



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL JUNE 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

June 4, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development & Land Use
June 5, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
June 10, 5:30 PM	Parks, Recreation & Family Services
June 11, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
June 16, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
June 17, 5:30 PM	Parks, Recreation & Family Services

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: What’s in a name?

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

Most legislation heads to committee after its introduction. The Common Council [Rules of Procedure](#) outline the roles of the Council’s [nine standing committees](#), which consist of five councilmembers appointed biennially—that’s once every two years—by the President Pro Tempore. The first councilmember listed on each committee roster is that committee’s chair.

Committee chairs call meetings when legislation in the committee’s possession needs considering or when matters related to the committee’s jurisdiction need discussing. When it comes to considering legislation, committees are the site of the bulk of the Council’s conversations on proposed laws. Department heads, City employees, elected officials and constituents often join in on these conversations, and their result is usually one of a few possibilities: A committee might decide to hold a piece of legislation for future consideration, to recommend certain changes to the legislation or to move legislation forward with a favorable recommendation. In these last two cases, it’s back to the full council for a vote upon the legislation’s amendment and passage, respectively.

While some committees are more active than others—the Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee, for example, meets frequently during budget season in October and November—all committees must hold at least two meetings each year. You can find more on past and future committee meetings by visiting the Council’s [calendar](#).

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Committee Reports

Human Resources & Human Rights Committee

The committee met on May 12 to discuss Ordinance 26.61.23 which was held for further discussion. The full text of the legislation can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Ethics & Workforce Culture Ad-Hoc Committee

The committee met on May 14 to discuss their workforce culture review. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Housing & Community Development Committee

The committee met on May 29 to discuss the Albany Community Development Agency. The meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

Legislation passed

Resolution 30.51.25R, Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS BIKE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 31.51.25R, Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPPORT OF PROTECTING NEIGHBORHOOD SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICES, MEDICARE, AND MEDICAID

Resolution 32.51.25R, Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL COMMEMORATING THE WEEK OF MAY 5TH THROUGH MAY 9TH AS PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK

Resolution 33.51.25R, Sponsored by Kimbrough

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO HIRE GARRETT SCHAFF FOR THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR POSITION

Resolution 34.51.25R, Sponsored by Zamer

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS JEWISH HERITAGE MONTH

Resolution 35.51.25R, Sponsored by Flynn

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING MAY 2025 AS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 36.51.25R, Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING MAY 2025 AS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 37.51.25R, Sponsored by Keegan

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY RECOGNIZING MAY 1, 2025, AS INTERNATIONAL WORKERS' DAY

Resolution 38.51.25R, Sponsored by Robinson

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING JAYDEN GOODBEE AND THE WORK HE HAS DONE FOR HIS COMMUNITY

Resolution 39.51.25R, Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ENACTING A HOME RULE MESSAGE TO THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE REQUESTING THE ENACTMENT OF ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 8342 AND SENATE BILL NO. S7744, ENTITLED: “AN ACT TO AMEND CHAPTER 885 OF THE LAWS OF 1953 AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ALBANY TO DISCONTINUE THE USE OF CERTAIN PARK LANDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF USING SUCH LANDS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PURPOSES, IN RELATION TO AUTHORIZING THE USE OF SUCH LANDS FOR ANY SCHOOL PURPOSES”

Resolution 40.51.25R, Sponsored by Adams

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC COUNCIL AND CELEBRATING THEIR 95TH FOUNDERS’ DAY

Resolution 41.51.25R (MC), Sponsored by Anane

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 4TH THROUGH MAY 10TH AS NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK AND CELEBRATING ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 42.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Balarin

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING MONDAY, MAY 26, 2025 TO BE MEMORIAL DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY AND HONORING AMERICA’S FALLEN SOLDIERS

Resolution 44.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Conti

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 20, 2025, AS WORLD BEE DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 45.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Farrell

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 31, 2025, AS WORLD NO TOBACCO DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

Resolution 46.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Flynn

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 2025 AS AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS (ALS) AWARENESS MONTH

Resolution 47.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Frederick

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLES OF DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Resolution 48.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Hoey

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF SIDEWALKS AND OTHER FORMS OF PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE CITY

Resolution 49.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Johnson

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING AND RECOGNIZING THE MUSICAL TALENTS OF CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALBANY STUDENTS

Resolution 51.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Love

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND WELCOMING THE STUDENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE 2025 YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT EVENT

Resolution 52.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Robinson

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING MAY 20, 2025, AS WORLD BEE DAY IN THE CITY OF ALBANY A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES FUNDING

Resolution 53.52.25R (MC), Sponsored by Zamer

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE 77TH ANNUAL TULIP FESTIVAL IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

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