for all non-union employees, we have approved a similar increase for our valued and indispensable “Legislative Aide” who has been employed with the Council since March of 2018. The Council’s health insurance expenses are substantially under 2018 and 2019 projections. As a result, the Council has transferred $22,431 from this line to support the staff raise, and increase funds available for Contracted Services and Training and Conferences, while keeping the Council’s budget budget-neutral. The specific adjustments made are:

1. Decrease line 7804 on page 20 for Health Insurance by $22,431 to $84,202.
2. Increase salary line 7000 on page 20 for “7000 Legislative Aide” by $400 to $40,400
3. Increase line 7801 on page 20 for Social Security by $31 to $35,674.
4. Increase line 7440 on page 20 for Contracted Services by $17,000 to $45,000.
5. Increase line 7463 on page 20 for Training and Conferences by $5,000 to $10,000.

TECHNICAL AND FORMATTING AMENDMENTS

The Council has made a few other changes to the budget document to improve the clarity and accuracy of the document. A duplicate entry, reflecting the revenue generated from Public Assembly Permits in the Fire Department’s revenues on page 48 has been removed as this revenue is already properly reflected under the Department of Building and Regulatory Compliance’s revenue on page 71. The Department of General Services’ revenue line on page 52 was changed to reflect the General Fund’s projection for the sale of vehicles, which is $5,000; not the $25,000 originally listed. Additionally, the Capital Budget for 2019 and the 5 Year Capital Plan have been adjusted to eliminate $180,000 for the Fire Department’s “Turnout Gear” because funding has been added to their operating budget for this expense. Lastly, the Council became aware of the need to update the descriptions of the Historic Resources Commission (pg. 66), the Planning Board (pg. 64) and the Board of Zoning Appeals (pg. 66) and has made slight changes to more accurately capture the mission of these organizations.

OTHER ISSUES

Curbside Waste Collection Fee

As noted earlier, the 2019 proposed budget extends the curbside waste collection fee across all properties that currently receive curbside waste collection services while reducing that fee to $90 per residential unit in 2019. Currently, the first unit of a residential dwelling is not assessed this fee, which was $156 per unit in 2018. This change will eliminate an inequity in the current system that many residents and property owners have complained about since the fee’s inception. This waste collection fee is understood to be an interim financing mechanism pending a longer term solid waste strategy that will include volume-based or “pay-as-you-throw” fee. The City is currently studying options for implementation of a “pay-as-you-throw” system as the current legislation is set to expire at the end of 2019. Notably, the legislation implementing this change continues to exempt certain individuals, who, because of age or disability, receive a partial reduction from City real property taxes based upon an enhanced STAR exemption or low-income tax abatement.

Public, Education and Government (PEG) Cable Access Support

Funding for PEG has been set aside in the 2019 budget in two places. First, $35,000 has been allocated in Corporation Counsel's budget for equipment purchases related to PEG activities funded through the cable franchise agreement. These funds can be used for upgrading the sound system in the Common Council Chambers. Since that contract may be substantially modified in the coming year, we encourage the PEG Oversight Board and the administration to prioritize contracting for these improvements as soon as possible. Second, $20,000 has been allocated to the Special Items Contracted Services line (A.1900.7440) on page 84 of the City’s budget. Another $15,000 that was made available through Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) in 2018 is also available for these purposes, but is time-limited, unless re-approved by the ACDA Board. These funds, in Special Items and from ACDA, must be used to hire personnel or contract for services to help the PEG Oversight Board achieve its mission.
Programs for Aging

The 2019 Proposed Budget includes $25,890 for “Programs for Aging” under “Support for Community Services” on page 82. We have confirmed that this funding has gone to and is intended to go to Senior Services of Albany (SSA). The Contract we were provided with for 2017 states SSA will:

“(1) provide various recreational and educational classes and activities for the elderly such as painting, ceramics, bridge, bingo, arts and crafts, and exercise classes; and (2) provide informational seminars and counseling to the elderly on a regular basis.”

As part of our review, the Council requested and received copies of vouchers and monthly activity reports for services provided pursuant to the SSA contract for portions of 2017-2018. As a matter of routine, copies of these month activity reports should also be provided to the Council upon receipt. Based on review of prior year budgets, it appears that the current and proposed level of funding for “Programs for Aging” has remained at the same amount since at least FY1996, despite demographic changes and increased costs for services. The Council recommends a needs-based assessment of the adequacy of current services and funding. This may also include the identification of senior services that may be provided by other city departments or agencies. This project could also be the basis for identifying the appropriate level of funding for FY2020.

