



Albany City Council
City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany, CA
Monday, May 04, 2026



AGENDA

Monday, May 04, 2026, 7:00 PM

<https://albanyca.zoom.us/webinar/register/87852424530>

PUBLIC MEETING GUIDELINES

Albany City Council meetings are conducted in person at City Hall Council Chambers. As a courtesy, and technology permitting, members of the public may continue to participate virtually. However, the City cannot guarantee that the public's access to teleconferencing technology will be uninterrupted, and technical difficulties may occur from time to time. Unless required by the Brown Act, City Council meetings will continue despite technical difficulties for participants using the teleconferencing option.

1. CALL TO ORDER / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“The City of Albany recognizes that we occupy the land originally protected by the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. We acknowledge the genocide that took place on these lands and must make strides to repay the moral debt that is owed to this indigenous people, specifically the Ohlone Tribe. We thank them for their contributions which have transformed our community, and will continue to bring forth growth and unity. The City of Albany commits to sustaining ongoing relationships with the Tribe and together build a better future for all that now make this their home.”

2. ROLL CALL

3. REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY

No public comment will be taken.

4. CEREMONIAL MATTERS

4-1. Certificate of Recognition Commending Madison Jones and Maedora Song of Their Achievement in Girl Scouts of America

4-2. Proclamation in Recognition of Affordable Housing Month

- 4-3. Proclamation in Recognition of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month
- 4-4. Proclamation in Recognition of Jewish American Heritage Month
- 4-5. Proclamation in Recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month
- 4-6. Proclamation in Recognition of National Police Week and Peace Officers' Memorial Day
- 4-7. Proclamation in Honor of Public Service Recognition Week

5. CITY MANAGER REPORT

The City Manager provides verbal and/or written reports regarding matters of interest to the Council. Information available on City website: <https://www.albanyca.gov>.

6. GOOD OF THE CITY / PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the City Council on an item that is not on the agenda. Please note that City policy limits each speaker up to three (3) minutes. The Mayor may reduce the time limit per speaker depending on the number of speakers. The Brown Act limits the Council's ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items may be referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

Comments related to items appearing on the agenda are taken up at the time the City Council deliberates each action item. The Mayor will announce when the period for public comment is open on each agenda item.

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

Consent Calendar items are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. By approval of the Consent Calendar, the staff recommendations will be adopted unless otherwise modified by the City Council. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council Member or a member of the audience requests removal of the items from the Consent Calendar.

- 7-1. Minutes – April 20, 2026

Staff Recommendation: Approve

- 7-2. Ratification of Payroll – Date Paid 4/17/2026: Net Amount \$487,559.19, Taxes/Benefits/Deductions \$549,845.19, Total Payroll \$1,037,404.38

Staff Recommendation: Ratify

- 7-3.** Ratification of Bills, Claims and Demands – Ratification of bills, claims and demands against the City of Albany in the amount of \$1,921,036.55 (4/17/2026), \$434,661.51 (4/24/2026)

Staff Recommendation: Ratify

- 7-4.** Advisory Body Resignation:

- Michael Barnes appointed by Vice Mayor Hansen-Romero resigned from the Transportation Commission

Staff Recommendation: Information item

- 7-5.** Initiating Proceedings, Approval of Annual Report, and Intention to Levy and Collect Assessments in Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27, and Setting a Public Hearing for June 1, 2026

Staff Recommendation: That the Council:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-20, initiating proceedings for the levy and collection of assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27;
2. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-21, approving the Annual Report for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27;
3. Adopt Resolution No. 2026-22, a Resolution of Intention to levy and collect assessments for the Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District No. 1988-1 for Fiscal Year 2026/27. Pursuant to the Landscaping & Lighting Act of 1972, set a public hearing for June 1, 2026 on the proposed assessment

8. PRESENTATION

9. PUBLIC HEARING

- 9-1.** Ordinance Amending Chapter 11 Fire Prevention and Chapter 12 Building and Housing of the Albany Municipal Code

Staff Recommendation: That the Council adopt Ordinance No. 2026-01, amending Chapter 11 Fire Prevention and Chapter 12 Building and Housing of the Albany Municipal Code related to the adoption and local amendments to the 2025 California Building Standards Code (Title 24, California Code of Regulation) – Second Reading, Pass-to-Print

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) /

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

Adoption of local amendments to the California Building Standards Code and amendments to the City of Albany Municipal Code are not considered a project under CEQA and the CEQA Guidelines, pursuant to Public Resources Codes Section 21065 and CEQA Guidelines Section 15378, because the action does not result in direct physical impact on the environment. The adoption of local amendments is exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061 (b)(3) because there is no possibility that adoption of the draft Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

11. NEW BUSINESS

11-1. Ordinance Prohibiting the Retail Sale of Live Animals

Mayor McQuaid Recommendation: That the Council direct staff to develop an ordinance for City Council consideration to prohibit the retail sale of live animals in Albany

11-2. Amendment to the Management and Confidential Employees Benefits Booklet

Staff Recommendation: That Council adopt Resolution No. 2026-23, approving the amended Management and Confidential Employees Benefits Booklet effective as of May 1, 2022

12. COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS, COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS ON APPOINTED REPRESENTATION OF ALBANY, AND OTHER MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Council Subcommittees report, if they have met, and reports on any local, state or regional government meetings at which they have represented the City of Albany. Council members may provide reports on any meetings and/or community events and activities they have attended or plan to attend that they believe may be of interest to the Council, staff, or public. The Mayor may invite community members who represent Albany at such meetings to report as well.

