



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Phil Strawn, City Council President
Leighton Rogers, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Agenda
City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday, May 18, 2022

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from the May 4, 2022 Business Meeting.

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

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-140 entitled "A Local Law amending the City Code regarding property and building nuisance reform."

This public hearing will take place during the next regular City Council Business Meeting at 6pm on Wednesday, June 8, 2022, virtually via zoom.



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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.

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-83. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 City Fee Schedule to include Ely Park Golf course in-season rates

Introductory Ordinance 22-84. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

An Ordinance authorizing Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. to replace an existing billboard with one digital sign face at 159.5 North Griswold Street

Introductory Ordinance 22-85. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Insurance Fund budget to increase revenue for an anticipated insurance recovery and create an expense line for an emergency demolition at 159 Conklin Avenue

Introductory Ordinance 22-86. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Finance budget to adjust the Staff Accountant and Finance Payroll Specialist annual salary and increase travel & training

Introductory Ordinance 22-88. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

An Ordinance amending Permanent Ordinance 22-03 to add a reverter clause

Introductory Resolution 22-54. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution to accept a \$250,000 Grant from the US DOT Recreational Trails Program to be used at Ross Park

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-87. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 budget to allocate ARPA funds to support gun violence reduction programs through the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center



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XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: May 18, 2022

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 CITY
FEE SCHEDULE TO INCLUDE ELY PARK
GOLF COURSE IN-SEASON RATES**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is the owner of the Ely Park Golf Course, located at 67 Ridge Street, Binghamton, New York; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Permanent Resolution 21-22, dated March 17, 2021, the City retained Antares Golf, LLC f/k/a Indigo Golf Partners (“Antares”) to provide comprehensive management of Ely Park Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, Antares established In-Season Rates for Ely Park Golf Course; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to (i) ratify the In-Season Rates established by Antares to date; (ii) amend the 2022 City Fee Schedule, Appendix C, to include 2022 Ely Park Golf Course In-Season Rates as annexed hereto; and (iii) authorize Antares to increase the weekday walk rate up to \$24 and ride rate up to \$40, and the weekend/holiday walk rate up to \$28 and ride rate up to \$45 upon written notice to the City of Binghamton Comptroller.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That (i) the In-Season Rates established by Antares to date are hereby ratified, (ii) the 2022 City Fee Schedule, Appendix C, is amended to include 2022 Ely Park Golf Course In-Season Rates as annexed hereto, and (iii) Antares is authorized to increase the weekday walk rate up to \$24 and ride rate up to \$40, and the weekend/holiday walk rate up to \$28 and ride rate up to \$45 upon written notice to the City of Binghamton Comptroller.

Section 2. That the In-Season Rates, as may be amended pursuant to Section 1 above, will not otherwise be amended without consent of City Council; however, nothing herein shall preclude Antares, or any subsequent management of Ely Park Golf Course, from charging fees for off-season use or special activities, as may be approved by the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton.

Section 3. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

Ely Park Golf Course

2022 In-Season Rates

<u>Weekday Rates</u>	<i>Walk</i>	<i>Ride</i>
Monday-Friday	\$22	\$36
2pm - CL	\$20	\$34
9 Holes	\$16	\$24
Senior Special - 18 Weekdays	\$20	\$34
Senior Special - 9 Weekdays	\$14	\$22

<u>Weekend Rates</u>		
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays	\$25	\$39
2pm - CL	\$22	\$36
9 Holes	\$18	\$26

Cart Rates - Per Person - Tax Inclusive

18 Holes	\$14
9 Holes	\$8

Season Passes - Green Fee Only

Annual Passholder - Adult Single	\$750
Annual Passholder - Couple	\$1,000
Annual Passholder - Family	\$1,100
Annual Passholder - Senior (60+)	\$650
Annual Passholder - First Responder	\$650
Annual Passholder - Junior (HS and under)	\$375
Annual Passholder - College	\$425
Locker Rental	\$25



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Introduced by Committee: Planning

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARK
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING OF NEW YORK,
INC. TO REPLACE AN EXISTING BILLBOARD
WITH ONE DIGITAL SIGN FACE AT 159.5 N
GRISWOLD STREET

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the City of Binghamton § 410-62, *Signs specifically prohibited in all districts; signs allowed by permit only*, all advertising signs installed within the City of Binghamton must first be approved by City Council before permit approval; and

WHEREAS, Park Outdoor Advertising of New York, Inc. ("Park Outdoor") has requested to replace one 14' x 48' sign face on an existing off-premises advertising sign (billboard sign) with one digital sign face of the same size located at 159.5 N. Griswold Street (Tax Parcel No. 144.52-1-22.11); and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Binghamton wishes to approve the new digital sign face.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to the Code of the City of Binghamton § 410-62, *Signs specifically prohibited in all districts; signs allowed by permit only*, the Council of the City of Binghamton does hereby approve Park Outdoor's application to replace one 14' x 48' sign face on an existing off-premises advertising sign (billboard sign) with one digital sign face of the same size located at 159.5 N. Griswold Street (Tax Parcel No. 144.52-1-22.11).

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.



