



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

Meeting called by: Alfredo Balarin, Chair | **Date:** June 25, 2025 | **Time:** 5:04 pm

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

Council Members Present: Conti

City Personnel Present: Shaniqua Jackson (City Clerk), Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Alyssa Kamara (Junior Policy Analyst); William E. Trudeau Jr. (Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

- **Interviewing perspective applicants for appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission**
- **Discussion on parking, including:**
 - **ORDINANCE 20.62.24 (ROMERO)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 357-74 ("ESTABLISHMENT OF A RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM") OF CHAPTER 359 ("VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC") OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO MODIFYING THE BOUNDARIES OF THE RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM
 - **ORDINANCE 1.22.25 (CONTI)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE VIII (RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO DESIGNATING PERMIT PARKING ONLY SPACES IN KNOX ALLEY

Public Comment:

- Andrew Harvey, Albany, NY— Discussing Ordinance 1.22.25

Discussion:

- Committee Chair Alfredo Balarin invited Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering William E. Trudeau Jr. to discuss parking in downtown Albany.
 - Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering Trudeau stated that he compiled a list of streets and parking spaces that council members asked the Albany Parking Authority to look into. He detailed the process through which they will determine the count of parking spaces.
 - Council Member Sergio Adams asked him to clarify how the final number of spaces would be determined, to which Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering Trudeau explained that certain streets requested would not be included in the expansion.
 - Council Member Richard Conti asked if adding new parking spots would require the creation of new parking zones, or expand existing ones. Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering Trudeau responded that these new spots could expand Zone A, or could become another zone.
 - Council Member Conti requested a timeline for this process. Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering Trudeau expressed hope that the majority of the work could be accomplished before the end of the year.
 - Chair Balarin requested a meeting on this topic in July.
 - Chair Balarin repeated a public comment that expressed frustration in the lengthy timeline of this issue.
 - Council Member Conti asked for clarification on whether the Committee could discuss Ordinance 1.22.25 further so that the Committee and Council could begin making progress on the issue, or if the ordinance should be part of a bigger conversation.

- Chair Balarin noted that Ordinance 1.22.25 would be part of the larger conversation regarding parking, expressing that he was hopeful that this will be accomplished before the end of 2025.
- Council Member Conti reiterated his interest in pushing forward Ordinance 1.22.25 to which Chair Balarin reiterated that he would prefer holistic discussions on parking issues.
- Chair Balarin asked Jenna Kersten to introduce herself to the committee and discuss her qualifications and interest.
- Chair Balarin asked to Ben MacKrell introduce himself to the committee and discuss his qualifications and interest.
- Chair Balarin asked Sophie Patka to introduce herself to the committee and discuss her qualifications and interest.
- Chair Balarin asked Edward Brennan to introduce himself to the committee and discuss his qualifications and interest.
- Chair Balarin asked Jugba Santi to introduce herself to the committee and discuss her qualifications and interest.
- Committee Member Adams moved to enter Executive Session, which was seconded by Committee Member Hoey.
- Committee Member Balarin moved to exit Executive Session, which was seconded by Committee Member Adams.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Hoey moved to adjourn, duly seconded by Committee Member Adams. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Link to meeting recording:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gaVnaSBWrr4&t=1161s>

Respectfully Submitted,
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