



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

Meeting called by: Alfredo Balarin, Chair | Date: July 31, 2025 | Time: 5:30 pm

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

Council Members Present: Conti, Keegan, Love

City Personnel Present: Shaniqua Jackson (City Clerk), Alyssa Kamara (Junior Policy Analyst), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide); William Trudeau (Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

- **Interviewing perspective applicants for appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission**
- **ORDINANCE 11.72.25 (LOVE)**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF AN AERIAL EASEMENT TO CIDC ALBANY CENTER, LLC OVER CERTAIN RIGHTS-OF-WAY ON HOWARD AND WENDELL STREETS
- **ORDINANCE 12.72.25 (KIMBROUGH)**
AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO CENTER SQUARE LLC OVER A PORTION OF THE CITY RIGHT OF WAY ADJACENT TO 1233 BROADWAY (ALSO KNOWN AS 33 CENTER STREET) (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 66.29-2-59)
- **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

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion:

- Committee Chair Alfredo Balarin invited Asa Woloszyn to discuss his interest in appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission.
- Committee Chair Balarin invited Alÿcia Bacon to discuss her interest in appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission.
- Committee Chair Balarin invited Junior Policy Analyst Alyssa Kamara to read comments provided by Deputy Corporation Counsel regarding Ordinance 11.72.25 (Love) and Ordinance 12.72.25 (Kimbrough).
 - Committee Member Sergio Adams asked Junior Policy Analyst Kamara if there were any concerns regarding Ordinance 11.72.25 (Love) and Ordinance 12.72.2 (Kimbrough) to which Junior Policy Analyst Kamara discussed the preferred timeline for passage.
- Committee Member Sergio Adams moved to pass Ordinance 11.72.25 (Love) out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was duly seconded by Committee Member Deborah Zamer and passed by voice vote.

- Committee Member Sergio Adams moved to pass Ordinance 12.72.25 (Kimbrough) out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was duly seconded by Committee Member Deborah Zamer and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Zamer moved to enter executive session to discuss prospective appointees for the Active Transportation Committee.
 - Committee Member Zamer moved to recommend the candidates selected during executive session out of committee which was duly seconded by Committee Member Adams and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Zamer moved to exit executive session which was duly seconded by Committee Member Adams.
- Committee Chair Alfredo Balarin invited Chief Supervisor of Traffic Engineering William Trudeau to discuss Ordinance 20.62.24 (Romero).
 - Chief Supervisor Trudeau discussed possible residential parking expansions, noting that the Committee's proposed expansions encompass slightly over 1175 parking spots out of the allowed 750, requiring the committee to reduce their request.
 - Committee Chair Balarin requested that each impacted member discuss which streets within their respective wards they would like to prioritize maintaining for the residential parking permit expansions.
 - Council Member Richard Conti noted prioritizing Knox Alley, Madison Avenue, and Morris Street.
 - Council Member Meghan Keegan noted prioritizing Morris Street and Madison Avenue.
 - Committee Chair Balarin noted prioritizing Washington Avenue, Robin Street, and Lexington Avenue.
 - Committee Chair Balarin noted that the aforementioned prioritized streets allow for additional spaces for Council Members to request.
 - Council Member Conti discussed holding a public hearing after creating a final proposal, emphasizing the need for transparency and communication.
 - Council Member Conti further noted the effective date of the residential parking expansions may be staggered so as to minimize impact on residents who will be newly incorporated within permitted zones.
 - Chief Supervisor Trudeau suggested creating boundaries wherein specific streets were included to which Chair Balarin affirmed.
 - Committee Member Deborah Zamer asked for clarification on the committee's immediate goal to which Chair Balarin noted that he wanted to reduce the requested spots to below 750.
 - Chair Balarin then reiterated streets prioritized for their inclusion in the expansion including Knox Alley, portions of Madison Ave, Sheridan Avenue, Washington Ave, Bradford Avenue, Morris Street, and Myrtle.
 - Council Member Conti noted that the committee has achieved an appropriate number to start, requesting that Chief Supervisor Trudeau create a clearer visual reference to which he agreed.
 - Council Member Meghan Keegan noted that 2nd Ward Council Member Derek Johnson had requested to include Morton Avenue within the expansion, however, the current proposal only had the capacity for a portion of the street to ensure that the expansion stayed below 750 parking spots.
 - Chief Supervisor Trudeau clarified that a portion of Morton Avenue belonged in Committee Member Sergio Adams' ward. Committee Member Adams noted that he would not include Morton Avenue within his request whereas Council Member Johnson had more reason for it.
 - Council Member Joyce Love shared constituent frustrations with the residential parking system to which Committee Chair Balarin reassured her that the committee was working to address these concerns. He noted that the current requests included 632 parking spots. He noted that, if all spots on Morton Avenue (below Eagle Street) were included as well, the proposal would be approximately five parking spots beyond their limit.

- Council Member Keegan and Chief Supervisor Trudeau discussed metered parking, noting that it may impact the total number of encumbered spots.
- Committee Chair Balarin asked Council Member Adams about his request for streets he would like to prioritize for expansion within his ward. Council Member Adams shared that this system has minimal impact on his ward.
- Committee Chair Balarin asked Chief Supervisor Trudeau about where he would prioritize due to need, to which Chief Supervisor Trudeau shared that he believes that the Committee has included all the streets he would have recommended.
- Committee Chair Balarin requested that the Committee adjourn and continue discussions on this soon. He noted plans to communicate with other Council Members and outlined his goal to pass Ordinance 20.62.24 (Romero) before Thanksgiving.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Adams moved to adjourn, duly seconded by Committee Member Zamer. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alyssa Kamara
Junior Policy Analyst