



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MARCH 2025 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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March 3, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
March 11, 5:30 PM	General Services, Health and Environment Committee
March 12, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
March 17, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
March 20, 5:30 PM	Law, Buildings and Code Enforcement

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

A Constituent's Guide to the Albany Common Council, Part 15: What is the Violence Prevention Task Force?

Each month, we'll discuss all things Common Council.

The City of Albany's government hosts over twenty primarily volunteer-operated [boards and commissions](#) who steer and advise on essential facets of city operations. The [Violence Prevention Task Force](#) is one of these vital bodies!

The creation of the Task Force was called for within the Equity Agenda ([Chapter 183 of the Code of the City of Albany](#)), which was adopted by the Common Council in October 2019. The Equity Agenda established the Violence Prevention Task Force's responsibility to recommend action items to be considered by city officials in preparation for the uptick in violence associated with summertime. Additionally, the Violence Prevention Task Force is involved in a community-oriented budgeting process which allocates annual funding to violence prevention initiatives in Wards most affected by violence.

The Violence Prevention Task Force is currently accepting applications for appointment from qualified individuals who are passionate about addressing violence in the City of Albany. Those with related professional, academic, and life experience that can commit to attending regular in-person meetings are encouraged to submit an application. If you are interested in applying, review the [Call for Application](#) for more information!

If you are simply interested in supporting the Task Force or keeping up with their activities feel free to view their previous agendas and minutes on [Agenda Center](#) or attend a meeting! Violence Prevention Task Force Meetings are welcome to the public—stop by a meeting in the Common Council Chambers (24 Eagle Street) or attend virtually by watching on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)!

Committee Reports

Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

The committee met on February 18 to discuss Ordinance 11.51.24, Ordinance 67.112.24, and Resolution 105.92.24R, which were all passed out of committee with positive recommendation. The full text of the legislation can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Legislation passed

Ordinance 11.51.24 Sponsored by Johnson

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF 92 ALEXANDER STREET (TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 76.64-2-11) TO BENJAMIN MORTON

Ordinance 30.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$937,500 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$937,500 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DEPARTMENT OF LAW – LEGAL SETTLEMENT)

Ordinance 31.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$762,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$494,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – WASHINGTON PARK TRAFFIC RECONFIGURATION)

Ordinance 32.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING– TRAFFIC SPEED REDUCTION)

Ordinance 33.102.24 Sponsored By Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$330,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$330,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT)

Ordinance 34.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – TRAFFIC STUDIES)

Ordinance 35.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – ROADWAY STRIPING)

Ordinance 36.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,100,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – TRAFFIC SIGNAL IMPROVEMENTS)

Ordinance 37.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$180,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$180,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – TRAFFIC SIGN PRINTER)

Ordinance 38.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 56.102.23, WHICH AUTHORIZED CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (TRAFFIC ENGINEERING – ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE) BY INCREASING SUCH AUTHORIZATION TO \$1,500,000

Ordinance 39.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$650,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$650,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – STREETLIGHTS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS)

Ordinance 40.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$100,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$100,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – GREENHOUSE REPLACEMENT)

Ordinance 41.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,366,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,366,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN)

Ordinance 42.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$2,747,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$2,747,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT)

Ordinance 43.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – PUBLIC BATHROOMS)

Ordinance 44.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,178,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,178,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – HUDSON RIVER GATEWAYS)

Ordinance 45.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – SECURITY FENCE INSTALLATION)

Ordinance 465.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$250,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$250,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – STREETSCAPE AND PARK FIXTURES)

Ordinance 47.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$340,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$340,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – EQUIPMENT & FIXTURES)

Ordinance 48.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$450,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$450,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – CAPITAL HILLS REHABILITATION & IMPROVEMENTS)

Ordinance 49.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – STORAGE SHEDS)

Ordinance 50.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – ADA COMPLIANCE)

Ordinance 51.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$600,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$600,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION)

Ordinance 52.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,000,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$5,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (ENGINEERING – STREET RECONSTRUCTION)

Ordinance 53.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$3,210,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,210,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (DGS – SOLID WASTE VEHICLES & EQUIPMENT)

Ordinance 54.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – ENTERPRISE RESOURCE PLANNING SYSTEM)

Ordinance 55.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$750,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (APD – PUBLIC SAFETY IT SYSTEMS)

Ordinance 56.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$500,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$500,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (APD – POLICE STATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)

Ordinance 57.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (APD – MOTOR VEHICLES)

Ordinance 58.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$1,750,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,750,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (AFD – FIRE VEHICLES)

Ordinance 59.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$300,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$300,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (AFD – FIRE STATION INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)

Ordinance 60.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 66.102.23, WHICH AUTHORIZED CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$10,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$12,000,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (RECREATION – WEST HILL COMMUNITY CENTER) BY INCREASING SUCH MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST TO \$20,500,000 AND SUCH AUTHORIZATIONS TO \$18,500,000

Ordinance 61.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 67.102.23, WHICH AUTHORIZED CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$5,000,000 AND AUTHORIZED THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$7,400,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (RECREATION – HOFFMAN COMMUNITY CENTER) BY INCREASING SUCH MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST TO \$10,150,000 AND SUCH AUTHORIZATIONS TO \$7,750,000

Ordinance 62.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$380,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$380,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (RECREATION – PLAYGROUNDS)

Ordinance 63.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$390,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$390,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (RECREATION – SPRAY PADS)

Ordinance 64.102.24 Sponsored by Frederick

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PURCHASES BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$150,000 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$150,000 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (RECREATION – MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT)

Ordinance 67.112.24 Sponsored by Robinson

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A PORTION OF TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBER 65.74-1-36, LOCATED BETWEEN LIVINGSTON AVENUE AND THIRD STREET, TO THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD HISTORY PROJECT OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. D/B/A UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EDUCATION CENTER

Resolution 105.92.24R Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAPPOINTING STEPHEN MC LAUGHLIN AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Resolution 119.102.24R Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING EMILY SOWEK AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY POLICE REVIEW BOARD

Resolution 4.12.25R Sponsored by Love

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING ROGER AND MARIA MARKOVICS FOR THEIR HOUSING ADVOCACY AND LEGACY

Resolution 7.21.25R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DEMETRA BROWN AS A MARRIAGE OFFICER

Resolution 8.21.25R Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING LUNAR NEW YEAR AND RECOGNIZING ITS CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE

Resolution 9.21.25R Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING BLACK HISTORY MONTH AND THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO RAISE THE PAN-AFRICAN FLAG ON CITY HALL ANNUALLY IN SOLIDARITY

Resolution 10.21.25R Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT OF ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND THEIR INDUCTION INTO THE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY

Resolution 11.21.25R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING GRACE HOTOPP AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

Resolution 12.21.25R Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING ZACHARY CUNNINGHAM AS A MEMBER OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

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