

**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL**  
**\*MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING\***

**Monday, March 30, 2009**

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

The roll being called, the following answered to their names: Council Members Calsolaro, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Smith, and Timmons.

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

Council Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

1. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206

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

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Members McLaughlin asked for passage of RESOLUTION NUMBER 25.22.09R (RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE MAYOR TO ACT AS OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CITY OF ALBANY TO SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT THE "ANNUAL ACTION PLAN", AND AMENDMENTS THERETO, UNDER THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM), which had been previously introduced.

*\*Note: There was discussion from Council Member Conti regarding having concerns with the standards of review and ratings of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) applications. He discussed welcoming the stimulus money, but this year's budget is funding the same applicants at the same levels as last year despite application ratings that would suggest otherwise, he expressed concerns that the ratings are not being used to allocated funds. He discussed new applicants not getting funded through CDBG even though they ranked higher than some of the funded applications. He discussed feeling constraint in voting in favor for this resolution.*

*There was discussion from Council Member McLaughlin regarding the Annual Action Plan having to be submitted by April 15, 2009. She stated that there have been various discussions on CDBG funding over the last several years and issues were bought up at the last Housing and Community Development Committee meeting. She discussed the committee looking at Year 36 with regards to how the funds are used. She stated she felt it was important to move forward with the resolution and asked for the Council's support.*

**Passed by the following vote of all the Council Members elected voting in favor thereof:**

Affirmative -- Calsolaro, Ellis, Fahey, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Smith and Timmons

Negative -- Conti

Affirmative 11 Negative 1 Abstain 0

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made for adjournment.

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

A true record of the Common Council Minutes of March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

**CASHAWNA PARKER  
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE  
ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL**