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**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING  
FINANCE, ASSESSMENT AND TAXATION COMMITTEE  
Ginnie Farrell, Chair**

**DATE:** Wednesday, September 22, 2021

**TIME:** 5:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: YES**

**TOPIC(S) OF DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION:**

- Update from the Budget Director and Treasurer on City’s Financial Position, Federal COVID Relief Money
- Preliminary Budget Discussion on the 2022 Budget
- **ORDINANCE 24.82.21**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAPITAL DISTRICT OF 188 ORANGE STREET (Tax Map Parcel Number 65.81-6-41)
- **ORDINANCE 21.72.21**  
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT TO NATIONAL GRID OF AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT CORNING RIVERFRONT PARK, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE HOOKUP

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**Council Member Love introduced the following:**

**ORDINANCE 24.82.21**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAPITAL DISTRICT OF 188 ORANGE STREET (Tax Map Parcel Number 65.81-6-41)**

*The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:*

**Section 1.** It is hereby ordered and directed that all the right, title, and interest of the City of Albany in and to the 0.06± acre parcel at 188 Orange Street (Tax Map Parcel Number 65.81-6-41), be sold at private sale pursuant to the provisions of Local Law No. 4 of 1984 to Habitat for Humanity Capital District.

**SUBJECT** to all easements, restrictions and rights of way of record.

**Section 2.** It is hereby determined that the aforesaid property has been abandoned for municipal or public purposes.

**Section 3.** The form, content, terms and conditions of such conveyance shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel and shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, and if approved by said Board, the Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute a proper deed of conveyance for a valuable consideration.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM THIS  
5<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF AUGUST, 2021**

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**Corporation Counsel**

**To:** Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk  
**From:** Brett Williams, Esq., Sr. Assistant Corporation Counsel  
**Re:** Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum  
**Date:** August 5, 2021  
**Sponsor:** Council Member Love

**ORDINANCE 24.82.21**

**TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE TO HABITAT FOR HUMANITY CAPITAL DISTRICT OF 188 ORANGE STREET (Tax Map Parcel Number 65.81-6-41)

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

Habitat for Humanity already owns 182, 184, and 186 Orange Street and is apparently under contract to purchase 190 and 192 Orange Street as well. This sale will therefore allow Habitat to complete an assemblage of 6 contiguous properties which they intend to use to create homeownership opportunities, as they have done elsewhere in Sheridan Hollow.

The project has gone before the Technical Review Committee, at which there were no objections to its sale.

**NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND CHANGES TO EXISTING LAW**

The sale of City-owned property requires Common Council approval.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

The property is listed as having an assessed value of \$1,900 on the 2021 assessment roll.

**Council Member Love introduced the following:**

**ORDINANCE 21.72.21**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT TO NATIONAL GRID OF AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT CORNING RIVERFRONT PARK, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE HOOKUP**

*The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:*

**Section 1.** It is hereby authorized that the City of Albany grants an easement to National Grid over a portion of City-owned property at Corning Riverfront Park, located at 10 Quay Street, in the City of Albany, for the purpose of the installation of an electrical service hookup, as requested by the City of Albany, and as described more fully in the easement attached hereto.

**Section 2.** The form, content, terms and conditions of such easement shall be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

**Section 3.** The Grantee shall not hinder, interfere with, prevent, delay, obstruct or adversely affect the Grantor in the reasonable exercise of its governmental operations or function.

**Section 4.** This ordinance shall take effect immediately.

**APPROVED AS TO FORM  
THIS 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF JULY, 2021**

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**Corporation Counsel**

**To:** Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk

**From:** Martha Mahoney, Esq., Assistant Corporation Counsel

**Re:** Common Council Legislation  
Supporting Memorandum

**Date:** July 8, 2021

**Sponsor:** Council Member Love

**ORDINANCE 21.72.21**

**TITLE**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT TO NATIONAL GRID OF AN EASEMENT IN THE CITY OF ALBANY, OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT CORNING RIVERFRONT PARK, FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRICAL SERVICE HOOKUP

**GENERAL PURPOSE OF LEGISLATION**

The City of Albany is seeking to grant a utility easement to National Grid over a portion of City-owned property at Corning Riverfront Park, located at 10 Quay Street, in conjunction with the Albany Skyway Project.

The Skyway Project is funded by local and state funding, including funding from the New York State Department of Transportation. The Skyway Project will enhance neighborhood connections to the Hudson River while improving walkability and bikeability in the City of Albany.

National Grid's proposed use of City-owned property is to install an electrical service hookup at 10 Quay Street, which will provide illumination and utilities for the Skyway Project. The equipment is needed to provide power for the lights and other equipment for the Skyway Project.

The proposed switch-gear and transformer, to be installed at 10 Quay Street, will be maintained by National Grid.

The form, content, terms and conditions of the easement, once authorized, will be approved by the Corporation Counsel.

**NECESSITY FOR LEGISLATION AND ANY CHANGE TO EXISTING LAW**

Common Council approval is required for land transactions, such as the granting of a permanent easement over municipal property.

**FISCAL IMPACT(S)**

None identified.