



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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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, March 23, 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**

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

Present (via Zoom): Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn  
Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk)

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from the March 9, 2022 Business Meeting and the March 14, 2022 Special 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 RL22-72 entitled "A Local Law amending the code to reduce permissible grass and weed height from 10 inches to 8 inches".

1. Email correspondence Kathy Staples
2. Email correspondence Dorian Zahka

Motion to close Public Hearing: Scaringi

Second: Burns

All in Favor

## **VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

## **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](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) or virtually via zoom during the meeting.

-No Participants

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

## **XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

### **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

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Friedman

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 7-0-0-0

### **Reconsideration of Permanent Ordinance 22-41. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

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

Motion to reconsider Permanent Ordinance 22-41, passed at the March 9, 2022 Business Meeting

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scaringi

All in Favor

Motion to amend Permanent Ordinance 22-41 to:

- (i) Change new rate of pay from \$21.50 to \$21.57
- (ii) Amend the total annual increase from \$7,516 to \$7,666



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- (iii) Amend the total transfer from (decrease) (Health Insurance) from \$720 to \$870
  - (iv) Amend the total transfer to (increase) (Personal Services – Storeskeeper) from \$720 to \$870

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scaringi

All in Favor

Motion to approve Permanent Ordinance 22-41 as amended

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0-0-0

### **XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

#### **A. PREFERRED AGENDA**

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-46. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Insurance fund to increase revenue and expenses for damage to the State Street Garage entry lane equipment

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-47. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to extend Permanent Ordinance 20-49 to temporarily amend or waive Chapter 327, rights of way, use of , Article II, Outdoor Café permits Chapter 410, Zoning, Section 410-45, Categories of review, and the fee schedule for site plan review of outdoor seating

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-48. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Personnel and Civil Service budget to provide a responsibility adjustment to the Program Assistant due to staff vacancy

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-49. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Mayor budget to allocate ARPA funds toward a community food pantry

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-50. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Parks budget to allocate ARPA funds for 2 new laborer positions

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-51. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Code Enforcement budget to allocate ARPA funds for a new code inspector

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-52. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Law budget to allocate ARPA funds for a new Assistant Corporation Counsel Prosecutor position

##### **Introductory Ordinance 22-53. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**



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An Ordinance to amend Chapter 124-39.a, Personnel Policies, of the Code of the City of Binghamton, to remove the Administrative Assistant (to the Department of Public Works) from the 8 hour standard work day and to reduce the annual salary accordingly

**Introductory Ordinance 22-54. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the Permanent Ordinance 22-36 and amend the 2021 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board budget to adjust the appropriations for BAF Legal Services

**Introductory Ordinance 22-55. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board budget to add a revenue line and several expense lines for rehab work at the wastewater treatment facilities

**Introductory Ordinance 22-56. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board budget to increase the appropriations for Professional Services for clean-up and media removal

**Introductory Resolution 22-26. Considered in Finance: Scaringi**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Outreach Ministries/Showers of Hope for use of ARPA funds

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi

Second: Riley

Vote: 7-0-0-0

**B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

**Local Law 22-01. Considered in Rules/Special Studies: Resciniti**

A Local Law amending the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter §265-13, Minimum Exterior and Interior Requirements, and Code §265-14, Vacant Building Registry and Maintenance, regarding more restrictive grass and weed height for the City of Binghamton residents

\*Pulled from preferred agenda: Friedman

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 5-2-0-0

Nay: Riley, Friedman

**Introductory Ordinance 22-45. Considered in Planning: Scanlon**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 43 Schubert Street to Sarah Walker

Motion to declare City Council as "Lead Agency" under SEQRA

Motion: Scanlon



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Second: Scaringi  
All in Favor

Motion to identify the proposed action as “Unlisted” under SEQRA

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Riley  
All in Favor

Motion to issue a negative declaration under SEQRA for the following reasons:

This is an abandoned lot in a residential area. The Purchaser owns the adjoining property at 45 Schubert. The Purchaser has agreed to demolish the unsafe garage, remove the invasive trees, and install fencing; then to use the Premises as green space. The transfer will preserve green space and provide for future maintenance. This transfer is made as part of the City’s Side-Lot program.

Motion: Scanlon  
Second: Scaringi  
Vote: 7-0-0-0

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Second: Scaringi  
Vote: 7-0-0-0

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

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

## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn 6:38pm: Riley  
Second: Scaringi  
All in favor