ORDINANCE NO. 2020-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL RENAMING THE TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WHEREAS, current Municipal Code provisions related to the Traffic and Safety Commission were adopted in 1958; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in its periodic strategic planning and work plan review processes requested modernization of the Commission’s Municipal Code provisions; and

WHEREAS, changing the Commission name to the “Transportation Commission,” better reflects the scope of Commission activities and is similar to the name used by other municipalities.

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

SECTION 1: CHAPTER 2 OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 2-20 TITLED “TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION” IS HEREBY DELETED IN ITS ENTIRETY:

2-20 TRAFFIC AND SAFETY COMMISSION.

2-20.1 Created; Composition.

There shall be and hereby is created a Traffic and Safety Commission within the City. There shall be five (5) voting members of the Commission, with each member of the City Council having the power to appoint one (1) voting member to the Commission. (Ord. #60-010, §1; Ord. #71-024, §1; 1958 Code §20.9-1)
2-20.2—Ex-Officio Members.

Ex-officio members of the Traffic and Safety Commission shall be the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and the City Engineer. (Ord. #60-010, §2; 1958 Code §20.9-2)

2-20.3—Rules of Conduct and Procedure.

Rules of conduct and procedure for the Traffic and Safety Commission may be prepared by the Commission and shall become effective upon approval by the Council of the City. (Ord. #60-010, §3; 1958 Code §20.9-3)

SECTION 2: CHAPTER 2 OF THE ALBANY MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 2-20 TITLED “TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION” IS HEREBY ADDED AS FOLLOWS:

2-20 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

2-20.1 Purpose.

A Transportation Commission is hereby established to advise the City Council on transportation policy and project planning and design on City-owned right-of-way. The Transportation Commission will take into consideration mobility, safety, sustainability, accessibility, and equity when making decisions or recommendations.

2-20.2 Duties and Responsibilities.

The Transportation Commission shall have the following duties:
a. **Serve as the advisory body to the City Council on matters related to transportation planning and policy, including: transportation elements of the General Plan; transportation improvement projects in the Capital Improvement Program; public transit service in the City; planning and design of bicycle, pedestrian, and motor vehicular facilities; and streetscape improvements on City owned right-of-way.**

b. **Serve as a decision-making body on transportation-related matters as may be requested by the City Council or required by the Municipal Code.**

c. **Provide transportation-related policy and project support to other City committees and commissions.**

d. **Serve as the City of Albany Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee), composed of both bicyclists and pedestrians who live or work in the City pursuant to Metropolitan Transportation Commission Resolution 4108 and City Council Resolution No. 2015-18, as may be amended from time to time; and**

e. **Perform such other duties as may be requested by the City Council or identified in the Municipal Code.**

f. **Consider accessibility and equity in making all decisions.**

### 2-20.3 Commission Structure.

a. **The Commission shall consist of five members with each member of the City Council having the power to appoint one member to the Commission.**

b. **The Commission shall have a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson who shall be members of the Commission.**
c. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall rotate per the Advisory Body rules and procedures; and

d. The City Manager shall designate a staff liaison to the Commission.

2-20.4 Meetings. Generally.

a. Regular Meetings. The City Council shall establish by resolution the schedule for regular public meetings of the Transportation Commission. A meeting may be canceled or rescheduled for lack of quorum or other reasonable cause.

b. Meeting procedures. The Transportation Commission shall follow the provisions of State Law, the City Charter, the Municipal Code or other such laws, regulations, or City policies or procedures that govern the conduct of public meetings and advisory bodies.

c. Quorum. Three (3) voting members shall constitute a quorum.

d. Public Notice. The Transportation Commission shall establish by resolution procedures for public notice of agenda items.

SECTION 3: 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 16th day of March 2020, by the following vote:
AYES: Council members Barnes, Mass, McQuaid, Nason & Mayor Pilch
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

NICK PILCH, MAYOR
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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALBANY,

the 16th day of March, 2020 by the following votes:

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

NOES: none

ABSTAINED: none

ABSENT: none

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

17th day of March, 2020.

Eileen Harrington

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DEPUTY CITY CLERK