



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

*Giovanni Scaringi, Ph.D., City Council President*  
*Leighton Rogers, City Clerk*

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Agenda**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, March 15, 2023**

**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 March 1, 2023 Business Meeting.

**City Council Finance Committee: Scanlon (Chair), Strawn, Friedman**

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.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**

**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](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.gov) or in-person during the meeting.



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## X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

## XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

## XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

### A. PREFERRED AGENDA

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-48. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund and Golf Fund budget for various items

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-50. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 BJCJSTP budget for CPI increase

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-51. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 BJCJSTP budget for CPI increase

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-52. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance amend the 2023 General Fund budget for salary adjustments

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-53. Considered in Employees: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Parks budget to defund 9 Laborer positions and fund 9 Park Technician positions with no change in salary

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-54. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Parks budget to defund a MEO position and fund a Tree Trimmer position

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-55. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Parks budget to defund 2 Laborer positions and fund an Urban Forester position and a Crew Leader position

#### **Introductory Resolution 23-15. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a State and Municipalities Grant for turnout gear

### B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-47. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for salt and sand

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-49. Considered in Planning: Resciniti**

An Ordinance to amend the City of Binghamton Historic Guidelines, Chapter 7, Commercial Buildings & Storefronts – Signage, to amend language



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**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022  
GENERAL FUND AND GOLF FUND FOR  
VARIOUS ITEMS

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2022 General Fund and Golf Fund budget for various items in the amount of \$65,716.10; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 General Fund and Golf Fund budget for various items in the amount of \$65,716.10 as follows:

- (i) \$ 8,799.84 increase expense budget line CR7180.54620 (Equip.Repairs/Maint.)
- (ii) \$ 1,475.37 increase expense budget line CR7180.54701 (Travel/Training)
- (iii) \$ 1,309.54 increase expense budget line CR7180.54201 (Gas/Heat)
- (iv) \$ 899.64 increase expense budget line CR7180.54150 (Chemicals)
- (v) \$ 400.46 increase expense budget line CR7180.54190 (Uniforms)
- (vi) \$ 300.82 increase expense budget line CR7180.54742 (Promotions/Marketing)
- (vii) \$ 117.26 increase expense budget line CR7180.54153 (Fertilizer)
- (viii) \$ 51.41 increase expense budget line CR7180.54155 (Turf Management)
- (ix) \$ 50.82 increase expense budget line CR7180.54210 (Telephone/Fax/Internet)
- (x) \$50,795.58 increase expense budget line CR7180.54427 (Management Services)
- (xi) \$10,058.58 increase expense budget line CR7180.54300 (Insurance)
- (xii) \$ 8,543.22 decrease expense budget line CR9785.56000 (Other Debt-Principal)
- (xiii) \$65,716.10 increase budget line A.49999 (Fund Balance)
- (xiv) \$65,716.10 increase expense budget line A9901.59000 (Interfund Transfer)
- (xv) \$65,716.10 increase revenue budget line CR.45031 (Interfund Transfer)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022  
BINGHAMTON-JOHNSON CITY JOINT  
SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES BUDGET  
FOR CPI INCREASE**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton (the “City”) is a joint owner of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities (the “BJCJSTF”) with the Village of Johnson City (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS, the BJCJSTF is operated and maintained by the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (the “JSB”) under a series of inter-municipal agreements between the City and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and the Board of Trustees of the Village approve the BJCJSTF budget; and

WHEREAS, the JSB has requested an amendment to the 2022 BJCJSTF budget to increase the lump sum payout to hourly employees based on CPI in the amount of \$11,127.

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

Section 1. That Council approves and directs the Comptroller/JSB Fiscal Officer to amend and make journal budget entries in 2022 BJCJSTF budget to increase the lump sum payout to hourly employees based on CPI in the amount of \$11,127 as follows:

<u>Transfer From (Decrease):</u>	<u>Transfer To (Increase):</u>
\$11,127 J8130.51699 (Salary Adjustment)	\$ 9,376 J8130.51000 (Per.Ser.Hrly)
	1,033 J9010.58000A (Retirement Hrly)
	<u>718 J9030.58000B (SS Hrly)</u>
	\$11,127

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be effective when also approved by sufficient members of the Board of Trustees of the Village.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller/JSB Fiscal Officer



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023  
BINGHAMTON-JOHNSON CITY JOINT  
SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES BUDGET  
FOR CPI INCREASE

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton (the “City”) is a joint owner of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities (the “BJCJSTF”) with the Village of Johnson City (the “Village”); and

WHEREAS, the BJCJSTF is operated and maintained by the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board (the “JSB”) under a series of inter-municipal agreements between the City and the Village; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and the Board of Trustees of the Village approve the BJCJSTF budget; and

WHEREAS, the JSB has requested an amendment to the 2023 BJCJSTF budget to increase the lump sum payout to hourly employees based on CPI in the amount of \$16,754.

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

Section 1. That Council approves and directs the Comptroller/JSB Fiscal Officer to amend and make journal budget entries in 2023 BJCJSTF budget to increase the lump sum payout to hourly employees based on CPI in the amount of \$16,754 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$16,754 ES8130.51699.JS2HR(Salary Adjust.HR)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$11,325 ES8130.51000.JS2HR

(Per.Ser.Hrly)

2,883 ES9010.58000A.JS2HR (State Retirement Hrly)

867 ES9030.58000B.JS2HR (SS Hrly)

1,016 ES8089.58100.JS2HR (Sick Time BB. Hrly.)

