



## ALBANY CITY COUNCIL

### MINUTES

Wednesday, July 26, 2023  
Meeting  
Council Chambers, City Hall  
Approved: August 9, 2023

#### Call to Order

**6:00 p.m.**

Mayor Alex Johnson II called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

Councilors present: Mayor Alex Johnson II and Councilors Steph Newton, Matilda Novak, Jackie Montague, Ray Kopczynski, Ramycia McGhee, and Marilyn Smith

Councilors absent: None

#### Special presentation

**6:00 p.m.**

a. Community Doula Program

Community Doula Program members Melissa Cheyney, director and principal investigator, and Roslyn Burmood, program manager, presented a slideshow\* about the Community Doula Program, its mission, and its accomplishments.

Responding to questions from Councilor Ramycia McGhee and Councilor Steph Newton, Cheyney and Burmood spoke about their recruiting methods, certification requirements, the demographics of their doulas, and how the program is letting the public know about its services.

b. Community Outreach Assistance Team (COAT)

Carol Davies, outreach program director for Creating Housing Coalition (CHC), and Stacey Bartholomew, president of CHC, shared a slideshow\* about COAT, which is the outreach arm of CHC.

#### Business from the Public

**6:38 p.m.**

Joshua Collins spoke virtually about his work at the Coalition Against Bigger Trucks and asked councilors to contact their federal representatives opposing a bill in Congress that would raise the maximum truck weight.

Ray Hilts thanked Johnson II and Councilor Marilyn Smith for attending events, asked for volunteers at the carousel, spoke in favor of murals, and spoke about a bill passed by the legislature and awaiting the governor's signature.

Rebecca Bond, executive director of the Albany Visitors Association, spoke about the updated Albany visitors guide and provided councilors with a copy\*.

#### Recess

**6:48 p.m.**

Johnson II recessed the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Reconvene

**6:53 p.m.**

Johnson II called the meeting back to order at 6:53 p.m.

First reading of ordinances

**6:53 p.m.**

- a. Amending parks system development charges

City Manager Peter Troedsson recommended that the council remove the emergency clause from the ordinance. The council agreed to the removal of the emergency clause language from the ordinance title and the removal of Section 3.

Troedsson read the ordinance a first time in title only with the emergency clause removed.

MOTION: Smith moved to read the ordinance a second time in title only. McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Parks and Recreation Director Kim Lyddane and Community Development Director Matthew Ruettgers responded to questions from Councilor Matilda Novak concerning dates listed in the ordinance that come from the code as passed 30 years prior. Ruettgers confirmed that existing development would not be charged new system development charges under the changes.

Troedsson read the ordinance a second time in title only with the emergency clause removed.

MOTION: Smith moved to adopt the ordinance with the emergency clause removed. Councilor Jackie Montague seconded the motion, which passed 6-0. The ordinance was designated Ordinance No. 6021

Adoption of resolutions

**6:59 p.m.**

- a. System development charge financing rate change

MOTION: Councilor Ray Kopczynski moved to adopt the resolution as written. Smith seconded the motion, which passed 6-0 and was designated Resolution No. 7257.

Adoption of consent agenda

**7:01 p.m.**

- a. Appointments  
1) Appointing Lacy Ramirez to the Transportation Advisory Commission
- b. Approval of minutes  
1) June 28, 2023, city council meeting  
2) July 10, 2023, city council work session  
3) July 12, 2023, city council meeting
- c. Recommendations to OLCC  
1) Approve full on-premises commercial caterer liquor license for Sweet Red Inc., DBA Sweet Red Bistro
- d. Adoption of resolution  
1) Accept street and utility right-of-way dedication RES NO. 7258  
2) Application for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 energy efficiency and conservation block grant (supplemental agenda) RES NO. 7259

MOTION: Montague moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented, including the item from the supplemental agenda. McGhee seconded the motion, which passed 6-0.

Business from the council

**7:02 p.m.**

Councilors gave updates on local events they attended, thanked the Albany Visitor's Association, and spoke about the upcoming Carousel Carnival and National Night Out.

City manager report

**7:12 p.m.**

Troedsson informed the council that Security Guard Vern Jackson's last work day of 2023 would be July 27, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by,

Gabe Shepherd  
Deputy City Clerk

Peter Troedsson  
City Manager

*\*Documents discussed at the meeting that are not in the agenda packet are archived in the record. Documents from staff are posted to the website after the meeting. Documents submitted by the public are available by emailing [cityclerk@cityofalbany.net](mailto:cityclerk@cityofalbany.net).*