



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, September 22, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Resciniti called the meeting to order at 6:03pm

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), Janine Faulkner (Deputy 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 September 1, 2021 Business Meeting and September 9, 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 RL21-177: A Local Law amending the residency requirements for employment for the City of Binghamton.

No participants

Motion to close public hearing: Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding refunding of 2015 bond ordinances.

This Public Hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on October 6, 2021, in City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY and virtually via zoom.

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 virtually via zoom 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 5:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com

1. Tina Chronopoulos

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Reconsideration of Permanent Ordinance 21-94. Considered in Employees: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 124-39, Personnel Policies, of the Code of the City of Binghamton, to add two positions to the list of 8 hour per standard work day employees

Motion to reconsider Perm. Ord. 21-94, adopted on September 9, 2021: Scaringi

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend Perm. Ord. 21-94, to replace section 2 as follows: Scaringi

Section 2: That this ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2022

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve Perm. Ord. 21-94 as amended: Scaringi

Second: Riley



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Vote: 7-0-0-0

Introductory Ordinance 21-89. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 budget to use the Fund Balance and ARPA funds to reduce debt cost associated with the new Community Center and park improvements at Columbus Park

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scanlon

Discussion: Friedman, Burns

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-96. Considered in Rules/Special Studies: Scaringi

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 26, City Council, to regulate and provide for public comment at most business meetings

Discussion: Friedman, Riley, Friedman

Introductory Ordinance 21-97. Considered in Finance: Strawn

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

Introductory Ordinance 21-98. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Refuse fund for an increase in bag production expenses for \$50,000

Discussion: Friedman

Introductory Ordinance 21-100. Considered in Planning: Strawn

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 28 Lyon Street to Greater Opportunities for Broome for \$1 (SEQRA)

Introductory Ordinance 21-101. Considered in Finance: Strawn.

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 JT Sewer Project budget to use the Sewer Fund balance for personal and professional services

Introductory Resolution 21-76. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution to accept a donation of 10 pole replacements as part of NYSEG electrical service upgrades at Recreation Park

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda: Scaringi

Second: Strawn



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Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Local Law 21-01. Considered in Employees: Scaringi

A Local Law amending the Charter of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 13, Eligibility, regarding residency requirements for City of Binghamton employees

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Friedman, Burns

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns

Introductory Ordinance 21-99. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget for relocation expenses for the temporary fire station

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Riley

Introductory Ordinance 21-102. Considered in Planning: Strawn

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 7 Harrison Street to Roger T. Howe for \$53,000 (SEQRA)

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

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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

This is an existing single family house that was renovated pursuant to the Cities RISE Innovation Program. The structure that has been brought to code compliance and is ready to sell. The Purchaser is a City resident that wishes to use the property for residential purposes. As a result, there is no change in use and no environmental impact.

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve Intro O21-102: Strawn

Second: Riley



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Introductory Resolution 21-75. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution to accept \$231,285 from the NYS DCJS Grant to implement the GIVE initiative and fund the STCAC

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

Introductory Resolution 21-77. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend work order No. 7 with GHD Consulting Services, Inc. for the BAF Restoration and Rehabilitation phase at the Binghamton Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facility

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:01pm: Riley

Second: Scaringi

All in favor