



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Sophia Resciniti, City Council President*  
*Leighton Rogers, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Resciniti called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Resciniti

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present (via Zoom): Scaringi, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti  
Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk) Ken Frank (Corporation Counsel)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from April 21, 2021 Business Meeting

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: All in favor

**City Council Finance Committee: Strawn (Chair), Scanlon, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Planning & Community Development Committee: Strawn (Chair), Scaringi, Friedman**

No items to report.

**City Council Municipal & Public Affairs Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Strawn, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Public Works/Parks & Recreation Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Scaringi, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Employees Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Scanlon, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Rules & Procedures/Special Studies Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Strawn, Friedman**

No items to report.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**



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## VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL21-88 Amending the Bond Ordinance adopted February 6, 2019 on account of an increase in the cost of the improvements to traffic signals. This Public Hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2021, at City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY and virtually via zoom.

\*Please note: Residents wishing to submit public comment for the hearing may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 5:00pm on the day of the meeting to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) or virtually via zoom during the meeting as City Hall is closed to the public. Details regarding participation via zoom are found in the zoom link on the City's website calendar entry for the Business Meeting on May 19, 2021.

## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

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1. Tina Chronopoulos (Letter)
2. Dan Livingston
3. Tarik Abdelazim

## X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

## XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

## XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

### A. PREFERRED AGENDA

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-41. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget for personnel service line to increase the annual salary of the General Equipment Foreman

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-42. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the City Charter of the City of Binghamton Part 1, Chapter 5 Subsection G, Designation of Depositories, to increase the maximum authorized for deposits from \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000 for all banks due to increased financing and anticipated stimulus funds

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-44. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Treasurer budget to defund an Account Clerk II and to fund a part-time Clerk



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### **Introductory Resolution 21-33. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the mayor to enter into an agreement with the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board for the provision of Emergency Confined Space rescue services by Binghamton fire department at the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facility

### **Introductory Resolution 21-34. Considered in Rules and Special Studies: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Binghamton Rumble Ponies to conduct firework displays in 2021  
Discussion: Friedman

### **Introductory Resolution 21-35. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

A Resolution to correct the 2021 Tax Rolls for various properties

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda: Scaringi

Second: Friedman

Vote: 7-0-0-0

## **B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

### **Introductory Ordinance 21-43. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Police budget to add and fund a new position of Director of Police Department Community Outreach and Recruitment

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Riley

### **Introductory Ordinance 21-45. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 14 Lydia Street to Vincent Tanzini for \$400

Motion to declare City Council as "Lead Agency" under SEQRA: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: All in Favor

Motion to identify the proposed action as "Unlisted" under SEQRA: Strawn

Second: Riley

Vote: All in favor

Motion to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA for the following reasons: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0



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Motion to approve Intro O21-45: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

**Introductory Ordinance 21-46. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

An ordinance authorizing the sale of 40 Hotchkiss Street to Madyson P. Fedoris for \$1,000

Motion to declare City Council as “Lead Agency” under SEQRA: Strawn

Second: Riley

Vote: All in Favor

Motion to identify the proposed action as “Unlisted” under SEQRA: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: All in favor

Motion to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA for the following reasons: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve Intro O21-46: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

**Introductory Resolution 21-32. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the transfer of land from the New York state department of transportation (NYSDOT) in development of the new fire headquarters facility at 235 Court Street

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nays: Friedman

### **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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



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## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:53pm: Riley  
Second: Strawn