



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 17, 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 (6:01pm), 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 November 3, 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

1. 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.

*No Participants

2. Binghamton City Council and the Mayor of the City of Binghamton will hold a public hearing regarding Introductory Ordinance 21-135 Entitled “Bond Ordinance of the City of Binghamton authorizing the construction of various improvements to Mirabito Stadium to comply with the mandates of Major League Baseball, stating the estimated maximum cost of \$2,750,000”.

1. Tarik Abdelazim
2. Tina Chronopolous

Motion to close public hearing #2: Strawn

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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.

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 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com

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X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

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

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi



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Discussion: Riley, Friedman, Burns

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns

Introductory Ordinance 21-127. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance establishing the City of Binghamton Water Street Development Corporation

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Motion to amend clause 3 "The term of the directors shall be three years." And, delete clause 4 to replace clause 4 with the following: "The Mayor will appoint three members as the directors of the Corporation. The majority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation, and the minority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation.": Friedman

Second: Riley

Discussion: Scaringi, Frank, Burns, Riley, Friedman

*Friedman withdraws motion

Motion to amend clause 3 "The term of the directors shall be 4 years and coincide with the terms of the elected officials who appointed them." Delete clause 4 and replace with the following: "The Mayor will appoint three members as the directors of the Corporation. The majority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation, and the minority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation.": Friedman

Second: Riley

Discussion: Riley, Friedman

Vote (proposed amendment): 3-4-0-0

Nay: Scaringi, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Discussion: Scaringi, Friedman, Frank, Scanlon, Strawn

Motion to amend clause 3 to add "4 year renewable terms": Scaringi

Second: Friedman

Vote (proposed amendment): 7-0-0-0

Discussion: Riley, Scaringi, Friedman, Strawn, Frank, Burns, Scanlon

Motion to amend clause 4 and replace with the following: "The Mayor will appoint three members as the directors of the Corporation. The majority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation, and the minority party on City Council will appoint one director of the Corporation.": Friedman

Second: Riley



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Vote (proposed amendment): 3-4-0-0

Nay: Scaringi, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Motion to approve Introductory Ordinance 21-127 as amended: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns

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

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Riley

Motion to amend the legislation to add the following language "At least 5% of this award must be committed to fund permanently affordable homeownership opportunities": Riley

Second: Friedman

Discussion: Strawn

Vote (proposed amendment): 3-4-0-0

Nay: Scaringi, Strawn, Scanlon, Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-128. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Refuse budget to adjust the personal services lines

Introductory Ordinance 21-129. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Refuse budget to adjust various expense lines

Introductory Ordinance 21-130. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital Fund for the purchase of a new vehicle in the Water Department

Introductory Ordinance 21-131. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance approving a transfer from the "Flood Mitigation Reserve Fund" for costs of floodwall, pipes inspections and repairs



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Introductory Ordinance 21-132. Considered in Employees: Scanlon

An Ordinance amending the code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 124, Personnel Policies

Introductory Ordinance 21-133. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Parks and Recreation budget for purchase of equipment

Introductory Ordinance 21-134. Considered in Finance: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act Funds and the Fund Balance for premium pay for essential workers

Discussion: Friedman

Introductory Resolution 21-94. Considered in Employees: Scaringi

A Resolution approving the Binghamton Firefighters Local 729, AFL-CIO, I.A.F.F Contract for 2021-2024

Introductory Resolution 21-95. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Shumaker Consulting Engineers & Land Surveying for surveying services

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 21-135. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Bond Ordinance for Mirabito Stadium upgrades

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Riley

Discussion: Strawn, Scanlon, Friedman, Riley

*President Resciniti announces a Special Business Meeting for Friday, November 19, 2021 at 5:15pm

Introductory Resolution 21-92. Considered in MPA: Scanlon



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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease agreement with the City of Binghamton Water Street Development Corporation for the new Water Street Parking Garage

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman

Introductory Resolution 21-93. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution Authorizing the application for and acceptance of the fiscal year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

Introductory Resolution 21-96. Considered in MPA: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a second development, sublease, operation and management agreement with Evans Street Baseball, Inc.

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Burns

*Added to the Special Business Meeting for Friday, November 19, 2021 at 5:15pm

Introductory Resolution 21-97. Considered in Finance: Strawn

A Resolution to accept \$50,000 from the NYS DCJS Anti-Gun Violence award

*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 6-1-0-0



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Nay: Friedman

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Burns
2. Strawn (Left at 7:52pm)
3. Scanlon
4. Scaringi
5. Riley
6. Friedman
7. Resciniti

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 8:04pm: Riley

Second: Scaringi

All in favor