



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Sophia Resciniti, City Council President
Leighton Rogers, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Agenda
2nd Floor Atrium, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday, January 6, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from December 23, 2020 Business Meeting and January 4, 2021 Organizational Meeting

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

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding the proposed 2021 Bond Ordinance (RL21-09) to finance various capital improvements as outlined in the City's 2021 Capital Improvement Plan, at the estimated total cost not to exceed \$6,525,000. This Public Hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on January 20, 2021, in the 2nd Floor Atrium located in City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY.



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Residents wishing to submit comment for the Public Hearings may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 5:30pm the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com or via telephone during the Public Hearing at (607) 772-7101 as City Hall will be closed to the public during the meeting. For any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (607) 772-7005.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

*Please note: Residents wishing to submit public comment may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 6:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com or via telephone during public comment at (607) 772-7101 as City Hall is closed to the public.

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-01. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Department of Public Works Central Garage and Maintenance of Roads budget

Introductory Ordinance 21-02. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Department of Public Works budget for vehicle parts

Introductory Ordinance 21-03. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Unemployment Insurance budget for additional claims

Introductory Ordinance 21-04. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Vital Statistics budget to reconcile personal services

Introductory Ordinance 21-05. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 Fire Department budget for overtime

Introductory Ordinance 21-06. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 HUD Administration budget for temporary services

Introductory Ordinance 21-07. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Finance budget



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Introductory Resolution 21-01. Considered in Planning: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with various small businesses for distribution of COVID-19 CARES Act funds

Introductory Resolution 21-02. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton Assessor to carry-over select homeowner exemptions to the 2021 assessment roll, provide alternative exemption application methods, and eliminate in-person application renewals

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: January 6, 2021

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS CENTRAL
GARAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS
BUDGET

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2021 Central Garage and Maintenance of Roads budget to transfer funds for equipment; and

WHEREAS, this budget transfer was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on December 23, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 Central Garage and Maintenance of Roads budget to transfer funds for equipment as set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above described funds
are unencumbered and available

Chuck Shager, Comptroller

Transfer From:			Transfer To:		
A1990.55050 Contingency Unfilled Positions:			DPW Departments		
A1990.55050	General Equipment Mechanic	54,434.00	A1640.51000	General Equipment Mechanic	54,434.00
A1990.55050	FICA	4,164.00	A9030.58000B	FICA	4,164.00
A1990.55050	Health Insurance	5,137.50	A9060.58000C	Health Insurance	5,137.50
A1990.55050	Workers Comp	3,135.50	A9040.58000D	Workers Comp	3,135.50
A1990.55050	Uniforms	283.00	A1640.54190	Uniforms	283.00
A1990.55050	Retirement	<u>5,715.50</u>	A9010.58000A	Retirement	5,715.50
		72,869.50			
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A1990.55050	FICA	4,164.00	A9030.58000B	FICA	4,164.00
A1990.55050	Health Insurance	5,137.50	A9060.58000C	Health Insurance	5,137.50
A1990.55050	Workers Comp	3,135.50	A9040.58000D	Workers Comp	3,135.50
A1990.55050	Uniforms	283.00	A1640.54190	Uniforms	283.00
A1990.55050	Retirement	<u>5,715.50</u>	A9010.58000A	Retirement	5,715.50
		72,869.50			
A1990.55050	Motor Equipment Operator	46,145.00	A5110.51000	Motor Equipment Operator	46,145.00
A1990.55050	FICA	3,530.00	A9030.58000B	FICA	3,530.00
A1990.55050	Health Insurance	5,137.00	A9060.58000C	Health Insurance	5,137.00
A1990.55050	Workers Comp	10,133.00	A9040.58000D	Workers Comp	10,133.00
A1990.55050	Uniforms	328.00	A5110.54190	Uniforms	328.00
A1990.55050	Retirement	<u>4,845.00</u>	A9010.58000A	Retirement	<u>4,845.00</u>
		70,118.00			
	Grand Total	215,857.00			215,857.00



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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET
FOR VEHICLE PARTS**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2020 Department of Public Works budget for vehicle parts; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Department of Public Works budget for vehicle parts as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

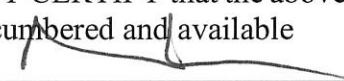
\$6,000 A1640.54112 (Gasoline/Diesel Fuel)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$6,000 A1640.54110 (Vehicle Parts)

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BUDGET FOR
ADDITIONAL CLAIMS**

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2020 Unemployment Insurance budget for additional claims; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Unemployment Insurance budget for additional claims as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

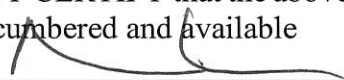
\$100,000 A3120.51016 (School Guards)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$100,000 A9050.58000E (Unemployment Insurance)

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 VITAL
STATISTICS BUDGET TO RECONCILE
PERSONAL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2020 Vital Statistics budget for an end of the year reconciliation for personal services; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Vital Statistics budget for an end of the year reconciliation for personal services as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$540 A1210.54701 (Travel and Training)

\$540

Transfer To (Increase):

\$380 A4020.51000 (Per.Serv-Reg.of Vit.
Statistics)
160 A4020.51000 (Per.Serv-Lic. Clerk)

