



ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL DECEMBER 2023 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

December 4, 6:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session Followed by Regular Meeting
December 13, 5:30 PM	Caucus/Work Session
December 18, 6:30 PM	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, Part 6: 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 [December 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.

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.

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

Common Council News

[Albany Common Council Passes City of Albany Fiscal Year 2024 Budget](#)

Committee Reports

Finance, Assessment and Taxation Committee

The committee met on November 2 to discuss the 2024 City of Albany Budget and to consider bond ordinances, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met on November 8 to discuss the 2024 City of Albany Budget and to consider bond ordinances, which can be found [here](#).

The committee met on November 13 to discuss the 2024 City of Albany Budget and Resolution 110.111.23R, which can be found [here](#). The resolution moved forward with a favorable recommendation.

The committee met on November 15 to discuss the 2024 City of Albany Budget.

Planning, Economic Development and Land Use Committee

The committee met with Capitalize Albany on November 9 for a discussion of the Industrial Development Agency and Capital Resource Corporation 2022 Annual Report.

General Services, Health and Environment Committee

The committee met on November 16 to discuss Resolution 92.91.23R and Local Law K of 2023, each of which can be found [here](#). Both the resolution and the local law moved forward with favorable recommendations.

Public Safety Committee

The committee met on November 29 to discuss Local Law J of 2023 and Ordinance 75.112.23, each of which can be found [here](#). Both the local law and the ordinance moved forward with favorable recommendations.

Legislation Passed

Local Law H of 2023 Sponsored by Zamer

A local law amending Chapter 42 (Departments and Commissions) of the Code of the City of Albany by adding a new Part 41 thereto creating the City of Albany Commission on Monuments and Public Art

Ordinance 37.101.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance adopting the City of Albany Budget for Fiscal Year 2024, as presented by the Mayor on September 29, 2023

Ordinance 42.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$4,039,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$4,039,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – maintenance equipment)

Ordinance 43.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$291,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$291,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – vehicles)

Ordinance 44.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$700,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$700,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – security fence installation)

Ordinance 45.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$539,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$539,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – equipment & fixtures)

Ordinance 46.102.23 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 (DGS – fuel storage & distribution system)

Ordinance 47.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$200,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$200,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – Capital Hills rehabilitation & improvements)

Ordinance 48.102.23 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 – waste management plan)

Ordinance 49.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,984,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$1,984,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (DGS – solid waste vehicles)

Ordinance 50.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,000,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$2,000,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Engineering – renovations to city buildings)

Ordinance 51.102.23 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 (Traffic Engineering – speed reduction)

Ordinance 52.102.23 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 (Traffic Engineering – maintenance equipment)

Ordinance 53.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$700,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$700,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Engineering – streetlight capital improvements)

Ordinance 54.102.23 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 (Traffic Engineering – roadway striping)

Ordinance 55.102.23 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 (Traffic Engineering – traffic safety cameras)

Ordinance 56.102.23 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 (Engineering – electric vehicle infrastructure)

Ordinance 57.102.23 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 (Traffic Engineering – studies)

Ordinance 58.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,800,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$1,800,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Traffic Engineering – signal improvements)

Ordinance 59.102.23 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 (AFD – fire station infrastructure improvements)

Ordinance 60.102.23 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 (AFD – fire apparatus)

Ordinance 61.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,567,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$602,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Neighborhood and Community Services – Tivoli Park improvements)

Ordinance 62.102.23 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 (Neighborhood and Community Services – Hudson River gateways)

Ordinance 63.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$1,300,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the issuance of \$1,300,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (APD – police station infrastructure improvements)

Ordinance 64.102.23 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 (APD – mobile command unit)

Ordinance 65.102.23 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 (APD – public safety I.T. systems)

Ordinance 66.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$10,000,000 and authorizing 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)

Ordinance 67.102.23 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 \$7,400,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Recreation – Hoffman Recreation Center)

Ordinance 68.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance amending ordinance number 47.112.22 (as amended 12/22/2022), which authorized certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$5,000,000.00 and authorized the lease financing or the issuance of \$5,000,000.00 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Recreation – Lincoln Park Pool improvements) by increasing such authorization to \$20,000,000

Ordinance 70.102.23 Sponsored by Frederick

An ordinance authorizing certain purchases by the City of Albany, New York at a maximum estimated cost of \$200,000 and authorizing the lease financing or the

issuance of \$200,000 serial bonds of said city to pay the cost thereof (Recreation – spray pads)

Ordinance 71.102.23 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 (Recreation – Tricentennial Park improvements)

Ordinance 72.102.23 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 (Recreation – maintenance equipment)

Ordinance 73.102.23 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 (Recreation – Madison Park reimagining)

Resolution 108.111.23R Sponsored by Flynn

A resolution recognizing November 2023 as Epilepsy Awareness Month

Resolution 109.111.23R Sponsored by Anane

A resolution of the Common Council calling on the New York State Legislature and New York State Governor Kathy Hochul to provide the City of Albany with its fair share of unrestricted state aid and to make permanent a minimum of \$15 million in Capital City Funding

Resolution 110.111.23R Sponsored by Frederick

A resolution reappointing Richard McGlone as a member of the Board of Assessment Review

Resolution 111.111.23R Sponsored by Frederick

A resolution of the Common Council outlining its actions and expressing its findings and intent concerning the City of Albany 2024 Budget as proposed in Ordinance 37.101.23

Resolution 112.111.23R (MC) Sponsored by Keegan

A resolution condemning the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill known as the Legacy Bill

Resolution 114.112.23R Sponsored by Keegan

A resolution in recognition of Native American Heritage Month

Resolution 115.112.23R Sponsored by Romero

A resolution directing the City to use American Sign Language interpreters at all City press conferences held during emergency situations

Resolution 116.112.23R Sponsored by Romero

A resolution recognizing November 20th annually as Transgender Day of Remembrance and March 31st annually as Transgender Day of Visibility

Resolution 117.112.23R (MC) Sponsored by Farrell

A resolution of the Common Council on expanding affordable housing

Resolution 92.91.23R Sponsored by Robinson

A resolution encouraging the release of Environmental Bond Act funding for projects similar to the Patroon Creek Greenway

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