663 ES8089.58101.JS2HR (Vac. BB. Hrly.)

            
\$16,754

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall be effective when also approved by sufficient members of the Board of Trustees of the Village.

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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller/JSB Fiscal Officer



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR SALARY  
ADJUSTMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Mayor and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2023 General Fund budget for salary adjustments in the amount of \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 2023 General Fund budget for salary adjustments in the amount of \$100,000 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$ 3,449.16 A1310.51000 (Per.Ser.Staff Acct.)  
12,597.33 A3410.51000 (Per.Ser.Firefighter)  
62,399.15 A3120.51000 (Per.Ser.Police Off.)  
18,290.05 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Code Insp.)  
3,264.31 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Build.Insp.)

\$100,000.00

Transfer To (Increase):

\$100,000.00 A9089.58009 (Salary Adjust.)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller





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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Employees

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 PARKS  
& RECREATION BUDGET TO DEFUND 9  
LABORER POSITIONS AND FUND 9 PARK  
TECHNICIAN POSITIONS WITH NO CHANGE  
IN SALARY

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to (i) defund 9 “Laborer” positions at an annual salary of \$43,285 and (ii) add 9 “Park Technical” positions at an annual salary of \$43,285; and

WHEREAS, the title change requires no change in salary; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to (i) defund 9 “Laborer” positions at an annual salary of \$43,285 and (ii) add 9 “Park Technical” positions at an annual salary of \$43,285; and the title change requires no change in salary.

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect March 18, 2023.



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 PARKS  
& RECREATION BUDGET TO DEFUND A MEO  
POSITION AND FUND A TREE TRIMMER  
POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to defund a “MEO” position (\$22.60/hr), and add a “Tree Trimmer” position (\$24.65/hr) at an annual salary of \$51,272; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to (i) defund a “MEO” position (\$22.60/hr), (ii) add a “Tree Trimmer” position (\$24.65/hr) at an annual salary of \$51,272; and (iii) fund the “Tree Trimmer” position from March 18, 2023 to December 31, 2023 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$40,426 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-MEO)(8hr)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$40,426 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-Tree  
Trimmer)(8hr)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect March 18, 2023.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 PARKS  
& RECREATION BUDGET TO DEFUND 2  
LABORER POSITIONS AND FUND AN URBAN  
FORESTER AND CREW LEADER POSITION**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Parks & Recreation and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to (i) defund 2 “Laborer” positions (\$14.26/hr); (ii) add an “Urban Forester” position (\$27.16/hr) at an annual salary of \$56,492.80; and (iii) add a “Crew Leader” position (\$25.17/hr) at an annual salary of \$52,353.60; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to (i) defund 2 “Laborer” positions (\$14.26/hr); (ii) add an “Urban Forester” position (\$27.16/hr) at an annual salary of \$56,492.80; and (iii) add a “Crew Leader” position (\$25.17/hr) at an annual salary of \$52,353.60; and (iv) fund the “Urban Forester” and “Crew Leader” positions from April 3, 2023 to December 31, 2023 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$44,492.00 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-Laborer)  
6,958.15 A3510.51000 (Per.Ser.-Animal Cont.)  
4,687.14 A1490.51000 (Per.Ser.-Dep.DPW)  
10,609.08 A3120.51000 (Per.Ser.-Dir.Com.Out.)  
6,499.23 A5110.51000 (Per.Ser.-St.Maint.)  
8,389.20 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-MEO)

\$81,634.80

Transfer To (Increase):

\$42,369.60 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-Urban  
Forester)(8hr)  
39,265.20 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.-Crew  
Leader)(8hr)

\$81,634.80

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect April 3, 2023.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**RESOLUTION**

*entitled*

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR  
TO ACCEPT A STATE AND MUNICIPALITIES  
GRANT FOR THE PURCHASE OF TURNOUT  
GEAR**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is eligible for a State and Municipalities Grant in the amount of \$150,000 to be used to purchase turnout gear; and

WHEREAS, the Grant does not require local match; the grant funds will be reimbursable, and the Grant will be administered by the Fire Chief or his designee; and the estimated date of completion will be October 2023.

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

RESOLVE that the Mayor of the City of Binghamton, 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 State and Municipalities Grant in the amount of \$150,000; and that funds will be available in budget line H3410.555555.F0016 (Turnout Gear Grant).



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STATE OF NEW YORK**

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022  
GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR SALT AND  
SAND**

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Public Works and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2022 General Fund budget for salt and sand in the amount of \$115; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on March 15, 2023.

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 General Fund budget for salt and sand in the amount of \$115 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$115 A5110.51900 (Overtime)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$115 A5142.54141 (Salt/Sand)

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.

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

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Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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

Date: March 15, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Planning

**ORDINANCE**

*entitled*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF  
BINGHAMTON HISTORIC GUIDELINES,  
CHAPTER 7, COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS &  
STOREFRONTS - SIGNAGE, TO AMEND  
LANGUAGE

WHEREAS, the Council of the City of Binghamton wishes to amend the City of Binghamton Historic Guidelines, Chapter 7, Guidelines for Commercial Buildings & Storefronts – Signage, to amend language.

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

Section 1. That the City of Binghamton Historic Guidelines, Chapter 7, Guidelines for Commercial Buildings & Storefronts – Signage, to amend language as follows:

**Lighting:**

- Internally lit signs are generally inappropriate for historic buildings and districts.
- **While internally lit signs are generally inappropriate for historic buildings and districts, illumination by light shining through stencil cut letters (preferably with a dark background), in a style considered appropriate or fitting to the building, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Internally lit, plastic faced, cabinet-type/box signs are not appropriate.**

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately.