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Hadassah Mativetsky, City Council President

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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

City Hall, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton

6pm Monday, February 5, 2024

Call to order by President Mativetsky at 6:02PM

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

Also Present: Sarah Dinhofer (City Clerk), Sophie Bergman (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.

Abbreviations: CM – Council Member RL – Request for Legislation RFP – Request for Proposal RFQ – Request for Quote

Time	Committee	Chair	RL/Topic	Pages	Presenter
6:00pm	Planning	Hotchkiss	RL24-17: An ordinance to amend Ch. 410 Zoning to address below-grade amenity spaces in multi-unit dwellings <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CM Hotchkiss asks what inspired this, Martinez answers that legislation was created last year in response to “party rooms” being unsafe, this further amendment sets specific occupancy limits• CM Cavanaugh asks for follow-up from Fire Marshall explaining process to decide dimension specifics	1-2	Tito Martinez
6:05pm	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	RL24-23: A resolution authorizing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies to conduct fireworks displays in 2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Costello makes clear that all relevant paperwork has been included in the packet, including insurance, and is similar to many pieces of legislation proposed in prior years	3-10	Samantha Costello
6:10pm	Rules and Procedures	Hotchkiss	RL24-24: A resolution to authorize placing a referendum on the 2024	11	John Solak



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			<p>General Election ballot to pass the Police Choice Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Mativetsky states that the presentation of this legislation marks the beginning of a new initiative by City Council to increase citizen involvement and create greater transparency within Binghamton • Solak states that a similar proposal has saved Camden, NJ money in their budget, but speculates that Councilmembers won't seriously consider proposal, then exits Council Chambers after a point of order is called to stay on topic • CM Cavanaugh, Porter comment that they would have been interested to hear a presentation of the proposal 		
6:15pm	Finance	Cavanaugh	<p>RL24-25: An ordinance to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for overbudget items at end of year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Cavanaugh asks why legislation for 2023 budget is currently being considered • Shager states that certain 2023 expenses did not arrive until 2024 and sales tax numbers usually come in towards end of January, has been 10-12% above estimates in recent years consistently 	12-16	Chuck Shager



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6:20pm	Finance	Cavanaugh	<p>RL24-13: Bond ordinance authorizing various capital investments in and for the City, not to exceed \$11,937,500</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• CM Cavanaugh asks how the numbers for infrastructure projects have been arrived at; Heiman states that Mayor picks out several priorities, then looks to find available grants which match up with those needs• CM Dundon asks if departments have a 5-, 7-, or 10-year plan, Heiman states that there is no formal plan from any department, as their needs are unpredictable	17-28	Megan Heiman Chuck Shager
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Motion to adjourn at 6:57PM: Dundon

Second: Middleton

All in Favor