



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Minutes
City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday, December 20, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Scaringi called the meeting to order at 6:04pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Scaringi

III. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Riley

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

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from the December 6, 2023 Business Meeting and December 14, 2023 Special Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Burns

All in Favor

Absent: Riley

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.



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VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Postponed: Public Hearing regarding RL23-264 in compliance with New York State Housing and Community Renewal Grant requirements to receive comments on the City of Binghamton's current Community Development Block Grant project: 2100CVHR59-22, Binghamton Housing Authority Northshore Tower Elevator Rehab.

The meeting will be SET again prior to having the Public Hearing.

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 or in-person during the meeting.

Public Comment:

Nate Hotchkiss

Misty Kirby

Terry Renna

Tarik Abdelazim

E-mail from Carrie Blabac-Myers (attached)

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 23-159. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for the Police Department for various over-budget line items

Introductory Ordinance 23-161. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for the Fire Department for various over-budget line items

Introductory Ordinance 23-163. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for the Parks and Recreation Department for year-end extra week of payroll accrual



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Introductory Ordinance 23-165. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Water and Sewer Fund budget for additional postage, overtime and electricity expenses

Introductory Ordinance 23-167. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Planning and Zoning budget for Office Supply costs

Introductory Ordinance 23-168. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Housing & Urban Development Administration and Housing Budget for Legal Ads and Advertising expense

Introductory Ordinance 23-169. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Golf Fund budget for various over-budget line item expenses

Introductory Ordinance 23-183. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Refuse Fund budget to cover retirement and fuel expenses and tipping fees

Motion to approve Preferred Agenda: Friedman

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 23-158. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for increased electricity and street light expense

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-160. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for the Personnel Department for various over-budget line items

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley



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Introductory Ordinance 23-162. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for the Economic Development Department to account for year-end extra week of payroll accrual

Motion: Friedman

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-164. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to cover a Workers' Compensation buyout

Motion: Friedman

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-171. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for various over-budget line items at year-end

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-172. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Ramp Fund budget for various over-budget line items at year-end

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-173. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Department of Public Works budget for responsibility adjustments

Motion: Friedman

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-174. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for Marketing, Promotions, and Tourism in the City



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Motion: Scanlon
Second: Resciniti
Discussion: Friedman, Burns

Motion to hold over Introductory Ordinance 23-174: Friedman
Second: Burns

Introductory Ordinance 23-174 Held Over

Introductory Ordinance 23-175. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Fund budget to close account lines no longer active

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

Introductory Ordinance 23-176. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to use loss revenue funds per the American Rescue Plan Act for the rehabilitation of 11 Court Street

Motion: Friedman
Second: Scanlon
Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over Introductory Ordinance 23-176: Friedman
Second: Burns

Introductory Ordinance 23-176 Held Over

Introductory Ordinance 23-177. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Fund budget to close account lines no longer active

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

Introductory Ordinance 23-178. Considered in Employees: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the City Charter Chapter 124 Section 39 & Chapter 265 Section 2 to update the title "Executive Assistant to the Mayor" to "Deputy Mayor"

Motion: Strawn
Second: Scanlon
Discussion: Friedman, Burns, Resciniti, Scaringi
Vote: 6-0-0-1



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Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-179. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget to accept the fourth round of the NYS Healthcare Workers Bonus for Personal Services for the Fire Department

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-180. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Joint Sewer Project budget for the settlement of a lawsuit and to create a new budget line for payment

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-181. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget and Capital budget for the purchase of various properties

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scanlon

Discussion: Friedman, Seachrist, Burns, Strawn, Scaringi

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 23-182. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities Permanent Ordinance 23-19 to correct various budget lines to defund an Account Clerk/Typist and Fund a Confidential Senior Account Clerk position

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Resolution 23-95. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

Motion: Friedman

Second: Resciniti



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Discussion: Friedman
Vote: 5-1-0-1
NAY: Friedman
Absent: Riley

