



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL OCTOBER 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

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

October 3, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 7, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
October 8, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 10, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 15, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 16, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
October 21, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
October 23, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 28, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development and Land Use
October 29, 5:30 PM	Finance, Assessment and Taxation
October 30, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Finance, Assessment and Taxation

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](#).

A Constituent’s Guide to the Albany Common Council: How does budget season work?*

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

Budget season is upon us. In fact, it never quite left: you are always welcome to approach [your councilmember](#) with ideas on how to prioritize funding in your ward and across the City. But with the beginning of October comes the official introduction of the City’s budget for the upcoming fiscal year, and with it, the official start of the budget process. So says the [City Charter](#), which outlines the entire process from start to finish.

On October 1, Mayor Sheehan presented the first draft of the City of Albany’s 2025 Budget. At its October 7 Regular Meeting, the Common Council introduced Ordinance 28.101.24, which can be found [here](#). This ordinance is the Council’s means of considering the budget, and from here, it’s the Council’s responsibility to either accept the budget as proposed or amend it based on department needs and constituent priorities.

The Council dedicates most of its October meetings to hearing from each City department. Departments present on their budget needs and wants, and it’s up to the Council to weigh these asks against one another and against input from constituents. On October 21, the Council will hold its first public hearing on the proposed budget. Following the hearing and additional Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

meetings, the Council must either adopt or amend the budget. It has until November 30 to send its decision—including a list of all amendments and their related explanations—back to the Mayor for approval.

From here, the process quickens. The Mayor has until December 10 to adopt the budget as amended or veto any of the proposed amendments. If the Mayor vetoes any of the Council’s amendments, the Council has until December 20 to override those vetoes. At this point, the budget is finalized, and the City’s forecasted revenues and expenditures for 2024 are set.

You can find a detailed schedule of department presentations, public hearings and potential votes [here](#). If you are interested in learning about or speaking on an area of city government that matters to you, there’s no better time to get involved.

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Committee Reports

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee

The committee met on September 9 hear from the Department of Planning and Development on their annual USDO report and discuss Ordinance 17.53.24. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Council Operations and Ethics Committee

The committee met on September 10 to discuss Local Law F of 2024. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement Committee

The committee met on September 24 to discuss Ordinance 16.42.23, Ordinance 18.61.24, Ordinance 19.62.24, and Ordinance 24.81.24. Ordinance 19.62.24 was advanced by the committee with a positive recommendation. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Ethics and Workforce Culture Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee met on September 25 to discuss organizing its work. The committee moved to introduce a resolution in furtherance of its work at the next meeting of the Common Council. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee met on September 30 to discuss Resolution 85.81.24R and to interview candidates for appointment to the Public, Education and Government Access Oversight Board. Meeting materials may be found [here](#).

Legislation Passed

Resolution 96.91.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING SEPTEMBER AS SUICIDE AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 97.91.24R Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING SEPTEMBER 2, 2024 AS LABOR DAY

Resolution 98.91.24R Sponsored by Romero

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AUGUST 31, 2024 AS INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY AND SEPTEMBER 19 AS NEW YORK'S STATEWIDE OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

Resolution 99.91.24R Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING MILTON MANUEL ARROYO AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Resolution 100.91.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DAYONNA BOWLES AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC ART

Resolution 101.91.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DOCTOR ALICE GREEN AND THE IMPACT SHE LEFT ON THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 103.92.24R Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VIOLENCE PREVENTION TASK FORCE

Resolution 104.92.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HERITAGE AND CULTURE OF LATINOS IN THE UNITED STATES AND THE IMMENSE CONTRIBUTIONS OF LATINOS TO THE UNITED STATES

Resolution 106.92.24R Sponsored by Clarke

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE DANKER VILLAGE TENANTS UNION AND THEIR DEMAND TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT OF CASS HILL DEVELOPMENT

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