



## ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL JULY-AUGUST 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*

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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

August 4, 6:00 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
August 7, 5:30 PM	Parks, Recreation & Family Services Committee
August 11, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee
August 12, 5:30 PM	Public Safety Committee
August 18, 6:00 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
August 19, 5:30 PM	Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee

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](#).

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## A Constituent’s Guide to the Albany Common Council: Takin’ Care of Business

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

Every Regular Meeting of the Common Council follows the order of business laid out in the Council’s [Rules of Procedure](#). Article 2, Section 2.4 details these guidelines: Each meeting starts with a roll call of members present, a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence. If a public hearing is scheduled for the meeting, it comes next, and so on until the Council has dispensed with miscellaneous business and called for adjournment.

So say the rules, but in practice, this order is more flexible. Often, no legislation is scheduled for a public hearing. Sometimes, there are no new local laws ready for introduction and no held local laws ready for consideration. And it’s rare for the Council to consider official petitions. The Council can skip entire sections of the agenda depending on the business before it.

At other times, it’s appropriate to formally modify the order of business. Councilmembers can move to take items [out of order](#), [add items](#) to the agenda, and lengthen [public comment](#) periods. Any motion that modifies the order of business requires “the consent of a majority present,” which usually looks like a voice vote upon the question. (Extending public comment period, which is initially limited to a pair of 30-minute sessions split between the beginning and end of the meeting, is the most common of these modifications. For more on public comment period, see Section 2.5.).

You can find all meeting documents relevant to the order of business in the Council’s [Agenda Center](#). Please note that all documents are filed by the year of their associated meetings; to find agendas from previous years’ meetings, you’ll need to select the year of the meeting next to the “Common Council Caucus & Regular Meeting” or committee header.

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## Committee Reports

### Finance Assessment and Taxation Committee

The committee met on July 30 to discuss Resolutions 68.71.25R, 15.32.25R and 64.62.25R. The committee also discussed Ordinances 4.41.25 (MC), 6.61.25, 7.61.25 9.71.25, 10.71.25. All legislation was 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](#).

### Parks, Recreation & Family Services Committee

The committee met on June 10 to interview perspective applicants for appointment to the Commission on Monuments and Public Art and the Task Force on the Municipal Flag. The Call for Applications for the Commission on Monuments and Public Art can be found [here](#) and the Call for Applications for the Task Force on the Municipal Flag can be found [here](#); the meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

The committee met on June 17 to interview perspective applicants for appointment to the Commission on Monuments and Public Art and the Task Force on the Municipal Flag. The Call for Applications for the Commission on Monuments and Public Art can be found [here](#) and the Call for Applications for the Task Force on the Municipal Flag can be found [here](#); the meeting agenda can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

The committee met on July 7 to interview perspective applicants for appointment to the Task Force on the Municipal Flag. The Call for Applications for the Task Force on the Municipal Flag can be found [here](#), the meeting agenda can be found [here](#), and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

### Planning, Economic Development & Land Use Committee

The committee met on June 4 to discuss Ordinance 68.121.24, which was 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](#).

The committee met on June 16 to discuss Ordinance 3.41.25, which was held for further discussion. The full text of the legislation can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

The committee met on June 25 to interview perspective applicants for appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission and to discuss Ordinance 20.62.24 and Ordinance 1.22.25, which were both held for further discussion. The full text of the legislation can be found [here](#) and the meeting recording can be found [here](#).

The committee met on July 9 to discuss Resolution 62.62.25R and Ordinance 3.41.25, which were both 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](#).

The committee met on July 31 to interview perspective applicants for the appointment to the Active Transportation Planning Commission, Ordinance 11.72.25, Ordinance 12.72.25, and Ordinance 20.62.24. Ordinance 11.72.25 and Ordinance 12.72.25 were passed out of committee with positive recommendation. The full text of the legislation can be found [here](#) and the meeting minutes can be found [here](#).

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## **Legislation passed**

### **Ordinance 26.91.24 (Kimbrough)**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE IIA (HONORARY STREET NAMINGS) OF CHAPTER 323 (STREETS AND SIDEWALKS) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY IN RELATION TO EXPANDING AND CLARIFYING HONORARY STREET NAMINGS BY ELECTED OFFICIALS

### **Resolution 16.32.25R (Love)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF WINNIE MAE EVERETT AND RENAMING A PORTION OF SHERIDAN AVENUE IN HER HONOR

### **Resolution 30.51.25R (Adams)**

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

### **Resolution 31.51.25R (Hoey)**

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

### **Resolution 32.51.25R (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 (Kimbrough)**

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

### **Resolution 34.51.25R (Zamer)**

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

### **Resolution 35.51.25R (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 (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 (Keegan)**

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

### **Resolution 38.51.25R (Robinson)**

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

### **Resolution 39.52.25R (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 40.52.25R (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 41.52.25R (MC) (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) (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) (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) (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) (Flynn)**

