



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Phil Strawn, 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, March 9, 2022**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Strawn called the meeting to order at 6:01pm

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Strawn

III. ROLL CALL

Present (via Zoom): Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn
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 February 23, 2022 Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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.

VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS



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VII. PUBLIC HEARING

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-57 entitled “An Ordinance to modify the 2019 Bond for Pedestrian Safety Improvements”.

-No Participants

Motion to close Public Hearing: Scaringi

Second: Burns

All in Favor

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-72 entitled “A Local Law amending the code to reduce permissible grass and weed height from 10 inches to 8 inches”. This public hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, March 23, 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 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

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 or virtually via zoom during the meeting.

1. Tina Chronopoulos
2. Tom Costello

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-37. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Bureau of Police budget to increase the annual salary of the Senior Crime Analyst to \$72,000

Introductory Ordinance 22-38. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage budget to transfer funds for an additional Operator I/Trainee position and defund an Operator III position

Introductory Ordinance 22-39. Considered in Finance: Scaringi



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An Ordinance to amend the FY47 CDBG budget to purchase and equip a fire rescue truck for the Binghamton Fire Department

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Introductory Ordinance 22-41. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Central Services budget for the position of Storeskeeper

Introductory Ordinance 22-42. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 budget to unallocated ARPA funds from Permanent Ordinance 21-95

Discussion: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-18. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Albert Torto Construction Corp. for change order No. 2 regarding emergency sewer repairs at 503 Chenango Street and 19 Richmond Avenue

Introductory Resolution 22-21. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into Supplemental Agreement No. 1 with NYSDOT for the Pedestrian Safety Improvements Project, PIN 9754.63 for preliminary engineering/design and construction, construction support, and construction inspection work

Introductory Resolution 22-22. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Rumble Ponies to conduct fireworks displays in 2022

Introductory Resolution 22-23. Considered in PW/Parks: Scanlon

A Resolution confirming that City parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities are tobacco and smoke free zones including e-cigarettes and marijuana

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Introductory Resolution 22-24. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

A Resolution to extend the end date in the agreement with the First Ward Action Council to use FY46 CDBG funds to June 30, 2022

Introductory Resolution 22-25. Considered in MPA: Scaringi

A Resolution to approve the By-Laws of the City of Binghamton Water Street Local Development Corporation

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi



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Second: Riley
Vote: 7-0-0-0

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-43. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 budget to allocate ARPA funds for demolition of vacant and abandoned properties

*Pulled from preferred agenda: Friedman

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to hold over: Friedman

Second: Burns

Introductory Ordinance 22-40. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance amending the Bond Ordinance adopted February 6, 2019 and previously amended on May 19, 2021, on account of the Pedestrian Safety Improvements

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

Nature of action. An ordinance to modify the February 6, 2019, bond, as previously modified on May 19, 2021, to increase the appropriation for pedestrian improvements from \$489,300 to \$850,000 and to further amend said bond ordinance to authorize the issuance of an additional \$360,700 bonds to finance said increased appropriation.

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, (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, and (21) minor temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent impact on the environment; and no further environmental review is necessary.

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 7-0-0-0

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Second: Resciniti

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XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS



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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:03pm: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

All in favor