



## ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MAY 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

May 1, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
May 1, 6:00 PM	Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee
May 2, 5:30 PM	Human Resources and Human Rights Committee
May 6, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
May 15, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
May 20, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting Youth in Government Night
May 29, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session

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: Never Unnoticed

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

Any time the Common Council conducts business, it does so according to rules that ensure constituents are involved in the policymaking process. It's in the interest of making this process as transparent as possible that both New York State's [Open Meetings Law](#) and the Council's [Rules of Procedure](#) lay out guidelines on how the Council holds discussions, including with respect to how and when meetings take place.

Keeping constituents informed of how and when a meeting will take place is what public notice is all about. The basic rules on public notice state that staff must notice a meeting at least 1 week prior to its scheduled date, though in emergency situations, the Council President or a majority of councilmember may call a special meetings with no less than 48 hours' notice.

When it's time to post notices, Council staff have a number of tools at their disposal: They use the Council's [website](#) and [Facebook page](#), the Council's public listserv, and even a bulletin board outside of the Council's chambers at City Hall to broadcast meeting information as widely as possible. For long-planned meetings like the Council's Regular Meetings and Caucus/Work Sessions, staff circulate notice via a Council-approved meeting calendar prior to the first of the year. For committee meetings, staff notice meetings prior to the one-week deadline.

All notices state the time, place, subject, and format of the meeting. (While most meetings are fully in-person, in [rare circumstances](#) they may include public videoconferencing.) You can find current and past meeting notices and plan your next engagement with the Council by visiting our [Agenda Center](#).

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## **Committee Reports**

### **Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee**

The committee met on April 3 to discuss Ordinance 38.101.23 and proposed short-term rental legislation, each of which can be found [here](#). Both were held.

### **General Services, Health and Environment Committee**

The committee met on April 4 to discuss Resolution 22.31.24R, which can be found [here](#). It moved forward with a favorable recommendation.

### **Public Safety Committee**

The committee met on April 25 to discuss Ordinance 1.12.24 and Local Law D of 2024, each of which can be found [here](#). Ordinance 1.12.24 moved forward with a favorable recommendation pending amendments. Local Law D of 2024 was held.

### **Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee**

The committee met on April 29 to discuss Local Law A of 2024 and Ordinance 3.21.24, each of which can be found [here](#). Local Law A of 2024 moved forward with a favorable recommendation pending amendments. Ordinance 3.21.24 was held.

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## **Legislation Passed**

### **Ordinance 76.122.23 Sponsored by Frederick**

An ordinance amending Chapter 375 of the Code of the City of Albany by changing the zoning classification of parcel known as 280 Mount Hope Drive from Mixed Use-Campus/Institutional (MU-CI) to Mixed Use-Community Highway (MU-CH) and amending the zoning map accordingly

### **Resolution 22.31.24R Sponsored by Flynn**

A resolution honoring the life and legacy of Reverend Kenneth Doyle and renaming a portion of Hurst Avenue and Hopewell Street in his honor

### **Resolution 29.32.24R Sponsored by Johnson**

A resolution supporting the City of Albany in its nomination of the South Waterfront District - Step 2 Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) plan to the New York State Department of State for official designation

### **Resolution 30.32.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough**

A resolution supporting the City of Albany in its nomination of the North Warehouse District - Step 2 Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) plan to the New York State Department of State for official designation

### **Resolution 32.41.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough**

A resolution supporting the County of Albany's application for Restore NY funding for the Central Warehouse demolition

**Resolution 33.41.24R Sponsored by Johnson**

A resolution congratulating the Catholic Central Girls' Basketball Team on their Class A State Championship win

**Resolution 34.41.24R Sponsored by Adams**

A resolution congratulating the Green Tech Boys' Basketball Team on winning the New York State Class AAA Championship

**Resolution 35.41.24R Sponsored by Keegan**

A resolution commemorating April 2024 as Autism Acceptance Month

**Resolution 36.41.24R Sponsored by Balarin**

A resolution recognizing and celebrating April 2024 as Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Albany

**Resolution 37.42.24R Sponsored by Frederick**

A resolution approving an amendment to the financing agreement by and among the Albany Water Board, the City of Albany, and the Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority relating to certain capital projects and authorizing the execution and delivery of certain documents by the City in connection with the issuance of obligations by the Albany Municipal Water Finance Authority

**Resolution 40.42.24R Sponsored by Anane**

A resolution declaring April 22, 2024 to be Earth Day in the City of Albany and commemorating the 54th anniversary of Earth Day

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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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