

**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

Monday, June 15, 2015

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by President McLaughlin

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Applrys, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Flynn, Herring, Igoe, Golby, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O'Brien and Robinson

Also present was the following staff: Nala Woodard, Barbara Samel, Patrick Jordan, and Cashawna Parker.

Council Member Flynn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro Tempore Conti made a motion to change the order of business to allow the introduction and consideration of Resolution Number 38.62.15R (MC) as the first agenda item, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

Council Member Bailey introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 38.62.15R (MC), requested passage and a vote thereon:

**RESOLUTION HONORING REVEREND BERESFORD E. BAILEY UPON HIS
RETIREMENT FROM THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**

WHEREAS, Reverend Beresford Bailey founded the Star of Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church with a few faithful members in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Pastor Bailey is the son of the late James Bailey and Ina Cassell, born in Jamaica, West Indies. He came to the United States as a young man to further his education. Through determination and hard work, he graduated from Tennessee State University with a 4.0 grade average. He obtained his Master's Degree in Agronomy from Pennsylvania State University, a Master's in Divinity from Vanderbilt University Theological Seminary, and a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Tennessee, each time graduating Suma Cum Laude. He is the husband of Naomi J.A. Bailey and father of Beresford (Batoire) Bailey, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Beresford Bailey was ordained into Christian Ministry in July 1954 by the Bethany Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. In 1955, he accepted the position of Assistant Pastor of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee, and in 1962, he became Pastor of Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky. He also served as Campus Pastor for Presbyterian students of Fisk University, Scarret College, and Tennessee State University for the same period. From 1959 to 1970, Reverend Bailey worked for United Methodist Centers and the Metropolitan Commissions of Nashville, Tennessee and Davidson County in a variety of positions, including camp counselor, camp director, recreational director, case worker supervisor, social worker, Director of District Neighborhood Service Centers, and Executive Director of the Bethlehem United Methodist Center. In 1970, he moved to Albany to assume the duties of Executive Director of Camp Opportunities, a position he held for 39 years. He retired from Camp Opportunities on December 31, 1999; and

WHEREAS, he served as Assistant Pastor of Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church of Albany from June of 1971 to March of 1978 and in March of 1978 he was called to pastor that congregation. He served as pastor until January 1982; and

WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of the church he founded from 1982 until this month. While pastor, he remained very active in the community. He currently serves as member of the Board of Directors of Koinonia Primary Care Steering Committee, United Methodist Society, Healthy Hearts on the Hill, West Hill Ministerial Fellowship, West Hill Neighborhood Association, and the Neighborhood Health Advocate Program. He is a former member of the Arbor Hill Neighborhood Planning Advisory Committee, Trinity Institute, Arbor Hill Community Center, Homer Perkins Center, City of Albany Human Rights Commission, Northeast Baptist Conference, and the City of Albany Police Review Board; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Bailey gives hope to the hopeless and inspiration to the disadvantaged. He has a genuine love, concern, and compassion for people and through his efforts and determination he has strengthened the moral and religious underpinnings in the City of Albany and beyond.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, in recognition of the exemplary service and inspiration of Reverend Beresford E. Bailey, we the Common Council of the City of Albany, do hereby express our gratitude for his service to the citizens of the City of Albany and wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.

Note: Council Member Bailey and Council President McLaughlin spoke on this resolution prior to passage.

The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

1. Theresa Zubretsky, Capital District Tobacco Free Coalition (Tobacco-Free Parks)
2. Shawn Brown, MakeAPlay (Support for the MakeAPlay Program)
3. Marlon Anderson (Race relations)
4. Jonathan Capra (Support Resolution Number 39.62.15R; body camera grant)
5. Doris Coles, 51 Pieter Schuyler Court, Albany, NY (\$30k Water Bill)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

President Pro Tempore Conti made a motion to approve the minutes of April 6, 2015, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS:

The local laws on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance, Taxation and Assessment – Chairperson Commisso reported that the committee met on June 10, 2015 to discuss the Albany County Land Bank. The committee discussed funding from the City of Albany and the Albany City School District. The City of Albany is in support of making a contribution and the land bank is trying to get the school district to be in support of making a contribution.

Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement – Chairperson Igoe stated that the committee would be meeting tomorrow, June 16, 2015 to discuss various issues relating to code enforcement and asked that Council Members who were not members of the committee to attend if their schedule permitted.

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use – Chairperson Herring reported that the committee would be meeting on June 18, 2015 to interview two candidates for appointment to the Historic Resources Commission and to have a discussion on appointments to the Sustainability Advisory Committee.

