

**ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING**

**Monday, December 7, 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, Casey, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Fox, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O'Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Scalzo, Smith and Timmons.

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

Council Member McLaughlin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

1. Slava Rar, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222 (Community Policing)
2. Dan LaFave, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222 (Community Policing)
3. Ariel Fitterman, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222 (Community Policing)
4. Sam Frumpkin, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, NY 12222 (Community Policing)
5. Terry O'Neil, 102 Willet St., #1, Albany, NY 12210 (Police Chief Search/Community Policing)
6. Marlon Anderson, 491 Livingston Ave., Albany, NY 12206 (Community Policing)
7. Ruth Pelham, 140 Milner Ave., Albany, NY 12208 (Community Policing)
8. Brian Levine, 43 Buell St., Albany, NY 12206 (One-Stop 311 Phone Number for the City)

Council Member Conti made a motion to extend Public Comment Period for an additional 10 minutes, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

9. Leah Golby, 550 Myrtle Ave., Albany, NY 12208 (Community Building)
10. Willie White, 38 Morton Ave., Albany, NY 12202 ('A Village' Community Outreach Program)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

DEFFERED

**CONSIDERATION OF LOCAL LAWS**

**Council Member Conti on behalf of the respective sponsors, moved to withdraw the following, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:**

Local Law B- 2007	Local Law I-2209
Local Law C- 2006	Local Law E-2008
Local Law B-2009	Local Law D-2007
Local Law G-2008	Local Law G-2009

Council Member Conti made a motion to hold the remaining Local Laws on the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.

**REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**General Service, Health and Environment** – Council Member O'Brien reminded the Council that the SWMP Steering Committee meeting would be held tomorrow at 200 Henry Johnson Boulevard.



**Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately.**

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

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

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Sano introduced the following, which was referred to the Finance, Taxation and Assessment Committee:

**Ordinance Number 71.121.09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 11.21.09 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$175,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$175,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (GARBAGE TRUCK)" TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST TO \$185,000**

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Motor Vehicles

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 29

Period of Probable Usefulness: 5 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 5 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: [~~\$175,000.00~~] \$185,000

Maximum Amount of Bonds: [~~\$175,000.00~~] \$185,000

Comptroller's Bond Authorization Numbers: J-09

Comptroller's Project Numbers: GH 81609911

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the lease financing of or the issuance of [~~\$175,000.00~~] \$185,000 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered and directed that the projects specified above be undertaken and the amounts set forth as the maximum estimated costs are hereby appropriated therefor. The Board of Contract and Supply is hereby authorized to take such necessary and further steps to carry out the provisions of this section.

Section 4. Pending the sale of the bonds herein authorized, the temporary use of funds from the City's general fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 165.10 of the New York Local Finance Law, is hereby authorized. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such temporary expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by section 1 of this ordinance. This ordinance shall constitute the City's "official intent" to reimburse such temporary expenditures in accordance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150-2.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the City of Albany, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds becoming due and payable in such year and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated in the City comptroller, as chief fiscal officer of the City of Albany. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The City Comptroller is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the leases or bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 8. The City Comptroller is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial issuer of the leases or the purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 9. The validity of such leases or bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 8 hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publications, or
- (c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized and directed to publish the same together with a notice in substantially the form set forth in section 81.00 of the New York Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined that except as hereinafter specified, the authority and funding of the projects aforesaid constitute either unlisted of Type II actions under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder having no adverse effect upon the environment.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be dated February 2, 2009 and shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Albany.

Council Member Sano introduced the following, which was referred to the Finance, taxation and Assessment Committee:

**Ordinance Number 72.121.09**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 18.21.09 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CERTAIN PROJECTS BY THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK AT A MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST OF \$90,000.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE LEASE FINANCING OR THE ISSUANCE OF \$90,000.00 SERIAL BONDS OF SAID CITY TO PAY THE COST THEREOF (FORESTER TRUCK)" TO AMEND THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST TO \$80,000**

The City of Albany, in Common Council convened, does hereby ordain and enact:

Section 1. The objects or purposes to be authorized and financed pursuant to this ordinance are set forth below, together with estimates of the maximum estimated costs thereof; determinations of the periods of probable usefulness thereof and the subparagraphs of Section 11.00(a) of the New York Local Finance Law pursuant to which it is determined; the maximum amount of the bonds to be issued with respect to such object or purpose and the maximum term of the obligations to be issued with respect to each project or purpose.

