



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Phil Strawn, City Council President  
Leighton Rogers, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON  
Business Meeting Minutes  
City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901  
Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Strawn called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Strawn

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Scaringi

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from the January 19, 2022 Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Burns

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

**City Council Finance Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Scanlon, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Planning & Community Development Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Scaringi, Friedman**

No items to report.

**City Council Municipal & Public Affairs Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Resciniti, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Public Works/Parks & Recreation Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Resciniti, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Employees Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scaringi, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Rules & Procedures/Special Studies Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scanlon, Friedman**

No items to report.



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## **VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

## **VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

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

-No Participants

Motion to close the public hearing: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

All in favor

2. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-22 entitled "2022 Bond Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 to finance various capital improvements".

1. Tina Chronopolous

Motion to close the public hearing: Riley

Second: Scanlon

All in favor

## **VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-18 entitled "The sale and abandonment of portions of Griswold Street". This public hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, February 22, 2022, 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.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION**

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## **X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO**

## **XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

## **XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

### **A. PREFERRED AGENDA**



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**Introductory Ordinance 22-13. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 budget to transfer funds from the general fund balance for the FEMA Court Street Flood Hazard Mitigation Project

**Introductory Ordinance 22-14. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget to allocate ARPA funds for additional coronavirus expenses and supplies

**Introductory Ordinance 22-15. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Fire budget to fund over budget line items

**Introductory Ordinance 22-16. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Signals/Combined Shops and Maintenance of Roads budgets for overtime

**Introductory Ordinance 22-17. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

An Ordinance authorizing an easement through 1 Avon Road for the installation of underground utilities to provide electrical service to 2 Stratford Place

**Introductory Ordinance 22-21. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2021 Sewer budget to transfer funds for NYS-EFC ineligible DRB Legal Fees

**Introductory Resolution 22-04. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with FEMA for the Court Street Acquisitions Flood Hazard Mitigation Project

**Introductory Resolution 22-05. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Resolution to correct the 2022 Tax Rolls for various properties

**Introductory Resolution 22-07. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into contracts with various agencies for the use of FY47 CDBG and ESG funds

**Introductory Resolution 22-09. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Streeter Associates for change order No. 17 regarding the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities

**Introductory Resolution 22-10. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Keystone Associates Architects, Engineers, and Surveyors LLC for special inspections and material testing at the new fire station



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## **Introductory Resolution 22-11. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit a grant application to the New York State Office of Community Renewal Community Development Block Grant Covid Response Program

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Friedman

Second: Riley

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

## **B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

### **Introductory Ordinance 22-22. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance approving a transfer from the "Parking Ramps and Lots Reserve Fund" to the Capital fund for the Water Street Ramps for the costs of design and architecture work

\*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 5-1-0-1

Nay: Friedman

Absent: Scaringi

### **Introductory Resolution 22-08. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

A Resolution to extend the end dates of FY46 CDBG Capital Projects to June 30, 2022

\*Pulled from Preferred Agenda by Friedman

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to allow Friedman to Abstain: Scanlon

Second: Burns

All in Favor

Vote: 5-0-1-1

Abstain: Friedman

Absent: Scaringi

### **Introductory Ordinance 22-20. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Bond Ordinance in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 to finance various capital improvements



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

**Nature of action.** An ordinance authorizing issuance of \$1,600,000 serial bonds to finance 2022 capital projects. The projects are for interior renovations, replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of existing structures or facilities, water and sewer connections, repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes, street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities, various equipment needs, and public park upgrades.

**Findings.** The City of Binghamton City Council has determined that the proposed action described above is a Type II action based on §617.5 Type II C (1) maintenance or repair involving no substantial changes in an existing structure or facility, (2) replacement, rehabilitation or reconstruction of a structure or facility, in kind, on the same site, including upgrading buildings to meet building or fire codes, unless such action meets or exceeds any of the thresholds in section 617.4 of this Part, (4) repaving of existing highways not involving the addition of new travel lanes, (5) street openings and right-of-way openings for the purpose of repair or maintenance of existing utility facilities, (13) extension of utility distribution facilities, including gas, electric, telephone, cable, water and sewer connections to render service in approved subdivisions or in connection with any action on this list and (21) minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment; and no further environmental review is necessary.

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Friedman

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

**Introductory Resolution 22-06. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to extend the contract with the Police Athletic League to June 30, 2022

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Scanlon

Vote: 5-1-0-1



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Nay: Friedman

Absent: Scaringi

## **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 6:58pm: Riley

Second: Resciniti

All in favor