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Sophia Resciniti, City Council President
Leighton Rogers, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Budget Hearing Minutes

Virtually & Atrium, 2nd Floor City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901

5:15pm Wednesday, October 13, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

II.

Finance Chairman Strawn called to order at 5:15pm

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Chairman Strawn

IV. ROLL CALL

Present: Scaringi (via Zoom), Riley (via Zoom), Friedman (via Zoom), Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk), Ken Frank via Zoom (Corporation Counsel), Brian Seachrist (First Assistant Corporation Counsel), Lori Clift (IT Director), Chuck Shager (Comptroller)

V. Police Budget Presented by Police Chief Joseph Zikuski

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 48-58, 59, 67, 212

Motion to amend budget line A3120.51900 (Overtime-Police Officer) from \$443,894 to \$442,894 and transfer \$1,000 to budget line A1990.55001 (Contingency-Police): Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A3120.51000 (Personal Services-Salary Increase) from \$8,000 to \$7,500 and transfer \$500 to budget line A1990.55001 (Contingency-Police): Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A1990.55001 (Contingency-Police) from \$1,500 to \$0 to transfer \$1,500 to budget line A3120.51000 (Personal Services-Salary Increase) to increase from \$10,000 to \$11,500: Scaringi

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A1990.550100 (Contingency-Minimum Wage) from \$25,000 to \$24,916 to transfer \$84 to budget line A3120.51010 (Police Matrons) to increase the annual salary from \$1,500 to \$1,584 and increase the hourly wage from \$12.50 to \$13.20: Strawn

Second: Scaringi



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Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve page(s) 48-58, 59, 67, 212 as amended: Resciniti

Second: Burns

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

VI. Information Technology Budget Presented by Information Technology Manager Lori Clift

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 43-44, 212, 32

Motion to approve page(s) 43-44, 212, 32: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

VII. Fire Budget Presented by Fire Chief Al Gardiner

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 60-64, 212

Motion to approve page(s) 60-64, 212: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

VIII. Break for 5 Minute Recess Announced by Chairman Strawn at 6:22pm

IX. CALL TO ORDER

Finance Chairman Strawn called to order at 6:29pm

X. ROLL CALL

Present: Scaringi (via Zoom), Riley (via Zoom), Friedman (via Zoom), Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk), Ken Frank via Zoom (Corporation Counsel), Brian Seachrist (First Assistant Corporation Counsel), Lori Clift (IT Director), Chuck Shager (Comptroller)

XI. Finance Budget Presented by Comptroller Chuck Shager

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 17-18, 23, 45, 92, 212

Motion to approve page(s) 17-18, 23, 45, 92, 212: Resciniti

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0-0-0

XII. City Clerk Budget Presented by City Clerk Leighton Rogers

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 14, 24-25, 31, 65



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Motion to amend budget line A3510.51000 (Personal Services-Longevity) from \$500 to \$0 and transfer \$500 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency): Riley

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve page(s) 14, 24-25, 31, 65 as amended: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

XIII. Law Budget Presented by Corporation Counsel Ken Frank

Chairman Strawn opened page(s) 26-27, 205-206, 207, 204, 203

Motion to amend budget lines A1420.51000 (Personal Services-Assistant Corporation Counsel) and M1910.51000 (Personal Services-Assistant Corporation Counsel) from \$50,000 to \$0 and transfer \$50,000 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency): Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to transfer \$42,000 to budget line M1910.51000 (Risk Assistant/Paralegal): Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to transfer \$7,000 to budget lines A1420.51000 (Personal Services-Assistant Corporation Counsel) and M1910.51000 (Personal Services-Assistant Corporation Counsel) to increase the annual salary of Assistant Corporation Counsel from \$51,000 to \$58,000: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to transfer \$1,000 to budget line M1910.54900 (Provision for Incurred Loss): Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:18pm: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

All in favor