



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Giovanni Scaringi, Ph.D., City Council President
Janine Faulkner, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Agenda
City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday, May 24, 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 May 10, 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

1. The City of Binghamton will hold a Public Hearing regarding Local Law 23-01, "A Local Law amending the Code of the City of Binghamton, Chapter 355, Streets and Sidewalks for regulating utility poles."

This Public Hearing will take place during the June 6th, 2023 Business Meeting at 6pm in Council Chambers. Residents wishing to participate in the Public Hearing(s) may do so electronically by



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emailing their comments prior to 1:00pm on the day of the meeting to clerk@cityofbinghamton.gov or in-person during the meeting.

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.

X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO

XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 23-78. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Code Enforcement budget to defund 2 code inspectors and increase wages

XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION

A. PREFERRED AGENDA

B. NON PREFERRED AGENDA

Introductory Ordinance 23-82. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Parks & Recreation budget to defund one Senior Parks Maintainer and one Park Technician and fund one Parks Maintainer and one Groundskeeper

Introductory Resolution 23-37. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the Community Project Funding Grant for Community Policing and Crime Prevention

Introductory Resolution 23-38. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with CHOW for use of CVY46 CDBG funds for cold storage capacity

Introductory Resolution 23-39. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept the NYS Municipal Workers Compensation Alliance Award for a safe workplace

Introductory Resolution 23-40. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from Broome County for landscaping at the State Street stormwater gardens

Introductory Resolution 23-41. Considered in Finance: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HUNT Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors for railroad bridges visual inspections



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Introductory Resolution 23-42. Considered in Rules/SS: Scanlon

A Resolution authorizing the Binghamton Pride Coalition to conduct fireworks on June 10, 2023

XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

XIV. ADJOURNMENT



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

Date: May 10, 2023

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 CODE
ENFORCEMENT BUDGET TO DEFUND 2 CODE
INSPECTORS AND INCREASE WAGES**

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Building and Construction and the Comptroller of the City of Binghamton find it proper and necessary to amend the 2023 Code Enforcement budget to defund 2 vacant "Code Enforcement Inspectors" positions at an annual salary of \$36,394 and an annual salary of \$34,641, and increase wages for the Code Inspectors, Code Officers, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Building Inspector, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Supervisor of Building and Construction and the Supervisor of Building and Construction; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 10, 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 Code Enforcement budget to (i) defund 2 vacant "Code Enforcement Inspectors" positions at an annual salary of \$36,394 and an annual salary of \$34,641 and (ii) increase wages for the Code Inspectors, Code Officers, Plumbing Inspector, Electrical Inspector, Building Inspector, Administrative Assistant, Assistant Supervisor of Building and Construction and the Supervisor of Building and Construction positions from May 27, 2023 to December 31, 2023 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

\$65,689 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Code Insp.)

Transfer To (Increase):

\$ 6,916 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Sup.
Bld.Con.)

8,942 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Asst.Sup.
Bld.Con.)

8,942 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Bld.Insp.)

4,173 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Plb.Insp.)

4,173 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Elc.Insp.)

12,519 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Code Enf.
Off.)

4,173 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Admin.)

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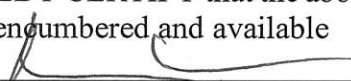
13,711 A8664.51000 (Per.Ser.Code Insp.)

2,140 A1990.55000 (Contingency)

\$65,689

Section 2. That this Ordinance shall take effect May 27, 2023.

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



Chuck Shager, Comptroller



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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

ORDINANCE

entitled

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2023 PARKS
& RECREATION BUDGET TO DEFUND ONE
SENIOR PARKS MAINTAINER AND ONE PARK
TECHNICIAN AND FUND ONE PARKS
MAINTAINER AND ONE GROUNDSKEEPER**

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 a “Senior Parks Maintainer” position (\$24.36/hr), (ii) defund a “Park Technician” position (\$20.81/hr), (iii) add a “Parks Maintainer” position (\$21.10/hr), and (iv) add a “Groundskeeper” position (\$23.75/hr) as agreed upon in the Union contract; and

WHEREAS, such budget amendments were approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment on May 24, 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 “Senior Parks Maintainer” position (\$24.36/hr), (ii) defund a “Park Technician” position (\$20.81/hr), (iii) add a “Parks Maintainer” position (\$21.10/hr), and (iv) add a “Groundskeeper” position (\$23.75/hr) as agreed upon in the Union contract; and (v) fund the “Parks Maintainer” position and “Groundskeeper position from May 27, 2023 to December 31, 2023 as follows:

Transfer From (Decrease):

Transfer To (Increase):

\$37,027.20 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.Sr.Parks Maint.)
25,804.40 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.Park Tech.)