Public Safety – Chairperson Golby stated that the committee met on June 8, 2015 to discuss Local Law A-2014 in relation to firearm safety. She reported that no action was taken and would be scheduling another meeting to continue discussions.

CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES

Council Member Conti asked for passage of ORDINANCE NUMBER 9.22.15 (AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF A PERMANENT AIR EASEMENT TO ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER OVER A PORTION OF THE CITY RIGHT-OF-WAY OF MYRTLE AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE), which had been previously introduced.

Note: Council Members Conti, Golby, Doesschate and Krasher spoke on this ordinance prior to passage.

The ordinance passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative – Applrys, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Flynn, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, O’Brien, and Robinson

Negative - Commisso, Golby and Krasher

Affirmative 12 Negative 3 Abstain 0

The remaining Ordinances on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Member Herring introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 36.62.15R, which was referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MARILYN E. KAPLAN AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Albany has, pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the City Charter, and Section 42-85 of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany, appointed Marilyn E. Kaplan as a member of the Historic Resources Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Marilyn E. Kaplan is hereby confirmed as a member of the Historic Resources Commission for an unexpired term ending December 31st, 2015.

Council Member Herring introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 37.62.15R, which was referred to the Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM J. BRANDOW AS A MEMBER OF THE HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Albany has, pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the City Charter, and Section 42-85 of Chapter 42 of the Code of the City of Albany, reappointed William J. Brandow as a member of the Historic Resources Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that William J. Brandow is hereby confirmed as a member of the Historic Resources Commission for a term ending December 31st, 2017.

President Pro Tempore asked and received majority consent to add Resolution Number 39.62.15R to the pending agenda which was approved by unanimous voice vote

Council Member Golby introduced RESOLUTION NUMBER 39.62.15R (MC), asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT'S APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FISCAL YEAR 2015 COMPETITIVE GRANT FOR A BODY-WORN CAMERA PILOT IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Albany Police Department is submitting an application to the Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program; and

WHEREAS, the Albany Common Council recognizes the value of body camera systems while understanding the complexities of issues such as personal privacy and civil liberties; and

WHEREAS, this program will ultimately serve as an integral tool to enhance the many accomplishments the Albany Police Department has already achieved by implementing community policing strategies and improving police legitimacy and transparency; and

WHEREAS, we look forward to working collaboratively with partners in the City of Albany, the Albany Police Department, the Albany County District Attorney's Office and other community partners as we continue our efforts to improve law enforcement's interactions with the public; and

WHEREAS, this grant will allow the Council and numerous other stakeholders to assist the police department in development and implementation of policies and procedures; and

WHEREAS, this grant will also provide for public input into the process of developing and implementing procedures; and

WHEREAS, our continued collaborative initiatives will enhance the on-going efforts to make the City of Albany the safest community in America.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Albany Common Council expresses support for the Albany Police Department's application for the Department of Justice 2015 Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program.

**Note: Council Members Commisso, Krasher, Applrys, Golby, Conti, Robinson and Council President McLaughlin spoke on this resolution prior to passage.*

The resolution passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:

Affirmative – Applrys, Bailey, Conti, Doeschate, Fahey, Flynn, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, O'Brien, and Robinson

Negative - Commisso,

Present – Krasher

Affirmative 13 Negative 1 Abstain 0 Present 1

The remaining Resolutions on the pending agenda were held at the request of President Pro Tempore Conti.

MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Majority Leader Herring offered the following, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:

RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE AND HEREBY ARE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016, AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE NAMES:

1. Ronald J. Galinski, 22 Schuyler Ave, Latham NY 12110 (works in the Alfred E. Smith Building NYS Civil Service – mail card to home address).
2. Derrick Johnson, 267 Elk Street Albany NY 12206 – to carry petitions
3. Yvonne Love, 159 First Street, Albany NY 12210 – to carry petitions
4. Barbara Williams, 402 First Street, Albany NY 12206 – to carry petitions
5. Norma Chapman, 404 First Street, Albany NY 12206 – to carry petitions

6. Samuel J. Coleman, 223 Clinton Ave #1, Albany NY 12210 – to carry petitions
7. Ronald Bailey, 266 Elk Street, Albany NY 12206 – legal reasons
8. Leta Bailey, 266 Elk Street, Albany NY 12206 – legal reasons & to carry petitions
9. Marcia Armwood, 267 Elk Street, Albany NY 12206 – to carry petitions
10. Carolyn McLaughlin, 76 Grandview Terr, Albany NY 12202 –to carry petitions

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made for adjournment.

President McLaughlin stated, hearing no objections, that the Council was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of June 15th, 2015

CASHAWNA PARKER
Senior Legislative Aide to the Council