Complete Streets Coordinator Request

In response to numerous public comments during the first budget hearing, the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee reviewed the issue of the need for a “Complete Streets Coordinator” with the Departments of Planning and Engineering. The Department of Engineering noted that all City street projects are “complete streets” projects and reviewed for compliance with the City’s policy. Council Members expressed concern that despite passage of the Complete Streets law in 2013 and issuance of the City's Bicycle Master Plan in 2009, only 4 bike lanes have been created for a total of 2.8 miles. In addition, the bi-annual report required by law providing a status update on "complete streets" is required to be issued by the Department of General Services in 2019. These concerns provide support for the idea that a "Complete Streets Coordinator” position would be beneficial. The Department of Planning also noted that they have other staffing needs that they would prioritize over a “Complete Streets Coordinator” position. Council members also acknowledged the significant demands on the current sparsely staffed Planning Department. As a result, if funding is available for additional staffing in this unit, the Council is inclined to defer to the leadership of that unit as to the best allocation of those resources as opposed to limiting additional staff to this function.

Census 2020

The federal 2020 Census Count which occurs in April of 2020 is of significant importance to the City of Albany. A concerted effort as part of the 2010 Census Count allowed us to achieve a complete count that bolstered Albany’s population numbers. No less an effort must take place for the 2020 count. The FY2019 proposed budget includes $10,000 to support Complete Count activities. As part of our review, the Council also received requested information related to current activities to date and timelines through the end of the project. The final 2020 Census numbers will be used to determine Albany’s eligibility and funding levels for certain federal programs, our share of Albany County sales tax revenue and will also be used to reapportion Common Council ward lines to assure equity in representation. The Census 2020
Complete Count project needs to be a transparent and inclusive process in order to assure a positive outcome.

**Department of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance Salary Adjustment Requests**

Upon meeting with the Department of Planning and Buildings and Regulatory Compliance, the Director drew the Committee’s attention to the challenges faced by that department relative to the hiring and retention of staff. In drawing up the 2019 budget proposal for the Department, the Director made the conscious effort to reorganize staff to free up funds to hire additional staff or offer raises where possible. The Council recognizes the restraints placed on its authority to make salary adjustments through the budgetary process and that many of the employees in the Department of Buildings and Regulatory Compliance are union workers whose wages are subject to negotiations that take place outside of the budget. However, the Council is supportive of making every effort to increase salaries when possible. While the remedy may not be achieved in the proposed 2019 budget, the Council will support efforts to alleviate turn-over and preserve the valuable workforce we currently employ.

**Hotel Tax Proposal**

During the first public hearing, two individuals expressed support for the creation of a 1% hotel tax on hotels located within the City of Albany as a way of generating additional revenue. Albany County has implemented a 6% occupancy tax on hotels and motels within the County limits. This tax generates roughly $8.6 million in revenue annually and is used to pay down debt on properties such as the Times Union Center and the Albany Capital Center. Council Members discussed this idea, noted that such a tax would require state legislation, and determined further research and exploration is needed to fully understand the proposal’s viability, as well as overall effect on the City’s tourism and hotel industry. Consideration will also be given to the proposal to ask the County to allocate some of their hotel receipts to the municipalities most impacted by hotel visits.

**Employee Compensation Study**

The Council also discussed the recommendation made during the first public hearing that the City conduct an employee compensation study comparing wages to similar state positions and neighboring municipalities, as well as internally, as a basis for establishing more equitable, appropriate compensation for City employees. This, and the resulting difficulty of hiring and retaining qualified staff, was a common topic of discussion during Committee meetings. The Council is fully aware that the current significant fiscal restraints of the City prevents the City from competing with the State and other municipalities for talented, qualified staff. The Council wants to ensure that the City is putting itself in the best possible position to attract quality applicants and to retain its current workforce. Thus, Council Members have agreed to study options for addressing this issue further.

**Capital Budget**

The Council has conducted a preliminary review of the proposed 2019 Capital Budget during its discussions with Department heads and will review it, and its compliance with the adopted debt policy, more closely when presented with the separate bonding ordinances later this year or early 2019.

The Council continues to be concerned about the level of borrowing, the accumulation of debt, and the impact on the city’s fiscal health and bond ratings. Consequently, the Council asks that
the administration re-evaluate all proposed bonding before submitting the proposed bond ordinances to the Council with an eye toward reducing borrowing in the coming year, and using balances in existing bond accounts in place of requesting full bonding for all proposed capital purchases and projects.

City Charter Section 604(C) requires the budget to include a five-year capital plan which shall include:

“(1) A clear general summary of its contents.
(2) A list of all capital projects to be undertaken during the ensuing five fiscal years.
(3) Cost estimates, sources of funding and, where appropriate, recommended time schedules for each such improvement.”

This section also states:

“This plan shall be revised, updated and extended each year with regard to capital improvements still pending or in the process of construction or acquisition.”

We note that the proposed 2019 Capital Budget falls woefully short, especially with regard to making clear what projects are intended to be funded with bonded funds, time schedules for each improvement, and the provision of updates regarding capital improvements still pending or in the process of construction or acquisition. Notably, the capital plan set forth on pages 87-93 fails to contain any information regarding the purchase of the streetlights, cost estimates and sources of funding, although savings from this purchase is included in the operating budget and the planned purchase is mentioned on page 113 of the budget.

