



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Sophia Resciniti, City Council President
Leighton Rogers, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Minutes
City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday, August 18, 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: Scaringi, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Ken Frank (Corporation Counsel), Maggie Redden (Assistant Corporation Counsel)

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from August 4, 2021 Business Meeting and August 11, 2021 Special Business Meeting.

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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



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VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding a proposed zoning amendment to re-zone the following parcels from R-3 Residential Multi Unit Dwelling District to C-1 Service Commercial District: 20 Mendelssohn Street (160.29-3-5), 22 Mendelssohn Street (160.29-3-6), 28 Mendelssohn Street (160.29-3-9.1), a portion of 151 Laurel Ave (160.29-3-2), and “Inside Lot” (160.29-3-9.2).

This Public Hearing will take place during the City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, in the 2nd floor Atrium located in City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY. Residents wishing to submit comments may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 5:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com or in-person during the meeting. For any questions, please contact the City Clerk’s Office at (607) 772-7005.

1. Letter – David Zube
2. Sarah Campbell
3. John Solak
4. Tina Chronopolous
5. Mary Anne France

Motion to close public hearing: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 7-0-0-0

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

*Please note: Residents wishing to submit public comment may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 5:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com

1. Tarik Abdelazim
2. John Solak
3. Cullin Brown
4. John Peterson
5. Marian Irwin
6. Bob Wilson
7. Cecily O’Neil
8. Ruth Blizzard
9. Tina Chronopolous

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION



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XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-82. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 HOME budget to close completed accounts

Introductory Ordinance 21-83. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 CDBG budget to close completed accounts

Introductory Ordinance 21-84. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund budget to close bond lines that are no longer active

Introductory Resolution 21-70. Considered in Planning: Strawn

A Resolution to extend the existing agreements with the YWCA

Introductory Resolution 21-71. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to accept a donation from the National Environmental Education Foundation in the amount of \$1,000

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-81. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to account for lost revenue of \$12,494,152 per the American Rescue Plan Act guidelines

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scanlon

Discussion: Friedman, Riley, Burns, Strawn

Motion to hold over: Burns

Second: Friedman

Introductory Ordinance 21-85. Considered in Planning: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Binghamton to rezone four tax lots related to Bates Troy Dry Cleaner (SEQRA)

Motion to allow Resciniti to abstain from vote: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

All in favor

Motion to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA: Strawn



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Second: Scaringi
Vote: 6-0-1-0
Abstain: Resciniti

Motion to hold over: Friedman
Second: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 21-86. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance amending the 2021 budget to allocate American Rescue Plan act funds and fund balance for premium pay to essential workers

Motion: Strawn
Second: Scaringi
Vote: 7-0-0-0

Introductory Resolution 21-69. Considered in Employees: Scaringi

A Resolution adopting the agreed upon contract with the Police Benevolent Association for 2020-2024

Motion: Scaringi
Second: Strawn
Vote: 7-0-0-0

Introductory Resolution 21-72. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the mayor to accept second round funding from the American Rescue Plan Act in the amount of \$23,092,337

Motion: Strawn
Second: Scaringi
Discussion: Burns, Riley
Motion to hold over: Burns
Second: Friedman

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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



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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

All in favor