

# ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

The Common Council was convened at 7:00 p.m. and was called to order by Council President McLaughlin.

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Appllys, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doeschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O'Brien and Robinson.

Also present was the following staff: Nala Woodard, Patrick Jordan, Barbara Samel and Cashawna Parker.

Council Member Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

1. Assembly Member Patricia Fahy, 109<sup>th</sup> District and Assembly Member John McDonald (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
2. Leif Engstrom, City Auditor, 232 Ridgefield Street, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
3. Darius Shahinfar, City Treasurer (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
4. Dominick Calsolaro, 35 Clare Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
5. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
6. Anton, Konev, 268 Washington Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
7. Mark Mishler, 58 South Manning Boulevard, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);

President Pro Tempore Conti made a motion to extend public comment for an additional 30 minutes, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

8. Vincent Riguso, 13 Beach Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
9. Helen Klaesen, 817 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
10. M. Ivette Alfonso, 608 Livingston Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
11. Jordan Bellassai, 132 Western Avenue, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board);
12. Harrison Watkins, 100 Dove Street, Albany, NY (Resolution 11.21.14R (As Amended) in relation to New York State Financial Restructuring Board).

There being no further speakers, the President declared the Public Comment Period closed.

## **REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**Finance, Taxation and Assessment** – Chairperson Commisso stated that the committee met on February 5, 2014 to discuss Resolution Number 11.21.14R in relation to the New York State Financial Restructuring Board, which was voted out of committee with a favorable recommendation. He stated that there was a lengthy discussion and received three additional public comments since the committee meeting.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

**Council Member Commisso asked for passage of RESOLUTION NUMBER 11.21.14R (RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REQUESTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY THE NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING BOARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS), which had been previously introduced.**

**Council Member Krasher made a motion to amend RESOLUTION NUMBER 11.21.14R and asked for a roll call vote thereon:**

**The amendment passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:**  
Affirmative – Applyrs, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O’Brien, and Robinson

**Affirmative 14 Negative 0 Abstain 0**

**Resolution Number 11.21.14R (As Amended)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL REQUESTING A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW BY THE NEW YORK STATE FINANCIAL RESTRUCTURING BOARD FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS**

WHEREAS, the City of Albany is a Fiscally Eligible Municipality based on the criteria established under the New York State Local Finance Law and qualifies to request a Comprehensive Review by the Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Albany understands that the Financial Restructuring Board has the ability to undertake a Comprehensive Review of the City of Albany’s operations, finances and practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Common Council of the City of Albany requests a Comprehensive Review by the New York State Financial Restructuring Board for Local Governments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute any and all documents and instruments necessary to fulfill the City of Albany’s obligations under the Financial Restructuring Board’s Comprehensive Review and that the Mayor will provide the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee of the Common Council with copies of any written communications that are received from or provided to the Financial Restructuring Board.

*\*Note: Council Members Commisso, Fahey, Golby, Conti, Robinson, Krasher, O’Brien Applyrs and Doesschate spoke on the resolution prior to passage.*

**The resolution passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:**  
Affirmative – Applyrs, Bailey, Commisso, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Golby, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, Krasher, O’Brien, and Robinson

Negative – Krasher

**Affirmative 13 Negative 1 Abstain 0**

*Resolution Number 11.21.14R was co-sponsored by Council Members Applyrs, Bailey, Conti, Doesschate, Fahey, Herring, Igoe, Kimbrough, Kornegay, O’Brien, and Robinson.*

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**ADJOURNMENT**

Council President McLaughlin stated, hearing no objections, that the Council was adjourned.

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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