



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL DECEMBER 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

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December 2, 6:30PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
December 4, 5:30PM	Ethics & Workforce Culture Ad-Hoc Committee Meeting
December 10, 5:30PM	Council Operations & Ethics Committee Meeting
December 11, 5:30PM	Caucus/Work Session
December 16, 6:30PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting

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: What are all those meeting documents?

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

Council staffers prepare a set of documents for councilmembers and constituents ahead of every Regular Meeting. Each of these documents is related to the legislation before the Council, and each serves a different organizational purpose. You can follow along with the below examples by heading to the [November 4 Regular Meeting page](#) in the Council's Agenda Center.

The [Agenda](#) has two main functions: It lays out the order of operations for each meeting, and it catalogues the titles and locations of each piece of legislation being considered by the Council. This second function makes it a useful tool for tracking legislation as it's introduced—see the Local Laws, Ordinances, or Resolutions Introduced sections—and as it heads through committee—see the Local Laws, Ordinances, or Resolutions Held sections.

The [Active Calendar](#), included in the Agenda, lists the title of each piece of legislation up for a vote at the Regular Meeting. This document sometimes includes notes on steps needed for the legislation's passage—discussions at a scheduled meeting or amendments prior to a final vote, for example.

Staff compile all legislation set to be introduced to the Council in a packet called the [Supporting Legislation](#). Here, you'll find not only the titles of new pieces of legislation but also their full texts.

If you're looking instead for the previously held legislation that the Council is set to vote upon, you'll find it in the [Active Legislation](#). Like the Supporting Legislation, this packet contains the titles and full texts of relevant local laws, ordinances, and resolutions.

Staff publish the Agenda, Active Calendar, Supporting Legislation, and Active Legislation prior to each Regular Meeting's associated Caucus/Work Session. You can find these documents and more in the Council's [Agenda Center](#).

Committee Reports

Ethics and Workforce Culture Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee met on October 7 to discuss Resolution 115.101.24R which can be found [here](#).

Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

The committee met on October 1 to discuss the City of Albany 2025 Fiscal year Budget, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met on October 3 to consider the Debt Report Presentation, the Budget Office and Department of Administrative Services Budget Presentation, and a Q&A on the Proposed Budget, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 8 to review the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Budget Presentation and the Albany Police Budget Presentation, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 10 to review the Department of Recreation Budget Presentation and the Youth and Workforce Budget Presentation, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 15 to discuss Resolution 107.101.24R and budget presentations from the Departments of Law, Community Services, Planning and Development, and Buildings and Regulatory Compliance, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 23 to review Resolution 82.81.24R and budget presentations from Albany Water Department, the Department of General Services, and the Department of Engineering, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 29 to review the Debt Report Presentation by Treasurer Darius Shahinfar, the Community Police Review Board Budget Presentation. They also discussed budget recommendations and bond Ordinances 30-64.102.24, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met October 30 to consider budget recommendations and bond Ordinances 30-64.102.24, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met November 6 to review budget recommendations and bond Ordinances 30-64.102.24, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met November 13 to discuss budget recommendations, bond Ordinances, Local Law K of 2024, Ordinance 28.101.24, and Resolution 123.111.24, which can be found [here](#).

General Services, Health and Environment Committee

The committee met November 18 to discuss Resolution 77.72.24R and Resolution 128.112.24R, which can be found [here](#).

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee

The Committee met October 28 to discuss Resolution 93.91.24R, Resolution 94.91.24R, Resolution 102.92.24R, Ordinance 27.91.24, and Ordinance 23.81.24, which can be found [here](#).

The Committee met November 19 to consider Ordinances 66.111.24, 17.53.24, and 27.91.24, which can be found [here](#).

Public Safety

The Committee met October 22 to discuss Animal Control concerns and bid farewell to Chief Hawkins, which can be found [here](#).

