



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

Meeting called by: Alfredo Balarin, Chair | Date: December 8, 2025 | Time: 5:35 PM

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

City Personnel Present: Shaniqua Jackson (City Clerk), Bryan Jimenez (Legislative Director), Carly Johnson (Junior Legislative Aide); Brad Glass (Director of the Department of Planning and Development), Avi Epstein (Principal Planner)

Minutes

Agenda Items:

- **ORDINANCE 61.111.25 (BALARIN)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (CITY OF ALBANY UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO PARKING LOTS IN MU-FM ZONING DISTRICT
- **ORDINANCE 16.82.25 (BALARIN)**
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 375 (UNIFIED SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE NONCONFORMITY DETERMINATION PROCESS

Public Comment:

No public comment was heard.

Discussion:

- Principal Planner Avi Epstein presented on Ordinance 61.111.25.
 - Committee Member Deborah Zamer inquired if the vacant lot was once housing, to which Principal Planner Epstein shared that they were houses that were lost in a fire about five to six years ago.
 - Committee Member Zamer asked if the trust will purchase the lot, to which Principal Planner Epstein noted that they already own it.
 - Committee Member Thomas Hoey inquired if the lot would be tax exempt because a religious entity bought the lot, to which Principal Planner Epstein responded that he was unsure and would look into it. He shared his belief that the lot would not be tax exempt because it is separate from the mosque.
 - *Committee Member Sergio Adams motioned to move Ordinance 61.111.25 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Zamer and passed by voice vote.*

- Director of Planning and Development Brad Glass presented on Ordinance 16.82.25.
 - Committee Chair Alfredo Balarin asked if this ordinance would make it easier to sell properties, to which Director Glass responded affirmatively.
 - *Committee Member Zamer motioned to move Ordinance 16.82.25 out of committee with a positive recommendation, which was seconded by Committee Member Hoey and passed by voice vote.*

Adjourn:

Committee Member Zamer moved to adjourn meeting, which was seconded by Committee Member Hoey and passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Meeting Link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ko-g8AazLm0>

Respectfully Submitted,
Carly Johnson
Junior Legislative Aide