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CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

City Hall, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton

6pm Monday, June 24, 2024

Called to order at 6PM by President Pro-Tempore Hotchkiss

Present: Porter, Middleton, Hotchkiss, Kosty, Dundon

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

Absent: Cavanaugh, Mativetsky

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
6:00	Rules and Procedures	Hotchkiss	<p>RL 24-122: An Ordinance to allow CCE Chair to appoint city residents to committees within the Commission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Day: States inquiries have been received from community members re: environmental topics and would like to open membership up for subcommittees. Members would not be full voting members, but would be able to vote within subcommittee. Interest has been shown by students and others, particularly in reference to potential flooding 	1-2	Luke Day
6:05	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p>RL 24-128: A Resolution authorizing agreement with Broome-Tioga Board of Cooperative Educational Services for fire protection services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gardiner: Renewal of 4-year contract that has been going on since 2012 (\$30k/yr payment to City for fire protection) CM Hotchkiss: Asks how many other similar agreements are in place; Gardiner answers two – confined space agreement with Frito-Lay and this one 	2-5	Al Gardiner



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6:10	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p>RL 24-129: A Resolution authorizing acceptance of grant funds from LETECH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidwell: City is looking to accept \$468k grant from larger disbursement from Governor towards law enforcement tech • CM Middleton: Asks what funds would be used for; Bidwell answers bulk of funds would be used to update outdated mobile command center • CM Dundon: Asks if there will be waiting period before center is updated; Bidwell answers no, company employees would fly out to update vehicle shell • CM Hotchkiss: Asks to clarify if there is intent to purchase cameras with grant; Bidwell answers not in this grant 	6-20	David Bidwell
6:15	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p>RL 24-130: A Resolution authorizing the acceptance of grant funds from GIVE Initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bidwell: States \$377k grant covers salaries, fringe benefits, youth initiatives, overtime, and training costs • CM Porter: Asks how targeted areas are decided; Bidwell answers Crime Analysis Center picked top 5 high-crime areas 	21-24	David Bidwell
6:20	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p>RL 24-131: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Fairview Recovery Service* (Request to Expedite)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carson: States Fairview overspent allocation during pandemic, is looking to be reimbursed for overage in coordinated entry system (COVID 	25-29	Stephen Carson



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			<p>program to address homelessness)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Kosty: Asks Carson if funds were overspent/mismanaged by Fairview and price tag will be transferred to City; Carson responds yes • CM Dundon: Asks how Fairview overspent by such a large margin; Carson responds Fairview mistakenly believed they had 2 separate contracts vs. 1 amended contract • CM Porter: Asks what funds were overspent on; Carson responds salaries for Fairview employees • Motion to expedite: Middleton <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Dundon ○ Vote: 3-2-0-2 ○ Nay: Dundon, Hotchkiss ○ Absent: Cavanaugh, Mativetsky 		
6:30	Employees	Porter	<p>RL 24-120: An Ordinance to amend the BJCSB 2024 Budget position count by reducing one Shift Lead Operator and fund one Operator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Middleton exits at 6:26PM • Goodson: Employee is retiring at end of month, looking to bring on trainee that will end up filling position. No change in funding to overall 2024 budget 	30-31	Billie Goodson
6:35	Finance	Kosty	<p>RL 24-121: An Ordinance to amend the BJCSB 2024 Budget to accept Comp Alliance Award and increase Travel & Training</p>	32-35	Billie Goodson



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goodson: Award was received to increase safety training, looking to spend those funds 		
6:45	Employees	Porter	<p>RL 24-132: An Ordinance to amend the 2024 Parks budget to cover employee payout and retroactive pay for Acting Parks Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Porter: Asks if Acting Director will be taking over vacant position; Robinson answers unsure, but out of title pay still coming out of relevant budget line 	36-37	Charles Robinson
6:50	Employees	Porter	<p>RL 24-133: An Ordinance to amend the 2024 Finance budget to increase salary of Assistance Comptroller from \$69,256.00 to \$85,000.00* (Request to Expedite)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Dundon: Asks if increase is due to difficulty retaining qualified individuals at previous salary range; Robinson agrees • CM Porter: Asks if Civil Service Exam is causing issues; Robinson answers not in this case, but sometimes • CM Hotchkiss: Asks if salary increase is part of agreement to bring on new Assistant; Robinson replies yes • CM Hotchkiss: Comments that practice of taking money from vacant positions to fund other positions seems unsustainable; Robinson agrees • Motion to expedite: Porter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Dundon ○ Vote: 4-0-0-3 	38-39	Charles Robinson



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absent: Middleton, Cavanaugh, Mativetsky 		
6:55	Employees	Porter	<p>RL 24-134: An Ordinance to amend 2024 Police budget to reduce Program Assistant salary and increase Senior Clerk salary by \$19,557.13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heiman: States change is in title only, salary for individual is staying the same. Change is due to Civil Service Examination 	40-41	Charles Robinson, Megan Heiman
7:00	Public Works and Parks	Dundon	<p>RL 24-124: A Resolution authorizing supplemental agreement No. 4 with DECO for additional street improvements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake: States agreement is to start Phase 2 of DECO with Barton & Loguidice to add several items: lighting, updates of area around Water St. Garage by City 	42-45	Ron Lake
7:05	Public Works and Parks	Dundon	<p>RL 24-125: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Barton and Loguidice for a preliminary engineering report for the Ball Avenue Outfall</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake: Will be putting a camera through outfall line to see if there are obstructions that need to be addressed due to backups and determine next steps to alleviate flooding 	46-51	Ron Lake
7:10	Public Works and Parks	Dundon	<p>RL 24-126: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Hunt EAS for a preliminary engineering report for the Tompkins Street Pumping Station</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CM Dundon: Thanks Lake for keeping him in the loop throughout process • Lake: States Pumping Station currently doesn't work properly, only half of pipe can be used. Looking to see if station can be 	52-61	Ron Lake



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			moved or redone to determine next steps to alleviate flooding		
7:15	Public Works and Parks	Dundon	<p>RL 24-127: A Resolution authorizing an agreement with EDR to valuate conditions for the Terminal Pumping System</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake: Current system of grinder at JSTP leads to blockages, installation of new system at Pumping Station would eliminate issue. Looking to receive design plans and be ready for bids by fall, working closely with JSTP 	62-65	Ron Lake
7:20	Rules and Procedures	Hotchkiss	<p>RL 24-123: An Ordinance to amend Charter Section 307 to update food cart dimensions* (Request to Expedite)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotchkiss: Currently looking into updating food cart Charter sections, doesn't believe current size restrictions reflect modern carts. Used nearby similar municipalities like Syracuse as model for updated dimensions • CM Dundon: Asks about specific dimensions; Hotchkiss answers 6x10ft with no height restriction • Motion to expedite: Dundon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Second: Porter ○ Vote: 4-0-0-3 ○ Absent: Middleton, Cavanaugh, Mativetsky 	66	Nate Hotchkiss

Adjourned at 7PM: Dundon

Second: Porter

All in Favor