



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND LAND USE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Alfredo Balarin, Chair**

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Meeting called by: Alfredo Balarin, Chair | Date: January 27, 2025 | Time: 5:37 pm

Committee Members Present: Balarin, Chair ☒ | Adams ☒ | Zamer ☒ | Hoey ☐ | Clarke ☐

Council Members Present:

City Personnel Present: Shaniqua Jackson (City Clerk), Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Jake Eisland (Research Counsel), Alyssa Kamara (Junior Policy Analyst); Avi Epstein (Principal Planner), Jasleen Jaspal (Senior Planner), Jason Thomas (Assistant Corporation Counsel)

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*Minutes*

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**Agenda Item(s):**

- Sustainability Commission Applicant Interview
- **ORDINANCE 65.111.24**  
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO REQUIREMENTS FOR SIGNS

**Discussion:**

- Grace Hotopp interviewed before the committee for the open Sustainability Commission appointment.
- Richard Daley interviewed before the committee for the open Sustainability Commission appointment.
- Alexis Bhagat interviewed before the committee for the open Sustainability Commission appointment.
- Principal Planner Avi Epstein presented on Ordinance 65.111.24, which was subsequently discussed with the committee.
- *Council Member Zamer moved to pass Ordinance 65.111.24 out of committee with positive recommendation, seconded by Council Member Adams and passed by unanimous consent.*
- *Council Member Adams moved to enter executive session to discuss selecting the Sustainability Commission appointments, seconded by Council Member Zamer and passed by voice vote.*
- *Council Member Adams moved to exit executive session, which was seconded by Council Member Zamer and passed by voice vote.*
- *Council Member Adams moved to move forward with the candidates selected in executive session, which was seconded by Council Member Zamer and passed by voice vote.*

**Adjourn:**

Council Member Adams moved to adjourn, duly seconded by Council Member Zamer. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alyssa Kamara  
Junior Policy Analyst