Object or Purpose: Motor Vehicles

Local Finance Law Section 11.00(a) Subparagraph 29

Period of Probable Usefulness: 5 years

Maximum Term of Obligations: 5 years

Maximum Estimated Cost: [~~\$90,000.00~~] \$80,000

Maximum Amount of Bonds: [~~\$90,000.00~~] \$80,000

Comptroller's Bond Authorization Numbers: O-09

Comptroller's Project Numbers: GH 81609916

Section 2. The plan of financing such objects or purposes is the lease financing of or the issuance of [~~\$90,000.00~~] \$80,000 serial bonds hereby authorized to be issued.

Section 3. It is hereby ordered and directed that the projects specified above be undertaken and the amounts set forth as the maximum estimated costs are hereby appropriated therefor. The Board of Contract and Supply is hereby authorized to take such necessary and further steps to carry out the provisions of this section.

Section 4. Pending the sale of the bonds herein authorized, the temporary use of funds from the City's general fund, pursuant to the provisions of section 165.10 of the New York Local Finance Law, is hereby authorized. The City reasonably expects to reimburse such temporary expenditures with the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by section 1 of this ordinance. This ordinance shall constitute the City's "official intent" to reimburse such temporary expenditures in accordance with United States Treasury Regulation section 1.150-2.

Section 5. The faith and credit of the City of Albany, New York are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds becoming due and payable in such year and such debt service payments may be made in substantially level or declining amounts as may be authorized by law. There shall annually be levied on all taxable real property of said City, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such leases or bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 6. Subject to the provisions of the New York Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the serial bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated in the City comptroller, as chief fiscal officer

of the City of Albany. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said City Comptroller, consistent with the provisions of Local Finance Law.

Section 7. The City Comptroller is further authorized to take such actions and execute such documents as may be necessary to ensure the continued status of the interest on the leases or bonds authorized by this resolution and any notes issued in anticipation thereof, as excludable from federal income taxation pursuant to Section 103 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code") and to designate the bonds authorized by this resolution, and any notes issued in anticipation thereof as "qualified tax-exempt bonds" in accordance with Section 265(b)(3)(B)(i) of the Code.

Section 8. The City Comptroller is further authorized to enter into a continuing disclosure agreement with the initial issuer of the leases or the purchaser of the bonds or notes authorized by this resolution, containing provisions which are satisfactory to such purchaser in compliance with the provisions of Rule 15c12-12, promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934.

Section 9. The validity of such leases or bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- (a) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said City is not authorized to expend money, or
- (b) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this ordinance pursuant to Section 8 hereof are not substantially complied with, and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publications, or
- (c) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 10. Upon this ordinance taking effect, the Clerk of the Common Council is hereby authorized and directed to publish the same together with a notice in substantially the form set forth in section 81.00 of the New York Local Finance Law.

Section 11. It is hereby determined that except as hereinafter specified, the authority and funding of the projects aforesaid constitute either unlisted of Type II actions under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder having no adverse effect upon the environment.

Section 12. This ordinance shall be dated February 2, 2009 and shall take effect upon its approval by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment of the City of Albany.

