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Hadassah Mativetsky, City Council President

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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

City Hall, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton

6pm Monday, April 8, 2024

Called to order by President Mativetsky at 6PM

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

Also Present: Sarah Dinhofer (City Clerk), Sophie Bergman (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	Public Works	Dundon	<p>RL24-67 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement No. 2 with GHD for CSO-LTCP Post Construction compliance monitoring program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lake explains monitoring is required by DEC CM Dundon requests budget transfer sheet; Lake agrees 	1-9	Ron Lake, City Engineer
6:05pm	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p>RL24-68 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a \$25,000 grant from Broome County for mural at Mirabito Stadium</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glose notes that Small Community Fund for art within County has been nearly expended, so City was encouraged to apply CM Middleton asks about stated collaboration with youth; Glose answers one target audience of Rumbleponies is students, makes them likelier to stay CM Cavanaugh asks about timeline for design and completion; Glose answers hopeful to finish by 2024, but likely 2025 CM Cavanaugh asks if CAUD approval is necessary; Glose will look into this CM Hotchkiss asks if mural will be on exterior; Glose answers mural 	10-21	Sarah Glose, Director of Economic Development



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			<p>will definitely be seen from exterior, but uncertain of exact locations due to limiting properties of exterior wall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Hotchkiss asks how interested artists can apply to work on project; Glose is working with County to create process, encourages potential artists to reach out to Economic Development 		
6:10pm	Planning	Hotchkiss	<p>RL24-69 A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept an Energy Efficient Community Block Grant from DOE in the amount of \$76,690 for the purchase of electric vehicles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Kosty asks how City will purchase 4 vehicles when total according to current MSRP would come to around 115k; Berling replies that grant covers up to 4 cars, but purchase of 3 cars or partial payment from City could be considered instead if inadequate • CM Hotchkiss asks if grant will be available on annual basis; Berling answers yes • CM Cavanaugh asks who will be receiving vehicles; Berling replies Code asked for her assistance with grant application 	22-87	Juliet Berling, Director of Planning
6:15pm	Planning	Hotchkiss	<p>RL24-70 An Ordinance to reformat R23-92 to meet State Historic Preservation Office Resolution requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Berling states NYS asked to resubmit proposal for last year using NYS format; was already approved last year and just needs reformatting 	88-92	Juliet Berling, Director of Planning



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6:20pm	Employees	Porter	<p>RL24-66 An Ordinance to amend O24-21 Sections E and F to make clear that all payments will be deducted first from New York State pensions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costello states this is a minor change to previously passed legislation to clarify procedure regarding insurance deductions 	93-97	Samantha Costello, Deputy Clerk
6:25pm	Finance	Cavanaugh	<p>Comptroller's Quarterly Financial Report § 5-32. Comptroller to provide financial information. The Comptroller will provide (i) all financial reports, audit reports, weekly revenue/budget reports, (ii) each fund's cash balance and interfund advances, and (iii) random audit results, to the Mayor and members of City Council on at least a quarterly basis via a shared internet portal site.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporation Counsel states accompanying documents will not be public until finalized. Current documents are in draft form and Counsel states it is important to avoid misleading the public • Shager suggests changing charter to reflect May date instead of February, as accounts for previous year may not yet be closed • CM Hotchkiss and CM Cavanaugh ask if allocated funds can be clarified as taken out of City bank accounts or still being held; Shager states those numbers can be provided by end of month • CM Middleton asks about remaining ARPA funds for use in potential housing projects; Shager states that there is no un-allocated money remaining in ARPA funds remaining 		Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• CM Dundon asks if Shager would be available to attend 5/6/24 Work Session meeting to deliver final accounting report; Shager agrees• CM Mativetsky asks Shager to speak to overall financial health of City; Shager states belief that it is a healthy fund balance, but would prefer larger• Shager states that large issue in fund balance is due to negative cash flow at Sewage Treatment Plant as result of payments from Plant to City operating on 4-month delay; hopes to receive payment in April vs. May		
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Motion to adjourn at 6:47PM: Dundon

Second: Middleton

All in Favor