



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Giovanni Scaringi, Ph.D., 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, January 25, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by President Pro Tempore Strawn

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon

Absent: Scaringi

Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Janine Faulkner (Deputy City Clerk), Brian Seachrist (Corporation Counsel), Mehtasim Mahfuz (Assistant Corporation Counsel)

IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes

Approve the Minutes from the January 11, 2023 Organizational Meeting & Business Meeting.

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Friedman

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

City Council Finance Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Strawn, Burns

No items to report.

City Council Planning & Community Dev. Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scanlon, Friedman

No items to report.

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

No items to report.

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

No items to report.

City Council Employees Committee: Strawn (Chair), Resciniti, Burns

No items to report.

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

No items to report.



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VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

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.gov or in-person during the meeting.

- 1) The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-309 entitled "Bond Ordinance of the City of Binghamton, authorizing various capital improvements in and for the city, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$16,369,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the city in the principal amount of not to exceed \$16,369,000 to finance said appropriation."

No Participants

Motion to end the Public Hearing: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

Vote: Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

- 2) The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL22-311 entitled "Bond Ordinance of the City of Binghamton, authorizing the 6th ward interceptor sanitary sewer project, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$13,000,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the city in the principal amount of not to exceed \$13,000,000 to finance said appropriation."

No Participants

Motion to end the Public Hearing: Scanlon

Second: Friedman

Vote: Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

- 3) The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding RL23-07, "Authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for funding from the Empire state Development Corporation Restore New York Communities Initiative Round 7"

No Participants



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Motion to end the Public Hearing: Resciniti

Second: Burns

Vote: Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

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.gov or in-person during the meeting.

1. Robert Tokos

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 23-01. Considered in Employees: Strawn

An Ordinance to amend various sections of Chapter 124, Personnel Policies, of the Code of City of Binghamton

Introductory Ordinance 23-02. Considered in Employees: Strawn

An ordinance to amend various sections of the Code of the City of Binghamton to reflect increases in stipends for various boards and commissions

Introductory Ordinance 23-04. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 DPW budget for overtime and equipment

Introductory Ordinance 23-05. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for temporary services in parks & recreation

Introductory Ordinance 23-06. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for retirement payout

Introductory Ordinance 23-07. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for unemployment

Introductory Ordinance 23-08. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for bond principal



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Introductory Ordinance 23-09. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for temporary services

Introductory Ordinance 23-10. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for various services

Introductory Ordinance 23-11. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for holiday pay

Introductory Ordinance 23-14. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities budget to defund an operator III and fund an operator II position

Introductory Ordinance 23-15. Considered in Employees: Strawn

An ordinance to amend Chapter 26, City Council, of the Code of the City of Binghamton

Introductory Ordinance 23-16. Considered in Rules/Special Studies: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage IMA

Introductory Ordinance 23-18. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Fire budget to accept the second round of the NYS health care workers bonus for personal services

Introductory Ordinance 23-19. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities budget to defund an account clerk/typist and fund a confidential senior account clerk position

Introductory Ordinance 23-21. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 Police budget for school guards

Introductory Ordinance 23-22. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for social security

Introductory Ordinance 23-23. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for employee benefits

Introductory Ordinance 23-25. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 DPW budget for personal services

Introductory Ordinance 23-26. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Planning budget for personal services



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Introductory Ordinance 23-27. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2023 Engineering and DPW budgets for personal services

Introductory Resolution 23-02. Considered in Planning: Resciniti

A Resolution to adopt the Clinton Street Neighborhood Business District Revitalization Plan & Market Study for community and economic development

Introductory Resolution 23-03. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to submit an application for funding from the Empire State Development Corporation Restore New York Communities Initiative Round 7

Motion to approve Preferred Agenda: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 23-03. Considered in Planning: Resciniti

An ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Binghamton to rezone multiple properties on Conklin Avenue

Motion to declare City Council as “Lead Agency” under SEQRA: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

All in Favor

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

Second: Scanlon

All in Favor

Motion to issue a Negative Declaration under SEQRA for the reasons listed in the negative declaration: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Motion: Resciniti

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi



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Introductory Ordinance 23-12. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance authorizing various capital improvements in and for the City, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$16,369,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the City in the principal amount of not to exceed \$16,369,000 to finance said appropriation

Motion to declare City Council as “Lead Agency” under SEQRA: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

All in Favor

Motion to identify the proposed action as “Type II” under SEQRA and issue a Negative Declaration for one Unlisted action under SEQRA: Scanlon

Second: Riley

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Introductory Ordinance 23-13. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance authorizing the 6th ward interceptor sanitary sewer project, stating the estimated maximum cost thereof is \$13,000,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose and authorizing the issuance of bonds of the City in the principal amount of not to exceed \$13,000,000 to finance said appropriation

Motion to declare City Council as “Lead Agency” under SEQRA: Scanlon

Second: Riley

All in Favor

Motion to identify the proposed action as “Type II” under SEQRA and issue a Negative Declaration for one Unlisted action under SEQRA: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi



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Introductory Ordinance 23-17. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to update the contract of sale for 72 Court Street

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman, Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Introductory Ordinance 23-20. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 Police budget for travel & training

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman, Riley

Vote: 5-1-0-1

Nay: Friedman

Absent: Scaringi

Introductory Ordinance 23-24. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget (DPW) for salt and sand

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

Introductory Resolution 23-01. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution to accept \$30,000 from the Broome County Small Community Fund Grant for cart path improvements at the Ely Park Golf Course

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Resciniti

Discussion: Friedman

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Scaringi

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Resciniti
2. Riley
3. Friedman
4. Burns



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5. Scanlon
6. Strawn

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 6:59pm: Riley

Second: Scanlon

All in Favor