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Giovanni Scaringi, Ph.D., City Council President

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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

City Hall, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton

6pm Monday, October 16, 2023

Called to Order by President Scaringi at 6:00pm

Present: Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Scaringi

Absent: Resciniti, Riley, Strawn

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

The Work Session begins at 6pm. Times for RL(s)/Topics are approximate only and items may be considered earlier or later.

Time	Committee	Chair	RL/Topic	Pages	Presenter
6:00pm	Planning	Resciniti	RL23-222: Amend the Zoning Map to rezone 9 parcels between Robinson Street and Walter Ave from I-3 Heavy Industrial to C-1 Service Commercial	1-3	Tito Martinez
6:05pm	Finance	Scanlon	*RL23-223: Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CJS Architects for the Water Street Parking Garage	4	Ron Lake
6:10pm	Rules/SS	Scanlon	RL23-201: To require elected and appointed officials to submit an annual financial disclosure declaration RL23-202: To enact a Local Law repealing and replacing the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 45A, Human Rights Commission	5-22	Councilmember Friedman
6:25pm	-----	-----	Pending Legislation: <i>*Found on the website calendar with the prior Work Session documents.</i> <i>*Adopting the 2024 tax budget as amended</i> RL23-203: To authorize the Mayor to enter into agreements with WRF for restoration of Ross Park Carousel rides and supportive pieces RL23-204: To amend the 2023 General Fund for Fire Department to increase Overtime RL23-206: To amend the 2023 General Fund for Parks & Recreation Dept to increase additional parks expenses RL23-207: To amend the 2023 General Fund for Corp Counsel Dept to increase legal expenses		Janine Faulkner



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			<p>RL23-208: To authorize the sale of 32 and 34 Munsell St & 75 and 77 Liberty St to Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango Inc</p> <p>RL23-209: To authorize the release of funds for Underwater Screening Services PO overage amount</p> <p>RL23-210: To authorize the BLDC to provide a revolving fund loan to Puerta Roja LLC for 59 Court Street</p> <p>RL23-214: Sale of a portion of Parlor City Commons to Confluence Properties II, LLC</p> <p>RL23-215: To amend the City Charter Chapter 18, Boards Commissions and Committee Procs</p> <p>RL23-216: To amend the 2023 Bond Ordinance to increase the amount for total cost of Conlon Field Turf Project</p> <p>RL23-217: To void Permanent R23-51</p> <p>RL23-218: Bond Ordinance for Water Street Parking Garage</p> <p>RL23-219: To amend the City Charter Chapter 127 Procurement Policy</p> <p>RL23-220: To amend the 2023 General Fund and Insurance budgets for Legal expenses to be charged to Sewer Fund</p> <p>RL23-221: To amend the 2023 General Fund budget per Fire Dept Tier 6 agreement for Tier 6 Firefighters benefits</p>		
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COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Please Expedite for Next Business Meeting*

*Letter of support included in minutes regarding RL23-202

Motion to adjourn at 6:49pm: Scanlon

Second: Burns

All in Favor



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To Whom It May Concern:

I write to support the efforts of Aviva Friedman to re-establish the Binghamton/Broome County Human Rights Commission. I have been in conversation with her regarding her efforts, as our office has been involved in a similar yet distinct reconstitution. In our case it was the advisory board for our Human Rights office--named the Human Rights Commission, to distinguish it from the Tompkins County Office of Human Rights--that was re-established in 2019 after a period of absence. In Aviva's instance, she seeks to re-start an office which can help members of her community file complaints with the New York State Division of Human Rights--which enforces New York State human rights law. There are 13 such local human rights offices throughout New York State--including the one in which I work--which serve as an intermediary between citizens and the State Division. Many of these offices also organize educational programming which addresses human rights concerns and engage in outreach to their communities to address salient human rights issues. They also refer clients to other human service agencies which may be better suited to address their specific concerns.

Such offices--largely known as human rights commissions--are more necessary than ever in the turbulent times in which we live. Many citizens, especially those from marginalized communities, find space in these offices to tell their stories, to be heard and affirmed in their humanity. I believe the Binghamton and Broome County community would benefit from a revitalized human rights commission and affirm Ms. Friedman's efforts in this regard.

Kenneth I. Clarke, Sr., D.Min.
Director