



## ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL JUNE 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

June 3, 5:30 PM	Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee
June 3, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
June 6, 5:30 PM	Public Safety Committee
June 10, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee
June 12, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
June 17, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
June 26, 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 11: Minute by Minute

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

Need to know how your councilmember voted? Look no further than the published meeting minutes. Meeting minutes, kept by the City Clerk, serve as the official record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Common Council.

New York State's [Open Meetings Law](#) provides the minimum guidelines and maximum timelines for releasing meeting minutes to the public. The minutes must both: consist of a record of all motions, matters voted on, and the vote counts taken by the body; and they must be released to the public, even if only as a draft, within two weeks from the meeting date. If the Council (or any other public body) finds it necessary to enter into Executive Session at any point during a meeting, minutes from that meeting must be made available within one week instead.

Even though Open Meetings Law only requires that the key information from meetings be entered into the official record, the Common Council strives to ensure that its minutes contain as much information as possible in an effort to govern openly and transparently. This includes information on the public hearings conducted, public comments given during the meeting, communications received from city officials, and miscellaneous business that does not neatly fit into business voted on by the Council. These can be found in their respective sections in the minutes.

Ready to take a peek at the minutes? Visit our [Agenda Center](#)! If you are looking for minutes of a *Caucus/Work Session, Emergency/Special Meeting, or Committee Meeting*, they are right on the main page of the Agenda Center, listed under the "Minutes" column next to the meeting entry.

Meeting minutes for a *Regular Meeting*, on the other hand, are included alongside the Agenda, Supporting Legislation, and Active Legislation to give constituents a one-

stop-shop for all of that meeting's materials. You can reach them by clicking into the agenda entry and scrolling through the outline until you reach "Minutes".

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## **Committee Reports**

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

The committee met on May 1 to discuss Local Law B of 2024, Local Law C of 2024, Ordinance 2.21.24, and Ordinance 9.41.24, all of which can be found [here](#). Local Law C of 2024, Ordinance 2.21.24, and Ordinance 9.41.24 moved forward with a favorable recommendation. Local Law B of 2024 moved forward with a favorable recommendation pending amendments.

### **Human Resources and Human Rights Committee**

The committee met on May 2 to discuss the 2023 Equity Audit of the City of Albany, which can be found [here](#).

### **Joint Finance, Assessment and Taxation & Human Resources and Human Rights Committee**

The joint committee met on May 13 to discuss Local Law I of 2022, which can be found [here](#). The local law was held.

### **Housing and Community Development Committee**

The committee met on May 22 to discuss the Albany Community Development Agency's (ACDA's) Community Development Block Grant Year 50 funding and accompanying presentation, which can be found [here](#).

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

The committee met on May 29 to discuss Resolution 39.42.24R and Resolution 46.51.24R, both of which can be found [here](#). Both resolutions moved forward with favorable recommendations.

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## **Legislation Passed**

### **Local Law B of 2024 Sponsored by Zamer**

A LOCAL LAW AMENDING CHAPTER 42 (DEPARTMENTS AND COMMISSIONS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY BY ADDING A NEW PART 42 THERETO CREATING THE CITY OF ALBANY ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLANNING COMMISSION

### **Ordinance 2.21.24 Sponsored by Farrell**

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ARTICLE I (TAXICABS) OF CHAPTER 353 (VEHICLES FOR HIRE) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY

### **Ordinance 5.22.24 (MC) Sponsored by Frederick**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$4,300,000.00 AND

AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,300,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (LAW – SETTLEMENT PAYMENT)

**Ordinance 7.32.24 Sponsored by Balarin**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT OVER A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY AT 327 WASHINGTON AVENUE (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 65.71-1-55) TO NIAGARA MOHAWK POWER CORPORATION FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF POWER SUPPLY TO THE EV CHARGERS THAT WILL BE INSTALLED ON THE PROPERTY

**Ordinance 9.41.24 Sponsored by Robinson**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 359 (VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO THE PARKING OF LARGE VEHICLES IN SCHOOL ZONES

**Resolution 26.32.24R Sponsored by Frederick**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2024 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

**Resolution 38.42.24R Sponsored by Frederick**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A TRANSFER OF BUDGETED FUNDS AND A CHANGE IN THE AUTHORIZED POSITIONS INCLUDED IN THE 2024 CITY BUDGET, WHICH WILL AFFECT A SALARY RATE OR SALARY TOTAL

**Resolution 41.51.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING AND ENDORSING THE APPLICATION OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION UNDER ROUND 8 OF THE RESTORE NY COMMUNITIES INITIATIVE MUNICIPAL GRANT PROGRAM FOR FUNDING TO ASSIST THE PRINCE HALL APARTMENTS PROJECT LOCATED AT 135 SOUTH PEARL STREET AND 120 MADISON AVENUE IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 42.51.24R Sponsored by Adams**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 43.51.24R Sponsored by Flynn**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MAY 2024 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 44.51.24R Sponsored by Adams**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING MAY 2024 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 45.51.24R Sponsored by Romero**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2024, AS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

**Resolution 47.51.24R Sponsored by Zamer**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

**Resolution 48.51.24R Sponsored by Johnson**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AMENDING 69.91.18R, WHICH IN TURN HAD AMENDED RESOLUTION 30.52.18R THAT AUTHORIZED AND DIRECTED THE ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDS FROM THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION FOR THE SOUTH END TRAIL CONECTOR LOW LINE LINEAR PARK

**Resolution 49.51.24R Sponsored by Balarin**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ACKNOWLEDGING DIFFICULTIES WITH THE 2024 REASSESSMENT AND DIRECTING THE ASSESSOR TO TAKE ANY AND ALL LEGAL ACTIONS AVAILABLE TO HIM TO ASSIST RESIDENTS IN CONTESTING THEIR ASSESSMENTS

**Resolution 50.51.24R Sponsored by Hoey**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

**Resolution 51.51.24R (MC) Sponsored by Anane**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CALLING FOR NEW YORK STATE TO TAKE STRICTER MEASURES ON PENALIZING INDIVIDUALS WHO BREAK LOCAL ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE STATUTES

**Resolution 52.52.24R Sponsored by Farrell**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENACTING A HOME RULE MESSAGE TO THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL A10011 AND SENATE BILL S9108 ENTITLED: "AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 123 OF THE LAWS OF 2014 AMENDING THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW, AND THE PUBLIC OFFICERS LAW RELATING TO OWNER LIABILITY FOR FAILURE OF AN OPERATOR TO COMPLY WITH TRAFFIC-CONTROL INDICATIONS, IN RELATION TO EXTENDING THE PROVISIONS OF SUCH CHAPTER"

**Resolution 53.53.24R Sponsored by Adams**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE DORMITORY AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE LINCOLN PARK POOL DESIGN PROJECT

**Resolution 55.53.24R Sponsored by Hoey**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT OF A NEW SOCCER STADIUM IN DOWNTOWN ALBANY

**Resolution 56.53.24R Sponsored by Love**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND WELCOMING THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE 2024 YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT EVENT

**Resolution 57.53.24R (MC) Sponsored by Anane**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF ALBANY REGARDING THE CITY'S USE OF A COUNTY-OWNED LOCATION FOR A DATA BACKUP AND RECOVERY SITE

**Resolution 58.53.24R (MC) Sponsored by Robinson**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2024 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH

**Resolution 59.53.24R (MC) Sponsored by Clarke**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE'S "HEALTHY HOMES RIGHT TO KNOW ACT", WHICH REQUIRES THE DISPLAY OF CERTAIN LABELS AND WARNINGS ON GAS STOVES

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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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