



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, December 22, 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)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from the December 8, 2021 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.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**



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### **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

1. Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL21-261 A Resolution authorizing a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant – Covid-19 Response Program.

1. John Solak

Motion to close public hearing: Scaringi

Second: Strawn

Vote: 7-0-0-0

2. Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL21-281 An Ordinance to modify the Fire Station Bond.

1. John Solak

Motion to close public hearing: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

3. Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL21-288 An Ordinance to modify the 2015 Bond for the Reconstruction of State Street.

1. John Solak

Motion to close public hearing: Scaringi

Second: Strawn

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](mailto: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**

Binghamton City Council and the Mayor will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL21-296 A Resolution to start demolition of the Water Street Parking Ramp at Boscov's beginning at 5am.

This Public Hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on January 5, 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](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) or virtually via zoom during the meeting. For any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (607) 772-7005.



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## IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

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1. John Solak
2. Tina Chronopoulos
3. Nate Hotchkiss – Letter

## X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

## XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

## XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

### A. PREFERRED AGENDA

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-145. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Law budget for personal services

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-146. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget for personal services and fuel

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-147. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Parks and Recreation budget for additional pool costs

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-148. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 DPW budget for various expenses

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-149. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Engineering budget for overtime

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-150. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Police budget for temporary services

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-151. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget for overtime and out of title pay

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-152. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Comptroller budget for temporary services

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-153. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Onstreet Parking budget for personal services

#### **Introductory Ordinance 21-154. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Insurance Fund for legal services



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**Introductory Ordinance 21-155. Considered in Employees: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 124, Personnel Policies, to clarify language for retirees

**Introductory Ordinance 21-157. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Water budget due to a water main break

**Introductory Ordinance 21-160. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Parks and Recreation budget for the Parks Garage roof

**Introductory Ordinance 21-161. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 DPW budget for overtime

**Introductory Ordinance 21-162. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget for travel and training

**Introductory Ordinance 21-163. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Capital budget to purchase up to 5 vehicles

**Introductory Ordinance 21-164. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 General Fund budget to transfer \$7,000,000 to the Parking Ramp Reserve Fund

**Introductory Ordinance 21-165. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Central Garage budget for various expenses

**Introductory Ordinance 21-166. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 budget to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for premium pay to CSEA workers

**Introductory Resolution 21-100. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application and to accept a New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant-CV (Covid-19 Response)

**Introductory Resolution 21-103. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the agreement with the YWCA for use of CVY46 funds for laundry upgrades

**Introductory Resolution 21-104. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution to accept the HOME-ARP preliminary award from HUD



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### **Introductory Resolution 21-105. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing Social on State to conduct a fireworks display on New Year's Eve 2021/2022 at midnight

### **Introductory Resolution 21-106. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to adopt the Stadium District Master Plan for the area surrounding Mirabito Stadium

Discussion: Friedman

### **Introductory Resolution 21-107. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Broome County Council of Churches for the CHOW program

### **Introductory Resolution 21-108. Considered in Employees: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Excellus Health Plan, Inc. to administer the City vision plan

### **Introductory Resolution 21-109. Considered in MPA: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to modify the IMA Water Agreement with the Town of Vestal

### **Introductory Resolution 21-110. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with Barton & Loguidice, DPC for engineering design and right-of-way services for the Main Street Corridor Study and Safety Improvements, Pin 9754.37

### **Introductory Resolution 21-112. Considered in Employees: Scaringi**

A Resolution amending Permanent Resolution 21-88 to acknowledge ARPA funding for premium pay

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi

Second: Strawn

Vote: 7-0-0-0

## **B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

### **Introductory Ordinance 21-156. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance amending the Bond for the construction of the new fire station

Motion to declare a Type II action under SEQRA for the following reasons:

City Council declared itself Lead Agency for this project on January 20, 2021, when the Bond for construction of the new fire station was approved. This proposed increase in cost for the new fire station does not change the scope or environmental impact of the project. Therefore I make a



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motion to declare this amendment to the Bond as a Type II action.

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman

**Introductory Ordinance 21-158. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to allocate American Rescue Plan Act funds for affordable housing at the Town and Country apartments

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Riley

Discussion: Riley

\*Special Business Meeting Scheduled for December 28, 2021 at 5:30pm by President Resciniti

**Introductory Ordinance 21-159. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2015 Bond for the State Street reconstruction project

Motion to declare a Type II action under SEQRA for the following reasons:

City Council declared itself Lead Agency for this project on February 18, 2015, when the Bond for construction of the improvements to State Street were approved. This proposed increase in cost for the improvements to State Street do not change the scope or environmental impact of the project. Therefore I make a motion to declare this amendment to the Bond as a Type II action.

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

**Introductory Resolution 21-101. Considered in Finance: Strawn**



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A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Keystone Associates for additional fees for the new fire station

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-1-0-0

Nay: Friedman

**Introductory Resolution 21-111. Considered in MPA: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with New York State Department of Transportation for the installation of the water line in NYS ROW

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

**Introductory Ordinance 21-167. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit an amendment to the FY47 Annual Action Plan

\*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman, Riley, Burns

Vote: 4-3-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns

**Introductory Resolution 21-102. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the agreement with Greater Opportunities for Broome for use of FY46 CDBG funding for carpet replacements

\*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to allow Friedman to Abstain: Scaringi

Second: Riley

All in Favor

Vote: 6-0-1-0

Abstain: Friedman



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## **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 7:35pm: Riley

Second: Scanlon

All in favor