



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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*Janine Faulkner, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Scaringi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Scaringi

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Resciniti, Riley, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Scaringi

Absent: Friedman

Also Present: Janine Faulkner (City Clerk), John Sperduti (Deputy City Clerk), Brian Seachrist (Corporation Counsel), Mehtasim Mahfuz (Asst. Corporation Counsel)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from the September 20, 2023 Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Strawn

Vote: Voice, All in Favor

**City Council Finance Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Strawn, Friedman**

No items to report.

**City Council Planning & Community Dev. Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scanlon, Friedman**

No items to report.

**City Council Municipal & Public Affairs Committee: Strawn (Chair), Resciniti, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Public Works/Parks & Recreation Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scanlon, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Employees Committee: Strawn (Chair), Resciniti, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Rules & Procedures/Special Studies Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Strawn, Friedman**

No items to report.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**



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## VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor of the City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing regarding RL23-196 Entitled “Amending the Bond Ordinance adopted November 19, 2021 relating to construction of various improvements to Mirabito Stadium to comply with the mandates of Major League Baseball”.

Public Comment: Tarik Abdelazim, Kenneth Brown, and John Solak

Motion to Close Public Hearing: Scanlon

Second: Riley

Vote: Voice, All in Favor

## VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2024 City of Binghamton budget as amended.
2. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL 23-218 Bond Ordinance for Water Street Parking Garage.

This public hearing will take place at the October 18, 2023 Business Meeting. Residents wishing to participate in the Public Hearing(s) may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) or in-person during the meeting.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

Residents wishing to submit public comment may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.gov](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.gov) or in-person during the meeting.

Public Comment: Tarik Abdelazim, John Solak, and Kenneth Brown

## X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

## XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-120. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds to support an affordable housing project at 187 Clinton Street with acquisition costs and pre-development activities including environmental testing and engineering services

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Riley, Burns

Vote: 6-0-0-1



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Absent: Friedman

**Introductory Ordinance 23-124. Considered in Planning: Resciniti**

An Ordinance to authorize the sale of 92 Park Avenue to Erica Farber

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Burns, Riley, Resciniti, Strawn, Scaringi

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Friedman

## **XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

### **A. PREFERRED AGENDA**

**Introductory Ordinance 23-129. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facility's budget to increase Professional Services and Repair for Emseal repair

**Introductory Resolution 23-77. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept an additional amount for Healthy Schools and Communities Grant from the Broome County Health Department

**Introductory Resolution 23-78. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with EDR for the Ross Park Carousel Shelter condition assessment and development of a new shelter design

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Friedman

### **B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

**Introductory Ordinance 23-127. Considered in Planning: Resciniti**

An Ordinance to declare the City of Binghamton qualified for exemptions from Eminent Domain Procedure Law (EDPL) hearing requirements and for the Mayor to take necessary steps for the City to acquire properties for the Main Street Corridor Study and Safety Improvement Project (P.I.N. 9754.37)

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 5-1-0-1

Nay: Riley

Absent: Friedman



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## **Introductory Ordinance 23-128. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the Bond Ordinance adopted November 19, 2021 relating to the construction of various improvements to Mirabito Stadium to comply with the mandates of Major League Baseball

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Resciniti  
Discussion: Burns

Motion to Hold-over Introductory Resolution 23-128: Burns  
Second: Riley

\*Introductory Resolution 23-128 held over\*

## **Introductory Ordinance 23-130. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to increase Professional Services expense and Interest revenue

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Resciniti  
Vote: 6-0-0-1  
Absent: Friedman

## **Introductory Resolution 23-79. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with various agencies for HUD FY49 service and capital programs

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Strawn  
Vote: 6-0-0-1  
Absent: Friedman

## **Introductory Resolution 23-80. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with CJS Architects for the Water Street Parking Garage

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Resciniti  
Vote: 5-1-0-1  
Nay: Riley  
Absent: Friedman



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## **Introductory Resolution 23-81. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Mirabito-Gresham Insurance & Bond Agency to act as Broker of Records for the City's Property and Liability Insurance

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Friedman

## **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

1. Scanlon
2. Resciniti
3. Riley
4. Friedman
5. Burns
6. Strawn
7. Scaringi

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:53pm: Riley

Second: Scanlon

Vote: Voice, All in Favor