\$540

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2020 FIRE
DEPARTMENT BUDGET FOR OVERTIME**

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2020 Fire Department Budget for overtime; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2020 Fire Department Budget for overtime as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$64,998 A3410.51000 (Per.Serv-various)
6,000 A3410.54190 (Uniforms)
6,000 A3410.52600 (Equipment)

\$76,998

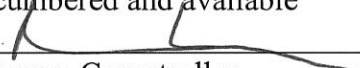
Transfer To (Increase):

\$76,998 A3410.51900 (Overtime)

\$76,998

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021 HUD
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET FOR
TEMPORARY SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Manager of HUD Administration and Housing and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2021 HUD Administration budget for temporary services; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 HUD Administration budget for temporary services as follows:

<u>Transfer From (Decrease):</u>	<u>Transfer To (Increase):</u>
\$37,678 A44489 (Fed Aid-Other Health)	\$35,000 A8686.51800 (Temp Services)
	2,678 A9030.58000B (Social Security)
<u>\$37,678</u>	<u>\$37,678</u>

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2021
FINANCE BUDGET TO ADD A FINANCE
PAYROLL SPECIALIST

WHEREAS, pursuant to Permanent Ordinance 20-107, dated December 9, 2020, the City amended the 2020 Finance budget to “(i) defund the position of ‘Payroll Supervisor’ at an annual salary of \$46,710, and (ii) add a ‘Finance Payroll Specialist’ at an annual salary of \$41,500; and to fund the ‘Finance Payroll Specialist’ from December 12 through December 31, 2020”; and

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton finds it proper and necessary to amend the 2021 Finance budget to carryover the 2020 amendment to (i) defund the position of “Payroll Supervisor” at an annual salary of \$46,710, and (ii) add a “Finance Payroll Specialist” at an annual salary of \$41,500; and to fund the “Finance Payroll Specialist” from January 1, 2021, December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendment was approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on January 6, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 Finance Budget to defund the position of “Payroll Supervisor” and to add the position of “Finance Payroll Specialist” and to fund same as follows:

<u>Transfer From (Decrease):</u>	<u>Transfer To (Increase):</u>
\$46,710 A1310.51000 (Per.Serv. Payroll Supervisor)	\$41,500 A1310.51000 (Per.Serv-Finance Payroll Specialist)
	5,210 A1310.51800 (Temp Serv)
<hr/> \$46,710	<hr/> \$46,710

Section 2. That this ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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Introduced by Committee: Planning

RESOLUTION

entitled


A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS WITH
VARIOUS SMALL BUSINESSES FOR
DISTRIBUTION OF COVID-19 CARES ACT
FUNDS

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton wishes to enter into agreements with the various small businesses listed in the attached Schedule I for disbursement of CARES ACT COVID-19 relief funds in an amount up to the sums also listed in attached Schedule I and in a total amount not to exceed twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE, that the Mayor of the City of Binghamton, or his designee, is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, with the various small business for CARES ACT COVID-19 relief funds in an amount not to exceed a total of twenty thousand five hundred dollars (\$20,500); and that funds shall be deducted from budget line CD8760.535005.CVY45 (EDW-PROGRAM-BUSINESS ASST) for this purpose.

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Small Business	Address	Funding NTE
MCAKA, LLC (Old Union Hotel)	246 Clinton St.	\$ 7,500.00
Tri-Bros Transportation, LLC	221 Washington St.	\$ 7,500.00
Binghamton Garage, LLC (Garage Taco Bar)	211 Washington St.	\$ 3,500.00
The Beacon	85 Clinton St.	\$ 2,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 20,500.00



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Introduced by Committee: Municipal & Public Affairs

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON ACCESSOR TO CARRY-OVER SELECT HOMEOWNER EXEMPTIONS TO THE 2021 ASSESSMENT ROLL, PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE EXEMPTION APPLICATION METHODS, AND ELIMINATE IN-PERSON APPLICATION RENEWALS

WHEREAS, the State of New York adopted legislation (S.9114/A.11181) entitled the “COVID-19 Emergency Eviction and Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2020,” signed by the Governor of New York on December 28, 2020 (L. 2020, c. 381), in the interest of the health and safety of the public due to the novel coronavirus, COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York has recognized this interest, especially as it relates to persons age sixty-five and older and for certain persons with disabilities and limited income; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York requires local governments to carry-over Senior Citizens’ Homeowner exemptions and Disabled Homeowner exemptions from the 2020 assessment roll to the 2021 assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York requires local governments to provide renewal applications, via electronic or postal mail, for those individuals who may be legible for a larger exemption in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York allows local governments to specify procedures by which local assessors may require renewal applications by recipients believed to no longer qualify for the exemption in 2021; and

WHEREAS, the State of New York bars any requirement that a recipient be required to personally appear to file a renewal, if a renewal is required;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE, that City of Binghamton residents age sixty-five and older and certain residents with disabilities and/or limited income eligible for Senior Citizen’s Homeowner exemptions and Disabled Homeowner exemptions will be rolled over to the 2021 assessment roll; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City of Binghamton will provide renewal applications via electronic or postal mail for eligible recipients to file renewal applications in the event that such eligible

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recipient determines his or her income has changed in a manner that would grant him or her a greater exemption than what was present on the 2020 assessment roll; and be it further