



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, October 19, 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: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Scanlon, Strawn

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk), Sharon Sorkin (1st Assistant Corporation Counsel)

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from the October 6, 2022 Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

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 the proposed 2023 City of Binghamton budget as amended.

Residents wishing to participate in the Public Hearing(s) may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.com or in-person during the meeting.

No Participants

Motion to close the Public Hearing: Scaringi

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

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 or in-person during the meeting.

1. Tarik Abdelazim
2. Letter From PJ Dailey
3. Letter From Kathy Macri

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 22-140. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to allocate ARPA funds for Youth Programming and Services

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Ordinance 22-141. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to allocate ARPA funds for VINES



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Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-80. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Community Foundation for South Central New York for use of ARPA funds

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-81. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Binghamton City School District for use of ARPA funds

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-82. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Lourdes Youth Services for use of ARPA funds

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-83. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Boys & Girls Club of Binghamton for use of ARPA funds

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2



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Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-86. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with VINES for use of ARPA funds

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Ordinance 22-136. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amending the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 410, *Zoning*, to allow cannabis-related businesses in certain zoning districts

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 4-1-0-2

Nay: Scaringi

Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Ordinance 22-137. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amending the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 410, *Zoning*, to address student housing

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Riley

Vote: 4-1-0-2

Nay: Riley

Absent: Friedman, Burns

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-146. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Water budget for overtime

Introductory Ordinance 22-147. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Parks & Recreation budget for professional services

Introductory Ordinance 22-148. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend Permanent Ordinance 21-92 to include Parks equipment



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Introductory Ordinance 22-149. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend various budgets for the Climate Action Plan

Introductory Ordinance 22-150. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Parks & Recreation budget to replace locks

Introductory Ordinance 22-151. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend Permanent Ordinance 21-162 to allow purchase of a sixth vehicle

Introductory Ordinance 22-153. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage board budget for payroll services

Introductory Ordinance 22-154. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Parks & Recreation budget for gas/diesel fuel

Introductory Ordinance 22-155. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Parks & Recreation budget for liquid chlorine

Introductory Ordinance 22-156. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage board budget for the BAF Litigation

Introductory Ordinance 22-157. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance adopting the tax budget for the year 2023 as amended

Introductory Resolution 22-87. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the agreement with Fairview Recovery Services

Introductory Resolution 22-89. Considered in Planning: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to amend the agreement with Family Enrichment Network

Motion: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 5-0-0-2

Absent: Friedman, Burns

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 22-152. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 Police budget for radar signs



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Motion: Scaringi
Second: Resciniti
Vote: 5-0-0-2
Absent: Friedman, Burns

Introductory Resolution 22-88. Considered in Finance: Scaringi

A Resolution to accept \$223,530 from the NYS DCJS Grant to implement the GIVE initiative and fund the STCAC

Motion: Scaringi
Second: Resciniti
Vote: 5-0-0-2
Absent: Friedman, Burns

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Resciniti
2. Riley
3. Scanlon
4. Scaringi
5. Strawn

Motion to reconsider Preferred Agenda: Scanlon
Second: Scaringi
All in Favor

Motion to Pull Introductory Ordinance 22-157 from the Preferred Agenda: Scaringi
Second: Scanlon
All in Favor

Motion to approve Preferred Agenda as amended: Scaringi
Second: Scanlon
Vote: 5-0-0-2
Absent: Friedman, Burns

Motion to hold over Introductory Ordinance 22-157: Scaringi
Second: Resciniti

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:41pm: Scaringi
Second: Scanlon
All in Favor

From: PJ Dailey <pjdaileytheoffices35front@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 18, 2022 6:29 PM
To: COB_Clerk
Cc: Kraham, Jared
Subject: Proposed stent housing zoning law to be voted on Wednesday 10/19/22

Dear Clerk Rogers,

I am writing to express my support for the proposed zoning law regarding student housing in the City. "Landlording" has become big business over the years as the University grew in size. Landlords saw both lower prices in upstate communities and opportunity to turn our old and historic homes into multi-unit, rent-by- the room dwellings.

I have owned a home on Binghamton's West Side for nearly 32 years and a building on Front Street for 17. I pay a commercial tax rate and have off street parking for my tenants. My properties are well maintained and my tax bills are paid. This is expected. I have noticed over the years a significant increase of student rentals and they are decaying neighborhoods. There are more cars than off street parking can accommodate, the streets are full of cars that protrude into intersections. There is an increase in refuse, often blowing onto other properties because the garbage was not put out correctly or at all. Landlords, mainly absentee, are not here to oversee their properties and have little idea of the condition during the rental period. At the end of the school year DPW works overtime clearing out mattresses and other furniture at no additional cost to landlords who are paying a residential tax rate and feel entitled to rely on city refuse collection.

It is my hope that this legislation will be the beginning of changes regarding absentee landlords being held accountable for their tenants, parking, refuse and maintaining the buildings they purchase. Our City looks dingy and is in disrepair. We can no longer look the other way. We can begin to set a higher standard for landlords whose primary interest is revenue and who care little about our community. This legislation is a beginning effort to address these concerns.

I would appreciate your reading this email to the council and making it part of the record. I am unable be there in person. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

PJ Dailey

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She/her/hers

Peace Begins At Home...

From: Kathy Macri <macrikl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 19, 2022 12:10 PM
To: COB_Clerk
Subject: Support for Proposed Zoning Legislation related to Student Housing

As a resident of the West Side of Binghamton (#55 Johnson Ave), I believe that we need to improve our ability to maintain the integrity and safety of the Residential (zoned R-1) neighborhoods in our city, ie. disallow student housing in these areas. When people buy or rent homes in these neighborhoods, there is an expectation that each residence is occupied by a family that shares the same respect for their and their neighbors property and peace of mind. Student rentals tend to bring excessive parking, noise, and garbage, as well as diminish the integrity and character of the homes and properties. I would invite any legislation that increases the City's ability to enforce the R-1 zoning requirements.

Thank you,

Kathy Macri

55 Johnson Ave

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