



## ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL APRIL 2024 UPDATES

Dear neighbors,

Welcome to the Common Council's official newsletter. Here you'll find resources to help you get involved with legislating in the City of Albany. You'll also find updates on legislation that the Council has recently passed and details on where to view the legislation that it's considering now.

We hope that these resources empower you to become an active part of the Council's work. Whether it's approaching [your councilmember](#) with an idea or commenting on pending legislation at a meeting, your participation makes the difference.

Please take a few moments to read through this newsletter, and please feel free to reach out to us.

Respectfully yours,

The Albany Common Council

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### Join the Conversation

The Albany Common Council relies on public participation in every step of its legislative process. If you're looking to speak or write on an item on the Council's agenda, head to our website to submit a public comment. Please note that any information that you provide will be shared with all Common Council members and/or read for the Record at our meeting. All public comment is memorialized on our website and our social media platforms.

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## Upcoming Public Meetings & Events

April 3, 5:30 PM	Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee
April 4, 6:00 PM	General Services, Health and Environment Committee
April 4, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
April 10, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
April 15, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
April 17, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee

All meetings are livestreamed and recorded on the Common Council's [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages. You can find meeting agendas, the active calendar, supporting legislation and more in the Common Council's [Agenda Center](#).

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## A Constituent's Guide to the Albany Common Council, Part 10: eCode

*Each month, we'll go back to basics on all things Common Council.*

The Code of the City of Albany is the official collection of the City's laws. But where are these laws collected? And how are they updated? After all, when the Common Council passes an ordinance or a local law that has an effect on the Code of the City of Albany, the Code must be updated to reflect these changes. This information, in turn, must be easily accessible to members of the public.

The days of municipalities printing and binding vast volumes of code are largely past, though the [Office of the City Clerk](#) does maintain an official print version of the Code. Many municipalities maintain and make available their codes on online platforms like eCode, Municode, and American Legal Publishing's Code Library. That includes the City of Albany, which compiles its code on [eCode](#).

In the days following a piece of legislation's final passage, Council staff send the legislation to eCode for upload and editing into existing law. Staff at General Code (eCode's parent organization) then make the editorial changes to the Code, often including notes referencing the Council's legislation to help guide readers' understanding of how the law has changed.

The final product is a well-maintained and easily accessible library of the [Code of the City of Albany](#). If you see a section of the Code that you would like changed, reach out to [your councilmember](#), and don't forget to study up on [how an idea becomes a law](#).

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## Committee Reports

### Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee

The committee met on March 4 to discuss Resolution 15.21.24R, which can be found [here](#). It moved forward with a favorable recommendation.

The committee met on March 12 to discuss Ordinance 76.122.23, Local Law A of 2024, and Ordinance 3.21.24, each of which can be found [here](#). All were held.

The committee met on March 25 to discuss Ordinance 76.122.23, which can be found [here](#). It moved forward with a favorable recommendation.

## **Housing and Community Development Committee**

The committee met on March 20 to discuss next steps on Resolution 117.112.23R (MC), which can be found [here](#). It moved forward with a favorable recommendation.

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## **Legislation Passed**

### **Ordinance 74.111.23 Sponsored by Anane**

An ordinance creating the “Task Force on the Municipal Flag” and providing for the responsibilities of the Task Force with respect to creating a contest to determine a new flag for the City of Albany

### **Ordinance 77.122.23 Sponsored by Kimbrough**

An ordinance amending the Code of the City of Albany in relation to updating the process for special event permits

### **Resolution 15.21.24R Sponsored by Balarin**

A resolution consenting to the re-appointment of Christopher Burke to the Albany Parking Authority Board of Directors

### **Resolution 21.31.24R Sponsored by Frederick**

A resolution designating NBT Bank as a bank with which the City of Albany may deposit public funds

### **Resolution 23.31.24R Sponsored by Flynn**

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a FFY 2023-2024 Climate Pollution Reduction Implementation Project Grant through the United States Environmental Protection Agency

### **Resolution 24.31.24R Sponsored by Keegan**

A resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to pass, and the Governor to sign, A170A/S999A, also known as the Access to Representation Act, which establishes the right to legal counsel in immigration court proceedings and provides for the administration thereof

### **Resolution 25.32.24R Sponsored by Romero**

A resolution supporting the passage of the New York State Legislature’s Climate Change Superfund Act, which establishes a climate change adaptation cost recovery program

### **Resolution 27.32.24R Sponsored by Balarin**

A resolution authorizing the implementation, and funding in the first instance 100% of the federal-aid and state "Marchiselli" program-aid eligible costs, of a transportation federal-aid project, and appropriating funds therefore

**Resolution 28.32.24R Sponsored by Keegan**

A resolution to commemorate March of 2024 as Women's History Month and honoring the extraordinary contributions of women to the City of Albany

**Resolution 31.32.24R Sponsored by Keegan**

A resolution in support of the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region FY 2025 congressionally directed spending request

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For the latest information on introduced and held legislation, please visit the Common Council's [Agenda Center](#).

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