



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Hadassah Mativetsky, City Council President

Sarah Dinhofer, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Budget Hearing #7 Minutes

City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

7 PM Wednesday, October 23, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 7:04 PM by Chair Cavanaugh

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chair Cavanaugh

III. ROLL CALL

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

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

IV. RECONSIDERATION

- i. Motion to reconsider page(s) 53: Kosty
 - a. Second: Mativetsky
 - b. Vote: 7-0-0-0

- ii. Motion to increase budget line A1990.55000. (Contingency) by \$86,550: Cavanaugh
 - a. Second: Kosty
 - b. Discussion: CM Cavanaugh explains that, after discussion with Comptroller and Corporation Counsel, Council has been advised that motions to move money in and out of lines were properly made, but didn't have a budget line available to land in. Therefore, motion to open and close contingency following acknowledgment of prior motions will effectuate intent
 - c. *CM Kosty calls the question*
 - d. Vote: 5-2-0-0
 - e. Nay: Middleton, Dundon

- iii. Motion to close page(s) 1, 2, 7-15, 211-212, 217-222: Cavanaugh
 - a. Second: Dundon
 - b. *CM Kosty calls the question*
 - c. Vote: 5-2-0-0
 - d. Nay: Porter, Middleton

- iv. Motion to reconsider page(s) 29, 213, 225: Hotchkiss
 - a. Second: Middleton
 - b. Discussion: CM Middleton indicates openness to hearing potential further discussion
 - c. Vote: 4-3-0-0
 - d. Nay: Mativetsky, Kosty, Cavanaugh



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- v. Motion to close page(s) 53 *as amended*: Cavanaugh
 - a. Second: Kosty
 - b. Vote: 4-3-0-0
 - c. Nay: Middleton, Dundon, Hotchkiss

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motioned at 7:22PM: Dundon

Second: Kosty

Vote: 3-4-0-0

Nay: Porter, Middleton, Dundon, Hotchkiss

Motion to reconsider page(s) 225: Hotchkiss

Second: Middleton

Discussion: CM Hotchkiss states that allocation of \$2mil to Binghamton Plaza demolition does not leave openings for consideration of other potentially cost-saving strategic options. CM Cavanaugh notes that cost may not be accurate yet; agrees that allocation may be hasty, but states that Council will have opportunity to review and make decisions once annual bonds are discussed next year. CM Dundon adds that potential brownfield may cause further complications; questions if Plaza is structurally sound

Vote: 2-5-0-0

Nay: Mativetsky, Dundon, Kosty, Cavanaugh, Porter

Motion to adjourn at 7:30PM: Kosty

Second: Mativetsky

Vote: 3-4-0-0

Nay: Porter, Middleton, Dundon, Hotchkiss

Motion to reconsider page(s) 29, 213: Hotchkiss

Second: Middleton

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Mativetsky, Kosty, Cavanaugh

Motion to adjourn at 7:34PM: Hotchkiss

Second: Dundon

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Nay: Middleton, Hotchkiss