A written report of meetings attended provided to staff is encouraged in advance of the posting of the Council agenda to include with the agenda materials. The Council shall have the authority to take action regarding any agendaized written recommendations provided under this agenda category as needed.

City Council Appointed	Appointee	Alternate
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Representation Bodies		
Alameda County Mayors' Conference	McQuaid	Hansen-Romero
Alameda County Transportation Commission	Jordan	López
Alameda County Waste Management Authority	Hansen-Romero	Jordan
Association of Bay Area Government: General Assembly	McQuaid	Jordan
Ava Community Energy JPA Board	López	Jordan
East Bay Sports Field Recreational Authority JPA	Hansen-Romero	Miki
Housing Authority of Alameda County	McQuaid	N/A
League of California Cities (East Bay)	Miki	McQuaid
Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District	Jordan	N/A
Alameda County Library Advisory Commission	McQuaid	López
UC Gill Tract Community Farm Advisory Committee	Jordan	N/A
Police & Fire Pension Fund Board	McQuaid	Hansen-Romero
Alameda County Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO)	Jeanne (Dede) Pansino	N/A

- 12-1.** League of California Cities – Community Services Policy Committee Report (Mayor McQuaid)
- 12-2.** Alameda County Library Advisory Commission Report (Mayor McQuaid)
- 12-3.** League of California Cities – 2026 City Leaders Summit Report (Mayor McQuaid)

13. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Council Members and City Manager note upcoming agenda items that may be of interest to the Council, staff, or public. Council Members may request that items be placed on a future agenda.

14. ANNOUNCEMENT OF CITY MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Information available on City website: <https://www.albanyca.gov>. No public comment will be taken.

Upcoming City Meetings

1. Arts Committee Meeting, Monday, May 11, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
2. Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting, Wednesday, May 13, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
3. Parks, Recreation & Open Space Commission Meeting, Thursday, May 14, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers
4. City Council Meeting, Monday, May 18, 7:00 PM, City Hall Council Chambers

15. ADJOURNMENT

Per City Council Resolution No. 2021-13, no Council meeting shall continue past 10:30 p.m. unless a two-thirds majority of the Council votes to extend the meeting to discuss specified items; and any motion to extend the meeting beyond 10:30 p.m. shall include a list of specific agenda items to be covered. Any items not completed at a regularly scheduled Council meeting shall be continued to the next regular meeting or by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council to an adjourned regular meeting.

The Council agenda is posted for public inspection in advance of meetings at the City Hall, the Albany Community Center, and the Albany Senior Center. Agendas and supporting documents can also be found online at: www.albanyca.gov. Supporting documents and any public comments received will be made available for public inspection online or via email request. If you have any questions pertaining to any agenda item or meeting procedure, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 1 (510) 528-5710 or cityclerk@albanyca.gov.

Please note that if you provide your name and address when speaking before the City Council or submitted as part of your written public comment, the information will become part of the official public record, which will be posted online and subject to disclosure under the Public Records Act.

NOTICE

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, if you challenge a decision of the City Council in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.

The decision of the City Council is final as of the date of its decision unless judicial review is initiated pursuant to California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1094.5. Any such petition for judicial review is subject to the provisions of California Code of Civil Procedure 1094.6.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and State Law, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the City Administration Office 1 (510) 528-5710. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting where possible will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35.102.104 ADA Title II)". Upon request, we will provide written agenda materials in appropriate alternate formats, of disability related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services to enable individuals with disabilities to participate in public meetings. Please deliver a written request, including your name, mailing address, phone number and brief description of the requested materials and preferred alternative format or auxiliary aid or service at least two (2) days before the meeting where possible. Request should be sent to: cityclerk@albanyca.gov or City Clerk, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706.

How to watch or listen to the meeting:

1. Meetings are available to watch, listen, or participate virtually via Zoom webinar. Register for the meeting: <https://albanyca.zoom.us/j/87852424530>. To join by phone via Zoom, please call at the noticed meeting time 1 (669) 900-9128. **Webinar ID 878 5242 4530. Participant ID "#"**.
2. Meetings are also streamed live on City website www.albanyca.gov/meetings or on YouTube (www.YouTube.com/AlbanyKALB). Recording of the meetings are usually available for viewing 24 hours after the meeting.
3. Meetings are broadcast live and rebroadcast on local TV – Albany KALB Channel.

How to submit Public Comment:

1. Members of the public may attend City Council meetings in person at City Hall Council Chambers and request to speak during public comment period.
2. Members of the public may submit comments in writing by emailing the City Council citycouncil@albanyca.gov with the agenda item number clearly identified in the subject line of the email. Comments may also be submitted by mail to City of Albany – Meeting Comments, 1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA 94706. All written comments received by 5 PM on the day of the meeting will be provided to the City Council before the meeting and posted on the website. Other written comments received after 5 PM will still be provided to the City Council and be included as part of the meeting record.
3. To comment by video conference, click the "Raise Your Hand" button to request to speak when public comment is being taken. You will be asked to unmute yourself when it is your turn to make your comment. After the allotted time, you will then be re-muted.
4. To comment by phone, you will "Raise Your Hand" by pressing *9 to request to speak when public comment is being taken. You will be asked to unmute yourself by pressing *6 when it is your turn to make your comment. You will be re-muted after the allotted time.