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Date: May 18, 2022

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022
INSURANCE FUND BUDGET TO INCREASE
REVENUE FOR AN ANTICIPATED
INSURANCE RECOVERY AND CREATE AN
EXPENSE LINE FOR AN EMERGENCY
DEMOLITION AT 159 CONKLIN AVENUE

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton finds it proper and necessary to amend the 2022 Insurance Fund budget to (i) increase revenue for an anticipated insurance recovery and (ii) create and fund a demolition expense line for an emergency demolition at 159 Conklin Avenue; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 18, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2022 Insurance Fund budget to (i) increase revenue for an anticipated insurance recovery; and (ii) create and fund a demolition expense line for an emergency demolition at 159 Conklin Avenue as follows:

- (i) \$106,580 increase revenue budget line M.42680 (Insurance Recovery)
- (ii) \$106,580 increase expense budget line M1910.54470 (Demolition)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above described funds
are unencumbered and available

Chuck Shager, Comptroller



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: May 18, 2022

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022
FINANCE BUDGET TO ADJUST THE STAFF
ACCOUNTANT AND FINANCE PAYROLL
SPECIALIST ANNUAL SALARY AND
INCREASE TRAVEL & TRAINING

WHEREAS, the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton finds it proper and necessary to amend the 2022 Finance budget to adjust the annual salary of the “Staff Accountant” and “Finance Payroll Specialist” positions and to increase travel and training; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 18, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2022 Finance budget to (i) decrease the annual salary of the “Staff Accountant” from \$61,800 to \$59,000; (ii) increase the annual salary of the “Finance Payroll Specialist” from \$42,745 to \$44,750; (iii) increase travel and training by \$489.23; and (iv) to fund the increase to the “Finance Payroll Specialist” position from May 21 through December 31, 2022, as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$1,723.08 A1310.51000 (Per.Ser-Staff
Accountant)

\$1,723.08

Transfer To (Increase):

\$1,233.85 A1310.51000 (Per.Ser-Finance
Payroll Spec.)

489.23 A1310.54701 (Travel&Training)

\$1,723.08

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect May 21, 2022.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above described funds
are unencumbered and available

Chuck Shager, Comptroller



**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: April 20, 2022

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn

Introduced by Committee: Planning

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PERMANENT
ORDINANCE 22-03 TO ADD A REVERTER
CLAUSE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Permanent Ordinance 22-03, dated January 19, 2022, the City of Binghamton authorized the sale of 20 Lisle Ave., Binghamton, New York, Tax Parcel No. 160.50-1-14 and 22 Lisle Ave., Binghamton, New York, Tax Parcel No. 160.50-1-15 to the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) of Binghamton and Broome County, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton wishes to amend Permanent Ordinance 22-03 to add a reverter clause that states, "if the YWCA does not obtain site plan approval for the proposed project within 12 months of this legislation, the ownership of the parcels at 20 Lisle Ave. and 22 Lisle Ave. will revert to the City's ownership."

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the transfer of ownership of 20 Lisle Ave. and 22 Lisle Ave. to the YWCA shall take effect immediately.

Section 2. That Permanent Ordinance 22-03 is hereby amended to add, "if the YWCA does not obtain site plan approval for the proposed project within 12 months of this legislation, the ownership of the parcels at 20 Lisle Ave. and 22 Lisle Ave. will revert to the City's ownership."



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Date: May 18, 2022

Sponsored by Council Members: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Scanlon, Strawn

Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A \$250,000
GRANT FROM THE US DOT RECREATIONAL
TRAILS PROGRAM TO BE USED AT ROSS
PARK

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is eligible to receive a \$250,000 grant from the US DOT Recreational Trails Program for creating publicly accessible trails at Ross Park; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is estimated to be \$312,500; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires a local match of 20% (\$62,500) which the City agrees to include in its 2023 budget; the grant is reimbursable and that funds will be deducted from the general fund pending reimbursement; the grant funds will be administered by the Director of Housing and Community Development or her designee; and the estimated date of completion is June 2023; and

WHEREAS, prior to any construction, the City of Binghamton Commission on Architecture & Urban Design ("CAUD") will complete an acceptable SEQRA review.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby:

RESOLVE that the Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, as may be necessary to accept a \$250,000 grant from the US DOT Recreational Trails Program for creating publicly accessible trails at Ross Park; and the Comptroller is authorized to amend the budget accordingly; and be it further

RESOLVED that prior to any construction CAUD will complete an acceptable SEQRA review.



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Date: May 18, 2022

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022
BUDGET TO ALLOCATE AMERICAN RESCUE
PLAN ACT FUNDS TO SUPPORT GUN
VIOLENCE REDUCTION PROGRAMS
THROUGH THE SOUTHERN TIER CRIME
ANALYSIS CENTER

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2022 budget to (i) create a new expense budget line to support gun violence reduction programs through the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center and (ii) allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 for same; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 18, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Council of the City of Binghamton, duly convened in regular session, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Comptroller and City Treasurer of the City of Binghamton are hereby authorized and directed to amend the 2022 budget to (i) create a new expense budget line H.3120.XXXXX.F0015 (ARPA Gun Violence) to support gun violence reduction programs through the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center and (ii) allocate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 as follows:

- (i) \$1,000,000 increase expense budget line A9950.59000.F0015 (Interfund Transfer-ARPA)
- (ii) \$1,000,000 increase revenue budget line A.44089.F0015 (Federal Aid-Other)
- (iii) \$1,000,000 increase revenue budget line H.45031.F0015 (Interfund Transfer-ARPA)
- (iv) \$1,000,000 increase expense budget line H.3120.XXXXX.F0015 (ARPA Gun Violence)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above described funds are unencumbered and available

Chuck Shager, Comptroller