Legislation Passed

Resolution 54.53.24R Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENCOURAGING OUR COMMUNITY TO SUPPORT THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Resolution 77.72.24R Sponsored by Robinson

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF GAIL S. ELLIOT AND RENAMING A PORTION OF NORTHERN BOULEVARD IN HER HONOR

Resolution 85.81.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING KIRK DANIELS TO THE PUBLIC, EDUCATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCESS OVERSIGHT BOARD

Resolution 93.91.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING TINA LIEBERMAN AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Resolution 94.91.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING GABRIELLA CEBADA MORA AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Resolution 102.92.24R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH SPECTRUM NORTHEAST LLC

Ordinance 28.101.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE CITY OF ALBANY BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025, AS PRESENTED BY THE MAYOR ON OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND AS AMENDED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL

Resolution 107.101.24R 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 108.101.24R Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE LOCALLY-ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD CLASSES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW

Resolution 109.101.24R Sponsored by Farrell

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTING THE ISOLATION OF THE WADSWORTH CENTER PROJECT AND CALLING FOR THE GREATER INCORPORATION OF THE PLOT INTO THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 110.101.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING THE WORK AND ACTIVISM OF THE BLACK NURSES COALITION IN RAISING BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Resolution 111.101.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 7 THROUGH OCTOBER 11, 2024 TO BE DIGITAL INCLUSION WEEK IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 112.101.24R Sponsored by Farrell

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL HONORING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Resolution 113.101.24R Sponsored by Romero

A RESOLUTION HONORING OCTOBER 14, 2024 AS INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 114.101.24R Sponsored by Flynn

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL COMMEMORATING OCTOBER AS NATIONAL ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH.

Resolution 115.101.24R Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DEMANDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO FURNISH BOOKS, VOUCHERS, AND PAPERS FOR THE COMMON COUNCIL INVESTIGATION OF WORKFORCE CULTURE

Resolution 116.101.24R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE SCHOLARSHIP CREATED BY RICHARD AND JANET YULMAN FOR STUDENTS IN ARBOR HILL TO ATTEND COLLEGE AND RECOGNIZING THE RECIPIENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK

Local Law K of 2024 Sponsored by Frederick

A LOCAL LAW OVERRIDING THE TAX LEVY LIMIT LAW FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

Resolution 117.102.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING OCTOBER 20, 2024 TO BE COMMUNITY MEDIA DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 118.102.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING OCTOBER 21, 2024 THROUGH OCTOBER 27, 2024 AS FREE SPEECH WEEK IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 120.102.24R Sponsored by Hoey

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

Resolution 121.102.24R Sponsored by Romero

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL URGING THE NEW YORK STATE GOVERNMENT TO PASS A BUDGET IN 2025 THAT RAISES TAXES ON THE WEALTHIEST NEW YORKERS AND FUNDS INVESTMENTS

Resolution 122.111.24R Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

Resolution 123.111.24R Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OUTLINING ITS ACTIONS AND EXPRESSING ITS FINDINGS AND INTENT CONCERNING THE CITY OF ALBANY 2025 BUDGET AS PROPOSED IN ORDINANCE 28.101.24

Resolution 124.111.24R (MC) Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN RECOGNITION OF THE CAPITAL REGION BLACK HEALTH & WELLNESS EXHIBITION HOSTED BY VICTORIA FITNESS

Resolution 125.112.24R Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF A UNIFIED IRELAND

Resolution 126.112.24R Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE ALBANY HIGH FALCONS BOYS VARSITY SOCCER TEAM

Resolution 127.112.24R Sponsored by Flynn

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING NOVEMBER 2024 AS EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

Resolution 128.112.24R Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JEFFREY A. FRYAR, SR AND RENAMING SLINGERLAND STREET IN HIS HONOR

Resolution 129.112.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 27.91.24 AND DECLARING IT A TYPE I ACTION

Resolution 130.112.24R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL EXPRESSING CONCERN

REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF AMTRAK SERVICE TO NEW YORK CITY

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