



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Hadassah Mativetsky, City Council President

Sarah Dinhofer, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Business Meeting Minutes

City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

6:00 PM Wednesday, January 24, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Pro-Tempore Hotchkiss

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Porter, Middleton, Cavanaugh, Hotchkiss, Rathmell, Dundon

Also Present: Sarah Dinhofer (City Clerk), Sophie Bergman (Corporation Counsel), Mehtasim Mahfuz (Asst. Corporation Counsel)

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of Business Meeting Minutes from 1/10/2024
 - a. Motion: Dundon
 - b. Second: Porter
 - c. Vote: 6-0-1-0
 - d. Abstain: Rathmell

IV. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Shade Tree Commission
 - a. Shawna Stevens (3-year appointment)
 - b. Ava Glasser (2-year appointment)
2. CDAC
 - a. District 3: Brandy Brown
 - b. District 5: Jordan Trice
 - c. District 7: Justin McGregor

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

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.

VII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Resolution R24-04. Considered in Finance: Cavanaugh

A resolution authorizing the Mayor, or his designee, to enter into an agreement with NFP Corporate Services (NY), LLC to assist the City with health insurance

Motion: Cavanaugh

Second: Dundon

Vote: 4-1-1-1

Nay: Porter

Abstain: Rathmell

Absent: Mativetsky

Introductory Resolution R24-05. Considered in Planning: Hotchkiss

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) in the amount of \$680,000 for the rehabilitation and non-luxury renovation of 34 low-moderate-income (LMI) owner-occupied single-family homes

Motion: Porter

Second: Middleton

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Abstain: Rathmell

Absent: Mativetsky

Introductory Resolution R24-06. Considered in Finance: Cavanaugh

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant for \$210,275 through the New York State Homes and Community Renewal

Motion: Cavanaugh

Second: Middleton

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Abstain: Rathmell

Absent: Mativetsky

Introductory Resolution R24-07. Considered in Public Works: Dundon

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) to provide emergency assistance in the absence of the Governor's Emergency Declaration

Motion: Dundon

Second: Porter

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Abstain: Rathmell

Absent: Mativetsky

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL

CM Middleton: Things are going well. Neighborhood meetings are starting to ramp up, please keep up with social media to stay up to date.

CM Mativetsky: I am working on 90 days of learning. As my constituents know, code enforcement is a top topic for me. On January 3rd I put in a request for access to code data to IT. I hope to be able to report at our next business meeting on February 7th that I have received access. On January 18th, I did a ride around southside with Supervisor [Schleider](#) and I plan to go on actual code calls in the near future. It is also on my list to schedule a meeting with assistant corporation counsel for code prosecution. Upcoming this Friday, assuming good health, I will be touring the sewage treatment plant. Corporation Counsel is working on scheduling a legal training and the Comptroller is scheduling a training regarding bonding. My daytime police ride-along is being rescheduled my original date was a snow day. Upcoming southside events: January 31st Southside Neighborhood Assembly will meet at 7pm at MacArthur.

CM Porter: Still seeking CDAC appointment, please send resumes clerk@cityofbinghamton.gov. Working with DPW to resolve issues around Penny Lane. Neighborhood watch meetings coming up; encourages the public to attend.

CM Hotchkiss: 1st Neighborhood Assembly meeting for Northside is 2/1 at 6PM at 438 Chenango St. CM Hotchkiss will be updating constituents regarding the Binghamton Plaza, Town & Country, etc.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Cavanaugh

Second: Dundon

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Abstain: Rathmell

Absent: Mativetsky