**Council Member Conti on behalf of the respective sponsors, moved to withdraw the following, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:**

Ordinance Number 17.22.06	Ordinance Number 62.81.06
Ordinance Number 45.32.07	Ordinance Number 67.82.07
Ordinance Number 3.21.08	Ordinance Number 4.21.08
Ordinance Number 55.72.08	Ordinance Number 39.51.09
Ordinance Number 4.21.06	Ordinance Number 63.101.09
Ordinance Number 71.92.07	Ordinance Number 70.111.08
Ordinance Number 35.42.09	Ordinance Number 54.72.08
Ordinance Number 48.41.07	Ordinance Number 61.52.07
Ordinance Number 74.102.07	Ordinance Number 71.112.08
Ordinance Number 46.32.07	

**The remaining ordinances on the pending agenda were held at the request of Council Member Conti.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Member Sano introduced the following, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

**Resolution Number 91.121.09R**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE LEVY UPON CITY OF ALBANY PROPERTIES FOR UNPAID WATER AND SEWER CHARGES**

**WHEREAS**, Section 604(e) of the Charter of City of Albany states that “all water and sewer charges shall be collected by the City Treasurer in the manner set forth in Second Class Cities Law and be a lien upon the property assessed as a general City tax and as a part thereof shall be levied and collected” pursuant to the procedures set forth in Section 604 of the City Charter; and

**WHEREAS**, Public Authorities Law Section 1115-i(9) calls for all unpaid water and sewer charges in the preceding year to be levied and placed on annual tax rolls of the City of Albany under the name “delinquent water and sewer charges”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief Financial Officer of the Albany Water Board has filed with the City of Albany a statement of unpaid water and sewer charges for the year 2009 totaling \$6,052,426.15.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the City of Albany Common Council that there be a delinquent water and sewer charge levied and assessed against each specific lot or parcel of land as set forth in the statement of unpaid water and sewer charges for the year 2009 by the Albany Water Board.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that such individual sums, being hereby levied against said liable properties, amounting in the aggregate to \$6,052,426.15, shall be placed on the 2010 tax roll of the City of Albany and further allocated individually to the liable properties in conjunction with said properties’ 2010 tax bills.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Clerk of the City of Albany is directed to forward certified copies of this resolution to the Treasurer of the City of Albany.

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

Affirmative -- Calsolaro, Casey, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Fox, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Scalzo, Smith and Timmons

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

**Council Member Conti asked and received majority consent to add Resolution Numbers 92.121.09R, 93.121.09R, 94.121.09R, 95.121.09R, 96.121.09R, and 97.121.09R to the pending agenda, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Council Members Ellis and McLaughlin introduced the following, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

**Resolution Number 92.121.09R(MC)**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 58.71.08R ENTITLED “RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL SUPPORTING THE CITY OF ALBANY’S DEPARTMENT OF**

**DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING IN ITS APPLICATION TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION UNDER THE 2007-2008 URBAN AND COMMUNITY FORESTRY GRANT PROGRAM”**

**Resolution 58.71.98R, passed by the Common Council of the City of Albany on July 7, 2008, is hereby amended as follows:**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Albany’s Department of Development and Planning is applying to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funding under the 2007-2008 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program for a grant in the amount of \$17,500, to aid in the implementation of a project entitled the City of Albany Arbor Hill and South End Tree Planting Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the grant application requires that the applicant obtain the approval and endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby approve and endorse the application of the Department of Development and Planning for a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for funding under the 2007-2008 Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program for a grant in the amount of \$17,500, to aid in the implementation of a project entitled the City of Albany Arbor Hill and South End Tree Planting Program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Mayor of the City of Albany is hereby authorized to enter into and execute all necessary contracts and agreements on behalf of the City of Albany regarding said grant program.

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

Affirmative -- Calsolaro, Casey, Conti, Ellis, Fahey, Fox, Herring, Igoe, McLaughlin, O’Brien, Rosenzweig, Sano, Scalzo, Smith and Timmons

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Sano offered the following which was held:

**Resolution Number 93.121.09R(MC)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CERTIFYING THE LOCAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD CLASSES FOR THE ALBANY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR SCHOOL TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

**WHEREAS**, by Local Law No. 1-1998, the Common Council adopted the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law relating to the establishment and certification of the local adjustments to the adjusted base proportions of the homestead and non-homestead classes; and

**WHEREAS**, the homestead locally adjusted base proportion of the Albany City School District for the assessment roll of 2009 has been determined to be 56.84612 percent pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the non-homestead locally adjusted base proportion of the Albany City School District for

the assessment roll of 2009 has been determined to be 43.15388 percent pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby certify the Albany City School District's class shares as follows:

The locally adjusted base proportion for the homestead class shall equal 56.84612 percent and the locally adjusted base proportion for the non-homestead class shall equal 43.15388 percent.

