



ALBANY CITY COUNCIL SUMMARY

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

1. Call to order and pledge of allegiance

2. Roll call

3. Adoption of consent agenda

- a. Appointments
 - 1) Appointments to Citizen Advisory Groups (CAGS)
- b. Approval of minutes
 - 1) February 09, 2026 work session minutes
 - 2) February 11, 2026 city council minutes
 - 3) December 08, 2025 city council joint meeting with Greater Albany Public Schools (GAPS)
- c. Recommendation(s) to OLCC
 - 1) Approve Retail on Premises sales and consumption liquor license Sybaris Inc., DBA Sybaris Bistro, Located at 133 5th Avenue SE
- d. Adoption of resolution(s)
 - 1) Certification of Annual Tax Exempt Properties

Lifeskills Geary-RES NO. 7486
Lifeskills Oak-RES NO. 7487
Parkrose-RES NO. 7488
Periwinkle Place-RES NO. 7489
Songbird Village-RES NO. 7490

Action: MOTION to adopt the consent agenda without Item b3 passed 6-0.

Action: MOTION to approve the minutes/item B3 as amended/with edits noted by Councilor Smith passed 6-0.

4. Public hearing(s)

- a. Zoning Map Amendment Planning File ZC-04-25 530 Columbus Street SE and 2150 5th Avenue SE ORD NO. 6074

Action: Ordinance read for the first time in title only by Assistant City Attorney Aidan Harris.

Action: MOTION to read the ordinance a second time by title only passed 6-0.

Action: MOTION to adopt the ordinance passed 6-0.

- b. East Albany Town Center-EATC Annexations with Concurrent Map Amendments with Concurrent Map Amendments planning files AN-01-25, CP-03-25, and ZC-03-25

Action: Ordinance read for the first time in title only by Assistant City Attorney Aidan Harris.

Action: MOTION to read the ordinance a second time by title only was not unanimous. 5-1 (Thomson voting no) Council consensus established that it will be brought back date certain/March 11, 2026 council meeting for a second reading.

The second ordinance in the agenda item, was not introduced or read, as it was a companion to the first.

5. Public Comment

6. Action Item(s)

- a. **Ordinances/Resolutions** – Amendment to AMC 15.08.030 – Economic Improvement District Assessment Duration, and setting public hearings for EID formation ORD NO. 6075

RES NO. 7491

Action: Ordinance read for the first time in title only by Assistant City Attorney Aidan Harris.

Action: MOTION to read the ordinance a second time by title only passed 6-0.

Action: MOTION to adopt the ordinance passed 6-0.

Action: MOTION to adopt the resolution passed 6-0.

- b. **Ordinances** – Proposed Amendments to the Albany Municipal Code (AMC) 2.27 – Community Development Commission

ORD NO. 6076

Action: Ordinance read for the first time in title only by Assistant City Attorney Aidan Harris.

Action: MOTION to read the ordinance a second time by title only passed 6-0.

Action: MOTION to adopt the ordinance passed 6-0.

- c. **Resolutions** – Award of Contract WWTP-26-02, AM-WRF Disinfection Study RES NO. 7492

Action: Information

Action: MOTION to adopt the resolution passed 6-0.

7. Business from the Council

Action: MOTION Newton moved to direct the City Manager, and Albany Police Department to immediately suspend operations of all Flock safety automated license plate reader cameras currently in use, within the City of Albany. Direct staff to take all necessary steps to terminate the city's contract with Flock safety at the earliest lawful opportunity, halt installation of any additional Flock cameras pending further council direction and return to council within 30 days with a public report detailing all agencies that have accessed Albany's Flock data, the number and purpose of searches conducted, all data sharing configurations and agreements, contract termination terms and financial implications, confirmation of data retention and deletion protocol. MOTION seconded by McLeod. Discussion took place.

MOTION: Newton moved to amend the motion that the City of Albany immediately suspend use of all Flock safety cameras and impose a moratorium on further deployment until council adopts a formal surveillance technology policy. MOTION seconded by McLeod. Discussion took place.

MOTION: Newton moved to amend her previous council motion to read that the Albany City Council immediately suspend operation of all Flock safety automated license plate reader cameras, pending further council action. Halt the installation of additional cameras and direct staff to obtain independent 3rd party verification of whether Albany's license plate reader data was accessed for immigration related searches, whether any federal or out of state entities accessed Albany's data prior to the disabling of nationwide lookup and the full technical architecture governing the data sharing, until the council votes to resume operations following a public review of that independent verification.

MOTION seconded by McLeod. MOTION passed 4 to 2 (Thomson, Van Drimmelen, McLeod, Newton-yes) (McGhee and Smith no).

MOTION: McGhee moved to have the Oregon Law Center present to the Albany City Council regarding where they got their data from, how it was obtained, and what it was used for. MOTION seconded by VanDrimmelen, motion passed.

8. City Manager Reports

Action: March 23, 2026 and March 25, 2026 council meetings have been cancelled.

9. Next meeting dates

Monday, March 9, 2026; 4:00 p.m. work session

Wednesday, March 11, 2026; 6:00 p.m. meeting

10. Adjournment