Introductory Resolution 23-97. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to extend the agreement with the Binghamton City School District for the Scholl Resource Officers at the High School and Middle Schools for 2023-2024

Motion: Friedman
Second: Strawn
Discussion: Friedman
Vote: 5-1-0-1
NAY: Friedman
Absent: Riley

Introductory Resolution 23-98. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce to support Marketing, Promotions, and Tourism in the City for the years 2024-2025

Motion: Friedman
Second: Scanlon
Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over Introductory Resolution 23-98: Friedman
Second: Burns

Introductory Resolution 23-98 Held Over

Introductory Resolution 23-99. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with the Binghamton Local Development Corporation for the rehabilitation of 11 Court Street

Motion: Scanlon
Second: Resciniti
Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over Introductory Resolution 23-99: Friedman
Second: Burns

Introductory Resolution 23-99 Held Over



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Introductory Resolution 23-100. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a parking agreement with the Boscov's Department Store. LLC for parking at the Water Street Parking Garage

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over Introductory Resolution 23-100: Friedman

Second: Burns

Introductory Resolution 23-100 Held Over

Introductory Resolution 23-101. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NYHART for Governmental Accounting Standard Board No. 75 actuarial services

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley

Introductory Resolution 23-102. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Exact Capital to support an affordable housing rehabilitation project

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over Introductory Resolution 23-102: Friedman

Second: Burns

Introductory Resolution 23-102 Held Over

Introductory Resolution 23-103. Considered in Rules/SS: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing Visions Federal Credit Union and Social on State to conduct a fireworks display on December 31st for New Year's Eve 2023-2024 at midnight

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Riley



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Introductory Ordinance 23-170. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds to support Greater Opportunities for Broome and Chenango

*Removed from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to Holdover Introductory Ordinance 23-170: Friedman

Second: Burns

Introductory Ordinance 23-170 held over

Introductory Resolution 23-96. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Great Opportunities for Broome and Chenango to support affordable and senior housing projects on Munsell Street

*Removed from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion to Holdover Introductory Resolution 23-96: Scanlon

Second: Friedman

Introductory Resolution 23-96 held over

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:33pm: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

All in Favor

Absent: Riley



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From: City of Binghamton, NY <webmaster@cityofbinghamton.com>

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2023 4:35 PM

Subject: [CAUTION SPOOFING] Agenda topic

Message submitted from the <City of Binghamton New York> website.

Site Visitor Name: Carrie Blabac-Myers

Site Visitor Email [REDACTED]

Hello,

I would like this note forwarded to those who will be attending the next appropriate meeting agendas please, as recommended to me by my former Westside representative, Angela Riley.

I have sent a few notes and made a few calls regarding Amicus' signs throughout the Westside. We love students and we love that they have clean, safe housing. But naming residences "Red Zeppelin", "Martha's Vineyard", "MGM Grand" etc. and placing a branded sign in the eaves of each house in ADDITION to the existing "A" branding is inappropriate for residential streets.

When I brought this subject up to Mr. Martinez and Mr. Buell in Zoning, Mr. Buell responded. Mr. Buell cited the following reasons that my point of concern was invalid back in September 2023:

"

The Abel Bennet tract is recognized on the Federal level, I do not believe that the local CAUD board has any jurisdiction in that area of the City.

There are a few general guidelines for signs in a Residential district, however none of those guidelines apply in these cases as there signs are not considered as advertisement, they are more decorative in nature.

We certainly are not encouraging these types of signs but have no legal standing to prevent them under the current Zoning ordinance.

I do know that Amicus has been adorning their houses with the "A" sign as well as "naming" their properties for around a year now.

"

There are a few problems with this response from Zoning but mainly, point 2 is false. Referring to Amicus' branded signage as 'decorative in nature' is incorrect. Amicus' green and gold signs are part of their commercial branding that is directly correlated to their nationally branded website and local advertising campaigns.

Thank you for your work and for bringing this issue to your next agenda.

Best regards,

Carrie Blabac-Myers