Council Member Sano offered the following which was held:

**Resolution Number 94.121.09R(MC)**

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ESTABLISHING THE LOCALLY-ADJUSTED BASE PROPORTIONS OF THE HOMESTEAD AND NON-HOMESTEAD CLASSES FOR PROPERTY TAX PURPOSES PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 19 OF THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW**

**WHEREAS**, by Local Law No. 1-1998, the Common Council adopted the provisions of Section 1903 of the Real property Tax Law relating to the establishment of homestead and non-homestead base proportions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1903(4) of the Real Property Tax Law, the City of Albany has amended its differential from twenty-five percent to zero percent; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, the locally-adjusted homestead base proportion of the City of Albany's base year assessment roll of 2009 has been determined to be 56.65141 percent; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 1903 of the Real Property Tax Law, the locally-adjusted non-homestead base proportion of the City of Albany's base year assessment roll of 2009 has been determined to 43.34859 percent.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Albany does hereby establish the existing class shares as follows:

The locally-adjusted homestead base proportion shall equal 56.65141 percent and the locally-adjusted non-homestead base proportion shall equal 43.34859 percent.

Council Member Herring offered the following, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

**Resolution Number 95.121.09R(MC)**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 5.11.09R(MC) ENTITLED "RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF RYAN HANCOX AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD"**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Albany has, pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the City Charter re-appointed Ryan Hancox as a member of the Planning Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Ryan Hancox be confirmed as a member of the Planning Board for a term of [~~three (3) years, ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011~~] four (4) years, ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

*Resolution Number 95.121.09R(MC) was Co-Sponsored by Council Member Scalzo.*

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

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

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

Council Member Herring offered the following, asked for passage and a roll call vote thereon:

Resolution Number 96.121.09R(MC)

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION 7.11.09R(MC) ENTITLED "RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD TRANT AS A MEMBER OF THE PLANNING BOARD"**

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor of the City of Albany has, pursuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the City Charter re-appointed Edward Trant as a member of the Planning Board.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Edward Trant be confirmed as a member of the Planning Board for a term of [~~three (3) years, ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011~~] five (5) years, ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013.

*Resolution Number 96.121.09R(MC) was Co-Sponsored by Council Member Fox.*

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

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

Affirmative 15 Negative 0 Abstain 0

**Council Member Conti on behalf of the respective sponsors, moved to withdraw the following, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:**

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| Resolution Number 12.22.06R | Resolution Number 15.21.07R  |
| Resolution Number 72.92.08R | Resolution Number 75.112.07R |
| Resolution Number 13.22.06R | Resolution Number 86.121.08R |

**The remaining resolutions on the pending agenda were held at the request of Council Member Conti.**

**MISCELLANEOUS AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council Member McLaughlin offered the following, which was approved by unanimous voice vote:

**RESOLVED THAT THE FOLLOWING PERSONS BE AND HEREBY ARE APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS OF DEEDS FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK FOR THE TERM ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND WAIVE THE READING OF THE NAMES:**

Oevering, Benjamin J, 30 Kelton Court, Albany, NY 12209

**Council Member Conti made a motion to accept the Plan of Corrective Action in response to the findings and recommendations of the NYS Comptroller’s Audit Report on No-Fine Parking Tickets, which was approved by unanimous voice vote.**

Council Member Smith discussed comments made during Public Comment Period on Community Policing. She stated that Community Policing is a complex and sophisticated way of building relationships in the community. She stated that public safety responders should reflect the population of the city, which it does not presently.

Council Member McLaughlin stated that she was concerned that of nine new firefighters that were recently appointed none were people of color. She stated that this is a very important issue and agree that agencies should reflect the communities they serve. She discussed the success of the Cadet Program being run at Albany High School.

**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 December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

CASHAWNA PARKER  
SENIOR LEGISLATIVE AIDE TO THE  
ALBANY COMMON COUNCIL