\$26,784.00 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.Parks
Maint.)
29,450.00 A7110.51000 (Per.Ser.Grdskp.)
6,597.60 A1990.550004 (Contingency)

\$62,831.60

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

Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ACCEPT THE COMMUNITY PROJECT
FUNDING GRANT FOR COMMUNITY
POLICING AND CRIME PREVENTION**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is eligible for the United States Congress Department of Justice Community Project Funding Grant in the amount of \$864,078 to be used for Community Policing and Crime Prevention through the Southern Tier Crime Analysis Center; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no local match; the grant funds will be reimbursable, and the Grant will be administered by the Capitan of the Crime Analysis Center or his designee; and the estimated date of completion will be December 2024.

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 the United States Congress Department of Justice Community Project Funding Grant in the amount of \$864,078; and that funds will be available in budget line H3120.555555.P0075 (Community Project Funding Grant) for this purpose.



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Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
CHOW FOR USE OF CVY46 CDBG FUNDS FOR
COLD STORAGE CAPACITY**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Permanent Ordinance 21-57, dated June 23, 2021, the City Council of the City of Binghamton accepted additional FY46 funds related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Binghamton wishes to enter into an agreement with CHOW for use of the CVY46 CDBG funds for expansion of cold storage capacity in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.

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 enter into an agreement, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, with CHOW for use of the CVY46 CDBG funds for expansion of cold storage capacity in an amount not to exceed \$75,000; and that funds will be available in budget line CD8760.535002.CVY46 (EDW-Program) for this purpose.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the above described funds
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Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ACCEPT THE NYS MUNICIPAL WORKERS
COMPENSATION ALLIANCE AWARD FOR A
SAFE WORKPLACE**

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is eligible to receive the NYS Municipal Workers Compensation (WC) Alliance award for a safe workplace in the amount of \$49,786; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Binghamton wishes to accept these funds.

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 accept the NYS Municipal WC Alliance award in an amount not to exceed \$49,786; and that funds will be used in the planning department for professional services as follows:

- (i) \$49,786 increase revenue budget line A.42680 (Insurance Recoveries)
- (ii) \$49,786 increase expense budget line A8684.54410 (Professional Services)

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Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM BROOME
COUNTY FOR LANDSCAPING AT THE STATE
STREET STORMWATER GARDENS

WHEREAS, the City of Binghamton is eligible for the Broome County Community Beautification and Environmental Stewardship Mini-Grant in the amount of \$2,500 to be used for landscaping at the State Street stormwater gardens; and

WHEREAS, the Grant requires no local match; the grant funds will be reimbursable, and the Grant will be administered by the Director of Economic Development or his/her designee; and the estimated date of completion will be August 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 the Broome County Community Beautification and Environmental Stewardship Mini-Grant in the amount of \$2,500; and that funds will be available in budget line A6989.54410 (Professional Services) for this purpose.



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Introduced by Committee: Finance

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR
TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
HUNT ENGINEERS, ARCHITECTS, LAND
SURVEYORS FOR RAILROAD BRIDGES
VISUAL INSPECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Binghamton wishes to enter into an agreement with HUNT Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors for railroad bridges visual inspections in an amount not to exceed \$41,000.

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 enter into an agreement, approved as to form and content by the Office of Corporation Counsel, with HUNT Engineers, Architects, Land Surveyors for railroad bridges visual inspections in an amount not to exceed \$41,000; and that funds will be available in budget line H5120.550011 (Bridge Improvements) for this purpose.

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Introduced by Committee: Rules/SS

RESOLUTION

entitled

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
BINGHAMTON PRIDE COALITION TO
CONDUCT FIREWORKS DISPLAYS ON JUNE
10, 2023

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Code of the City of Binghamton § 229-2, *Fireworks authorized*, § 235-18, *Fireworks displays*, and New York State Penal Law § 405, it is necessary for the Council of the City of Binghamton to authorize any requested fireworks displays; and

WHEREAS, the Binghamton Pride Coalition have requested to conduct fireworks displays at 9:30pm on June 10, 2023 during the event.

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

RESOLVE that the Binghamton Pride Coalition is hereby granted permission to hold fireworks displays at 9:30pm on June 10, 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED that all displays are subject to approval by the Fire Marshall; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Binghamton Pride Coalition pay all applicable fees, and comply with all safety precautions, road closings, and other requirements and obligations as required by the Code of the City of Binghamton § 229-2, *Fireworks authorized*, § 235-18, *Fireworks displays*, and New York State Penal Law § 405.