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WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a review of all advisory bodies to the City Council on December 3, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the review of advisory bodies to the City Council was to ensure the ongoing effectiveness and relevancy of current advisory bodies; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized an update to the name of the Park and Recreation Commission to the “Parks, Recreation and Open Space Commission”, and the charge of the Park and Recreation Commission to include “Open Space” such as creeks, the Albany waterfront park, and Albany Hill.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: CHAPTER II OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTIONS 2-12.1 - 2-12.4, TITLED “PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT, AND SECTION 2-17 TITLED “PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION” IS HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

2-12 PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT.
2-12.1 Established.

A Parks and Recreation Department is hereby created which shall be under the direction of the Director of Parks and Recreation, subject to the general administrative direction of the City Council and advice of the Parks, and Recreation and Open Space Commission. (Ord. #73-010, §1; 1958 Code §2.93)

2-12.2 Organization; Duties of Director.

The Parks and Recreation Department shall consist of the Director of Parks and Recreation and such other employees as the City Council may assign to such Department. The Director of Parks and Recreation, subject to the approval of the City Council, shall organize and maintain such divisions in such Department as the operations may in his judgment require. (Ord. #73-010, §1; 1958 Code §2.94)

2-12.3 Additional Duties of Director; Appointment and Term of Office.

The Director of Parks and Recreation shall be responsible for the supervision and control of all divisions of such department and for the performance of the functions herein assigned to such department. He The Director shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the City Council. (Ord. #73-010, §1; 1958 Code §2.95)

2-12.4 Functions.

The functions of the Parks and Recreation Department are the development, maintenance and operation of the Public Parks and Recreation Service; the development and supervision of Parks and recreation areas, facilities, equipment and buildings; the maintenance, supervision, landscaping, planting and beautification of parks, park areas, play areas, public squares and areas surrounding public buildings; the planting, maintenance and removal of trees, shrubs, lawns and other growth in parking areas in public streets, parks and other public areas; and rendering of staff work for the providing of professional and technical advice to the City Council and the Parks, and Recreation and Open Space Commission and the performance of such other functions as may be assigned by the City Council or prescribed by ordinance of the City. (Ord. #73-010, §1; 1958 Code §2.96)

2-17 PARKS, AND RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE COMMISSION.

2-17.1 Established; Composition; Appointment; Term.

There is hereby established within the City a commission to be known as the "Parks, and Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City". The Parks, and Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City shall consist of seven (7) members, as follows:

a. Five (5) members of such Commission shall be appointed by Councilmembers; each Councilmember shall appoint one (1) member to the Commission.
b. Two (2) members of such Commission shall be nominated by the President of the Board of Education, subject, however, to approval of such nomination by a majority of the Board of Education as a whole.

The terms of the two (2) members shall be for a two (2) year period and shall be staggered. To this end, the terms of the first appointments shall be: One (1) for one (1) year, and one (1) for two (2) years. Each member shall serve until their successor has been appointed and qualified in accordance with Albany City Charter.

Such members shall be electors of the City at the time of confirmation of the appointment, and no member of the Board of Education shall be eligible to serve on this Commission.

(Ord. #58-042, §1; 1958 Code §2.40; Ord. #97-02)

2-17.2 Compensation.

Such Commissioners shall serve without compensation. (Ord. #58-042, §2; Ord. #75-04, §2; 1958 Code §2.41; Ord. #97-02)

2-17.3 Organization; Election and Term of Chair and Vice Chair Chairman, Secretary, Etc.

The Park and Recreation Commission shall organize by electing from its members one (1) Chair, and one (1) Secretary Vice Chair and such other officers as may be deemed necessary by the Commission. The Chair, Secretary and Vice Chair such other officers shall hold office for a period of one (1) year. (Ord. #58-042, §3; 1958 Code §2.42)

2-17.4 Powers and Duties.

It shall be the duty of the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City to advise the Superintendent of Recreation and the City Council regarding all matters of public recreation and all matters pertaining to parks, open space including creeks, Albany Waterfront Park, and Albany Hill, street trees, parking strips, parkways, squares and similar area within the City. Such Commission shall endeavor to formulate a parks, recreation and open space master recreation plan, select and propose to the Council sites for playgrounds, make recommendations for acquisition and maintenance of playgrounds for children and recreation centers for the public, and generally advise both the City Council and the Superintendent of Recreation in matters connected with parks, and recreation and open space in general. It shall be a function of the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City to promote and encourage among various public and private agencies and individuals the development of such recreational facilities and programs as shall benefit all citizens of the City. (Ord. #58-042, §4; 1958 Code §2.43)

2-17.5 Regular and Special Meetings; Notice of Special Meeting.

The Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commission of the City shall hold one (1) regular meeting each month, at such date or time as the Commission shall designate; special
meetings shall be called at any time by the Chairman of the Commission or by a majority of the
Commission; provided, however, that notice be given according to law for special meeting. (Ord.
#58-042, §5; 1958 Code §2.44; New)

2-17.6 Quorum.

Four (4) members present at any of the meetings of the Parks and Recreation and Open
Space Commission shall constitute a quorum for any positive action by the Commission. (Ord.
#58-042, §6; Ord. #75-04, §3; 1958 Code §2.45)

2-17.7 Written Communications to Outside Groups.

All written communications to outside groups shall be sent over the signature of the
Chairman or authorized officer of the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commission
pertaining to the business of the Commission. (Ord. #58-042, §7; 1958 Code §2.46)

2-17.8 Rules, Policies and Procedures—Minute Book.

Rules, policies and procedures for the Parks and Recreation and Open Space Commission shall be enacted by the City Council. Commission as required by the Commission
and such rules, policies and procedures shall be entered into the minute book of the
Commission. Minutes of all meetings of the Park and Recreation Commission of the City shall
be kept and copies thereof shall be forwarded to the City Council. (Ord. #58-042, §8; 1958 Code
§2.47)

SECTION 2: PUBLICATION AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall be posted at three public places within the City of Albany and shall
become effective thirty days after the date of its posting.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Albany at its meeting on
the 19th day of February 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members: Barnes, maass, McQuaid, Pilch; mayor Nason

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ROCHELLE NASON, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 19th day of February, 2019 by the following votes:

AYES: Council Members Barnes, Maass, McQuaid, Pilch, Mayor Nason

NOES: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY, this

20th day of February, 2019.

Eileen Harrington
DEPUTY CITY CLERK