



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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## CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION MINUTES

City Hall, 38 Hawley St, Binghamton

6pm Monday, July 8, 2024

Called to order at 6:02PM by President Mativetsky

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

Absent: Porter

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
6:00	Employees	Porter	<p><b>RL 24-139:</b> A Resolution to accept funding from the District Attorney’s Office to assist with expenses related to discovery and pretrial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zikuski: 2020 NYS legislation created requirements around discovery materials which increased burden on police department prior to trials due to shortened timeframe. NYS allocated millions to assist with associated clerical work; Broome DA has \$82k allocated for one full-time position within BPD. Position is expected to be renewed at least once</li> <li>• CM Hotchkiss: Asks if other municipalities are receiving similar position funding; Zikuski answers smaller municipalities may receive part-time funding versus full-time</li> <li>• CM Dundon: Asks if position will be covered by PBA union; Zikuski replies no, will be management-tested</li> </ul>	1-5	Joseph Zikuski, Chief of Police



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6:05	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<b>RL 24-136:</b> An Ordinance to repeal Chapter 292, Noise, of the City Charter and Code of Ordinances	6	Megan Heiman, Deputy Mayor
6:10	Municipal and Public Affairs	Middleton	<p><b>RL 24-137:</b> An Ordinance to establish Chapter 292, Noise, of the City Charter and Code of Ordinances</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bergman: States proposed legislation would repeal and replace existing ordinance for modernization. Adds that proposal is modeled off Syracuse’s ordinance</li> <li>• CM Middleton: Asks about \$500 fine stated within proposal; Bergman answers that fine is discretionary, can’t exceed \$500</li> <li>• CM Cavanaugh: Notes appreciation of the modernization of language, but states multiple issues needing to be addressed</li> <li>• Motion to refer to MPA committee: Cavanaugh <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Second: Dundon</li> <li>○ Vote: 6-0-0-1</li> <li>○ Absent: Porter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	7-15	Megan Heiman, Deputy Mayor
6:15	Public Works and Parks	Dundon	<p><b>RL 24-138:</b> A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the purchase of St. Mary’s Recreation Center*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bergman: Accepted award from federal government in March to build recreation center; looking to purchase previously built center and renovate</li> <li>• CM Dundon: Notes that expense of building youth center from scratch would be much higher; supports purchase</li> </ul>	16-18	Sophie Bergman, Corporation Counsel



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM Hotchkiss: Requests tour of property; Bergman agrees</li> <li>• CM Cavanaugh: Adds that work has been done on building since last consideration by City to purchase</li> <li>• Motion to expedite: Dundon               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Second: Kosty</li> <li>○ Vote: 6-0-0-1</li> <li>○ Absent: Porter</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
6:20	Rules and Procedures	Hotchkiss	<p><b>RL 24-135:</b> An Ordinance amending Code Chapter 307 to clarify peddler and pushcart license application timeline and establish Fire Marshal inspection authority*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CM Hotchkiss: States legislation would update application process for pushcarts, as current process only allows City to accept applications for 1 month out of the year. States changes would allow rolling admissions after 1/15</li> <li>• CM Cavanaugh: Comments belief that existing license-holders should be able to have expectation of stability within their business, but acknowledges need for fairness with new applicants</li> <li>• CM Mativetsky: Suggests having a fixed deadline for renewal by current license-holders, then rolling deadline for remainder; Hotchkiss agrees to consider</li> </ul>	19-21	Nate Hotchkiss, Councilmember

Motion to adjourn at 6:34PM: Dundon  
 Second: Middleton  
 All in Favor