



**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL
LAW, BUILDINGS AND CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES
Ginnie Farrell, Chair**

Meeting called by: Ginnie Farrell, Chair | Date: September 30, 2025 | Time: 5:40 PM

Committee Members Present: Farrell, Chair | Anane | Clarke | Conti | Keegan

Council Members Present: Frederick

City Personnel Present: Robert Wenner (Research Counsel), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide)

Minutes

Agenda Item(s):

• **ORDINANCE 21.71.24 (FLYNN)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE II (TRAFFIC REGULATIONS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO TRUCK PARKING RESTRICTIONS

• **ORDINANCE 5.52.25 (CONTI)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OR PARKING OF CERTAIN HEAVY COMMERCIAL VEHICLES ON A PORTION OF MADISON AVENUE

• **ORDINANCE 20.91.25 (CONTI)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII (PARKING METERS) OF CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO RENAMING COLUMBUS DAY TO FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI DAY

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion:

- Majority Leader Ginnie Farrell, chair of the committee, called the meeting to order.
- Council Member Sonia Frederick spoke on Ordinance 21.71.24. She noted that the parking of tow trucks for multiple days has created issues in their neighborhoods in the 1st and 8th wards.
 - Farrell noted that the tow trucks should not need more than an hour to park.
 - Frederick noted that conversations were held between Council Members Frederick and Flynn, the Albany Police Department, and the Department of Buildings and Regulatory

Compliance, which demonstrated that APD and BRC did not have much power to address this specific issue. Therefore, there is a need for this legislation.

- Committee Member Meghan Keegan motioned to move Ordinance 21.71.24 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Richard Conti and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Conti spoke on Ordinance 5.52.25.
 - Committee Member Conti shared two emails from constituents in support of the ordinance.
 - Planning Director Brad Glass spoke on the ordinance, and testified that issues do exist through Madison Avenue due to large trucks, causing disruptions to the households. Director Glass shared his support for the ordinance.
 - Committee Member Keegan motioned to move Ordinance 5.52.25 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Majority Leader Farrell and passed by voice vote.
- Committee Member Conti spoke on Ordinance 20.91.25.
 - Committee Member Keegan noted that there was another bill sitting in Committee that called on changing Columbus Day to Indigenous People's Day, but shared her concerns that that change would not reflect on the origin of Columbus Day, which was about recognizing Italian heritage. She noted that this legislation provided a good compromise to continue honoring Italian-American heritage and address issues regarding the history of Columbus himself.
 - Council Member Frederick recognized it was a good way to honor Italian-American heritage. She asked the sponsor if he would consider combining the days to consider both parties.
 - Committee Member Conti said the Council could honor both holidays. He noted that he could amend the ordinance.
 - Majority Leader Farrell shared her appreciation for the ordinance and the increased awareness of the origin of Columbus Day. She noted as well the poor treatment of indigenous people and the need to recognize that part of history. She believed that honoring both days would be best.
 - Committee Member Keegan shared her concern that Cabrini Day could be controversial. Therefore, she expressed her fear of moving this legislation too quickly out of committee without having more in-depth conversations. She shared concerns that the ordinance will create agitation among council members and community members.
 - Committee Member Conti noted that he had no issue amending the ordinance on the floor at the next council meeting.
 - Majority Leader Farrell noted that another committee meeting could be scheduled for more discussion.
 - Committee Member Conti shared that he would hold his ordinance in committee for now so that he could make proper amendments and do more outreach.

Adjourn:

Committee Member Keegan moved to adjourn at 6:10 PM, which was seconded by Majority Leader Farrell, and the motion passed by voice vote.

Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kX9qgA7Odvk>

Respectfully Submitted,

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