



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, November 3, 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, 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 the October 10, 2021 Business Meeting and the October 25, 2021 Special Business Meeting.

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Friedman

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.



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VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding Permanent Ordinance 21-60 An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to submit the FY47 Annual Action Plan and accept any and all funds allocated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development from the CDBG, ESG, and Home Entitlement programs. This Public Hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on November 17, 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. Tarik Abdelazim
2. Marissa Robinson
3. Vincent Arlequin
4. Tina Chronopolous
5. Bronwyn Lee
6. Letter from Noah Lennon

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-120. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Mayor budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for additional Coronavirus expenses

Introductory Ordinance 21-121. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund budget to close bond lines that are no longer active

Introductory Ordinance 21-122. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund budget to close the 2017 Explosive Detective Canine Grant lines



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Introductory Ordinance 21-124. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance allocate the American Rescue Plan Act funds for tourism, city marketing, and promotions over the next 3 years 2022-2024

Introductory Ordinance 21-125. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 budget to fund demolition of blighted properties

Introductory Ordinance 21-126. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 DPW budget to create a new Street Maintainer Supervisor position

Introductory Resolution 21-88. Considered in Employees: Scaringi

A Resolution approving the collective bargaining agreement for the Civil Service Employees Association, Inc. for 2022-2024

Introductory Resolution 21-89. Considered in Planning: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreements with various small businesses for distribution of Covid-19 Cares Act funds

Introductory Resolution 21-91. Considered in Planning: Strawn

A Resolution to accept \$330,000 from the Environmental Facilities Corporation Green Infrastructure Grant Program

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-123. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for water and sewer line improvements

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Riley

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Riley, Friedman

Motion to hold over: Riley

Second: Friedman

Introductory Ordinance 21-127. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance establishing the City of Binghamton Water Street Development Corporation



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Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Riley

Introductory Resolution 21-90. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Broome County Land Bank for the Affordable Homes Program

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Riley

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to amend the legislation to include a stipulation for 10% of the funds to be put towards low income housing: Friedman

Second: Burns

Discussion: Strawn, Riley, Scaringi, Strawn, Scaringi, Riley

Friedman withdraws Motion

Motion to hold over: Scaringi

Second: Strawn

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:13pm: Riley

Second: Friedman

All in favor

Faulkner, Janine

From: Rogers, Leighton
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 3:11 PM
To: City_Council_Members
Cc: Faulkner, Janine
Subject: FW: Public Comment

Council,

See below the only written submission for tonight's public comment. We'll include this with the minutes for tonight's meeting.

Keep in mind, any written submissions like the one below will be included in the minutes and may be read aloud by any Councilmember, if they so choose.

- Lee

From: City of Binghamton, NY [mailto:webmaster@cityofbinghamton.com]
Sent: Wednesday, November 3, 2021 10:45 AM
To: Rogers, Leighton <larogers@cityofbinghamton.com>
Subject: Public Comment

Message submitted from the <City of Binghamton New York> website.

Site Visitor Name: Noah Lennon
Site Visitor Email: noahlennon56@gmail.com

Hello Mr. Rogers,

I have a public comment to submit for today's City Council Business Meeting:

"My name is Noah Lennon. I am a resident of Binghamton and I ask you to approve RL21-230, authorizing the mayor to accept the Green Innovation Program grant money. Allowing the development of bioretention planters and street trees are not only helpful for carbon sequestration and beautification, they will also mitigate flooding and naturally filter the stormwater that is currently polluting the Susquehanna and Chenango Rivers. They can also reduce the urban heat island effect, a phenomenon from which Binghamton is not immune. I hope that this project is just the beginning of Binghamton's green infrastructure initiatives, and that the city continues to seek funding to create green spaces, especially in unused areas such as abandoned buildings and parking lots. The amount of greenery in an area is positively related to property values, making it important for environmental justice that low-income areas be considered for the future of green infrastructure in the city. The continuation of this process is crucial for more of the city to experience the benefits of stormwater management, clean water and soil, environmental justice, and a beautiful landscape."

Thank you,

Noah Lennon