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

**Resolution 47.52.25R (MC) (Frederick)**

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

**Resolution 48.52.25R (MC) (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) (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) (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) (Robinson)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF RESTORING THE INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES FUNDING

**Resolution 53.52.25R (MC) (Zamer)**

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

**Resolution 54.61.25R (Farrell)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CALLING ON THE NEW YORK POWER AUTHORITY TO ALIGN WITH THE GOALS OF THE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION ACT

**Resolution 55.61.25R (Conti)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING AND CELEBRATING JUNE AS LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 56.61.25R (Zamer)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF THE "HONORING OUR PLEDGE TO ELIMINATE ANTI-SEMITISM (HOPE) ACT" (SENATE BILL 7034/ASSEMBLY BILL 2139)

**Resolution 58.61.25R (Hoey)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE CITY CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE EAGLE POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CO-ED BASKETBALL TEAM FOR THE FIRST TIME IN SCHOOL HISTORY

**Resolution 60.61.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING JUNE, 2025 AS CARIBBEAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 61.61.25R (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. 8342A AND SENATE BILL NO. S7744A, 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 65.62.25R (Adams)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF ALBANY, NEW YORK DECLARING THE WEEK OF JUNE 16, 2025 TO BE BLACK RESTAURANT WEEK

**Resolution 66.62.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL RECOGNIZING JUNE 19, 2025 AS "JUNETEENTH INDEPENDENCE DAY" IN RECOGNITION OF JUNE 19, 1865, THE DATE ON WHICH NEWS OF THE END OF SLAVERY REACHED THOSE ENSLAVED IN THE SOUTHWESTERN STATES

**Resolution 67.62.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING JUNE 6, 2025 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY AND PROCLAIMING JUNE 2025 AS NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 50.52.25R (MC) (Keegan)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DESIGNATING JULY AS DISABILITY PRIDE MONTH

**Resolution 70.71.25R (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 71.71.25R (Hoey)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING JULY 4, 2025 AS INDEPENDENCE DAY

**Resolution 73.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING JONATHON NIX AS A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ON MONUMENTS AND PUBLIC ART

**Resolution 74.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING BRYAN FONDER AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE MUNICIPAL FLAG

**Resolution 75.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING LIZ RICHARDS HART AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE MUNICIPAL FLAG

**Resolution 76.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING DUNCAN LINDSAY AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE MUNICIPAL FLAG

**Resolution 77.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING BENJAMIN HOUCK AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE MUNICIPAL FLAG

**Resolution 78.71.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL APPOINTING JONATHAN PATRIZIO AS A MEMBER OF THE TASK FORCE ON THE MUNICIPAL FLAG

**Resolution 79.71.25R (MC) Adams**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CELEBRATING THE ALBANY FIREBIRD'S HISTORIC UNDEFEATED 2025 SEASON AND 2025 ARENA CROWN CHAMPIONSHIP WIN

**Resolution 80.71.25R (MC) (Balarin)**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALBANY COUNTY LAND BANK IN ITS APPLICATION TO EMPIRE STATE DEVELOPMENT'S PRO HOUSING SUPPLY FUNDS PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE ONTARIO STREET DEVELOPMENT

**Resolution 81.72.25R (Farrell)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE CITY OF ALBANY NATURAL RESOURCE INVENTORY PROJECT

**Resolution 82.72.25R (Robinson)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR PARKS, PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING TOWARDS THE "SWINBURNE PARK ICE RINK ROOF AND PARK PLAN PROJECT"

**Resolution 83.72.25R (Balarin)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE ALBANY 2030 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE PROJECT

**Resolution 84.72.25R (Farrell)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE CITY OF ALBANY HVAC FEASIBILITY STUDY PROJECT

**Resolution 85.72.25R (Johnson)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND GRANT PROGRAM FOR PARKS, PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING TOWARDS THE "LINCOLN PARK NORTH WOODS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE AND DESIGN PLAN PROJECT"

**Resolution 86.72.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 23.81.24 AND DECLARING IT A TYPE I ACTION

**Resolution 87.72.25R (Anane)**

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ACT AS LEAD AGENCY FOR THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW OF ORDINANCE 68.121.24 AND DECLARING IT A TYPE I ACTION

**Resolution 90.72.25R Balarin**

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ALBANY COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, CONSERVATION, AND PLANNING IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SMART GROWTH COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAM FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE ALBANY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PROJECT

**Resolution 91.72.25R (Balarin)** RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY LOAN FUND OF THE CAPITAL REGION, INC. IN ITS APPLICATION TO NEW YORK STATE HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL FOR STATE ASSISTANCE IN FUNDING THE SOUTH END MAIN STREET DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN THE CITY OF ALBANY

**Resolution 92.71.25R (Balarin)**

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF CAPITAL STREETS IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF PARKS, RECREATION AND PRESERVATION ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FUND GRANTS PROGRAM FOR PARKS, PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE

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