We further note that the Office of the State Comptroller has provided guidance on the development of long-term plans and their benefits, and as recommended best practices advises

“a multiyear capital plan should provide accurate, reasonable estimates of each project’s budgetary impact, including debt service costs, impact on capital reserve funds and fund balance, and future operating expenditures.

Additionally, “City of Albany, New York, FY2017-FY2020 Financial Options,” a report issued in 2017 by a consultant for the NYS Division of the Budget notes:

“At present the City does not have a formal capital budget, but rather a list of key projects included in the budget each year…there does not appear to be a full, comprehensive historic catalogue of all approved projects, their expected costs, approved and funded amounts, including detailed breakout by each funding source, progress on completion, and remaining project elements.”

The report also noted that “many of the included projects [in the capital plan] ….may not meet typical definitions for capital eligibility.” This is part of the reason the Council advocated for the removal of the costs associated with “Turnout Gear” for the Fire Department from the capital budget and their insertion in the operating budget, and otherwise engaged department heads in discussions regarding the appropriateness of including recurring annual purchases of assets, such as vehicles with mandated 3-year payoffs, in the capital budget. Borrowing for such
expenses simply adds interest expenses to the cost of such purchases, thereby increasing the drain on the funds available for annual operating expenses.

The 2017 consultant report specifically recommended:

“… the City develop a full capital budget and plan that lists but also includes descriptions of each project, its funding type and source(s), and whether it is expected to result in a long-term asset. In conjunction with this the City can clearly identify capital assets and complete life-cycle planning in critical areas (for example fleet, as described below). In the long run, the City should have a quarterly report on the construction/purchasing status of all uncompleted capital projects, and establish a formal process for vetting, qualifying and annually funding an affordable group of projects tied to a formal project evaluation system. The City should also update and maintain debt and debt funding policies, and report on them each year in its budget document.”

The Council fully endorses this recommendation and the guidance provided by the Office of the State Comptroller and believes compliance with these recommendations are what is minimally necessary to ensure compliance with City Charter §604(C), and prudent fiscal management of the City’s assets and resources.

**Recommendations for the Future**

During its deliberations, the Council concluded the following issues should be evaluated and monitored and potential adjustments made in 2019 and in future years’ budgets:

Continue to evaluate and monitor income from special and cultural events to ensure the vitality, relevancy, and fiscal sustainability of the events offered and the desired budget-neutrality/profitability of this office.

Use existing PEG funds to upgrade sound equipment in the Common Council Chambers for improved broadcasting of Council, Board and Commission meetings held in the Chambers.

Conduct a robust needs-based assessment of the adequacy of current programming and services for seniors and identify an appropriate level of funding for such services for FY2020.

Increase the visibility and inclusiveness of all Census 2020 activities to ensure a complete account and provide the Common Council with monthly or quarterly reports of all activities and planned activities. A complete count is essential to the City’s ability to maximize funding for programs and services.

Develop and implement a true capital plan with appropriate quarterly monitoring of all capital projects in a manner consistent with the recommendations contained in the 2017 consultant report, the best practice recommendations of the Office of the State Comptroller, and the language contained in City Charter §604(C) to help ensure the city’s capital budget and its fiscal impacts are transparent and fully justified, as well as to ensure borrowed funds are being spent as planned to accomplish important city objectives. (See section on Capital Budget above).

**Prior Years’ Recommendations**
Last year we recommended that future budgets include a single line item for “vacancy savings,” rather than listing somewhat arbitrary vacancy savings amounts in each department’s or unit’s budget. This line item was confusing and poorly understood by most unit and department heads, as well as by the Counsel. We appreciate the proposed 2019 budget has made this recommended change which has completely eliminated the need for the Council and Department and Unit heads to spend time on this budget item.

We note that we made a recommendation for the administration to look for opportunities to partner with the school system, including potential opportunities for additional income for crossing guards. We again encourage the administration to look at that recommendation and brainstorm with various departments on how we can improve services and job satisfaction while potentially reducing taxes by partnering with the school district on the school crossing guard situation and others.

Finally, we note that our comments prior years’ budget intent resolutions regarding certain frustrations with the City Charter remain and budget development and should be studied by the Council and others for possible placement on the ballot in 2018.

Conclusion

With adoption of Ordinance 38.102.18, as amended, and this resolution, we complete action on the fiscal year 2019 City of Albany budget.
TO: Gerald Campbell, Acting City Clerk

FROM: Judy L. Doesschate, Member, Albany Common Council

RE: Request for Common Council Legislation
Supporting Memorandum

DATE: November 9, 2018

RESOLUTION NUMBER 91.112.18R

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GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION: To adopt an explanatory resolution to be read in conjunction with the budget adopted with amendments by the Common Council.

FISCAL IMPACT: None.