



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, October 20, 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 (via Zoom): Scaringi, Riley, Friedman, Burns (6:03pm), Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk), Maggie Redden (Assistant Corporation Counsel)

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from October 6, 2021 Business Meeting.

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

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

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding Introductory Ordinance 21-119: An Ordinance adopting the Tax budget for the year of 2022 as amended. This public hearing will take place during a Special Business Meeting at 5:15pm on October 25, 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 1:00pm 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 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com

1. Tina Chronopolous
2. Letter from Erin Alexander

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Reconsideration of Permanent Ordinance 21-106. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Police budget for personal services, uniforms, and transfer to capital; and to amend the 2021 Capital budget

Motion to reconsider Perm. Ordinance 21-106, adopted on October 6, 2021: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to amend Perm. Ordinance 21-106, to replace Section 2 as follows: Strawn

Section 2. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2021 Capital budget for various projects as follows:

- (i) \$200,000.00 increase to revenue budget line H.45031 (Interfund Transfer)
- (ii) \$ 49,000.00 increase expense budget line H1680.590004 (IT Info Mgmt.)
- (iii) \$ 81,000.00 increase expense budget line H7110.590009 (Parks)
- (iv) \$ 40,000.00 increase expense budget line H1490.510009 (DPW-Ft. Gates)
- (v) \$ 30,000.00 increase expense budget line H1650.525301 (DPW-Traf.Contr.)

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion to approve Perm. Ordinance 21-106 as amended: Strawn



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Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Introductory Ordinance 21-110. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital budget to transfer funds from the General Fund balance for the Water Street Parking Garage

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scanlon

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

Introductory Resolution 21-83. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pike-United LLC to build a parking garage

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-112. Considered in Finance: Strawn

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

Introductory Ordinance 21-113. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund budget to adjust the Serial bond revenue line for NYS DOT grant pay downs that will reduce the amount of bonds issued and received

Introductory Ordinance 21-114. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund budget to adjust the Serial bond revenue line for grant pay downs that will reduce the amount of bonds issued and received

Introductory Ordinance 21-115. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 budget for Legal Services in the Law Department

Introductory Ordinance 21-116. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Insurance Fund budget for Legal Services in Risk Management



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Introductory Ordinance 21-117. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 DPW budget to transfer funds to the Central Garage budget

Introductory Ordinance 21-118. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Parks budget for maintenance at Fairview Park

Introductory Resolution 21-86. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to renew the contract with the Broome County Front Street dog shelter for dog shelter services

Introductory Resolution 21-87. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NYSDOT for the Hawley Street/Washington Street traffic signal upgrade

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Resolution 21-85. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to accept a donation of a plaque and bench to be displayed at the Recreation Park reflection pool

Motion to allow Resciniti to Abstain: Scaringi

Second: Friedman

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Abstain: Resciniti

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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Motion to adjourn at 6:48pm: Riley

Second: Scaringi

All in favor

Esteemed City Council members,

I am reaching out to you today to have a concern addressed.

My name is Erin Alexander, and I have been a resident of this city for around 30 years. I am a transgender rights activist, and have gone to area schools to provide faculty training on creating a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for our area's LGBT students, as well as have had direct input on GENDA (gender expression non-discrimination act) at the time it was being written, at the request of the governor's office in Albany.

Over the past 2 years, I have unfortunately been forced to have negative interactions with this city's police department, which occurred because of John Barry, the Executive Director of Southern Tier AIDS Program. Mr Barry has repeatedly stalked my social media, and has several times sent officers from the Binghamton Police Department to my home in order to threaten me and force me to remove statements I had made from my social media, under threat of police violence, regarding his treatment of me and actions, all of which were not public facing - rather, visible solely to a limited audience, of which he was not a member. This in itself indicates Mr Barry has enlisted others to keep tabs on me, and it is of great concern to me that he is utilizing this community's emergency services to accomplish this goal.

In the last such occurrence, during which an armed police officer appeared at my home's door to demand I remove a statement I had made that Mr Barry has been threatening me by using the police, I told the officer that if that was the case, he also needed to visit Mr Barry regarding the very real crime of stalking and harassing members of this community, which was dismissed immediately by the officer as "that's a civil matter". If so, then WHY are they not telling Mr Barry the very same thing? What special privileges or office elevates him above the other members of this community, and allows him to violate our civil rights on a whim?

I am asking this body for a few minor things to address the issue:

- The permanent suspension of Mr Barry's and STAP's ability to call the police and send them anywhere in this city *other* than to one of their offices, to address safety concerns with staff there, just like any other business that is running in this area is expected to do
- An audit of calls and reports made to Binghamton Police Department by STAP staff, especially Mr Barry, to determine the extent to which STAP abuses their access to emergency services
- That the city recoup losses, should they deem fit, from STAP for utilizing the police department as their private security force, based on the aforementioned audit
- Punitive suspension of Southern Tier AIDS Program's license to operate in Binghamton until they can certify that they have corrected their internal issues
- A refresher for the officers serving our community on civil rights and what constitutes a valid emergency versus a civil issue that should be mediated elsewhere.

I feel these are reasonable and fair requests, and necessary for not only myself, but also those who do not have the means, safety, and visibility themselves to address it, yet have also been impacted by Mr Barry's such actions in the past. I thank you for your service to our community, and the attention to this matter.

Erin Alexander

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