



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, July 12, 2023**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Scaringi called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Scaringi

**III. ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: Resciniti

Also Present: Janine Faulkner (City Clerk), John Sperduti (Deputy City Clerk), Brian Seachrist, (Corporation Counsel), Mehtasim Mafuz (Assist. Corporation Counsel)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

**V. REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from the June 28, 2023 Business Meeting and the July 5, 2023 Special Business Meeting

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

**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.



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## **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.

1. Stephen Musok – Triple Cities Makerspace, Inc.
2. DJ Scripsetzer

### **X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO**

### **XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-92. Considered in Planning: Resciniti (read by Friedman)**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit the FY49 Annual Action Plan and accept any and all funds allocated by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development from the CDBG, ESG, and HOME Entitlement Programs

Motion: Friedman

Second: Scanlon

Discussion: Friedman

Motion to amend the legislation to decrease \$10,000.00 from budget line CD8662.533549.CDY49 to CE.44989.CEY49

Motion: Friedman

Second: Burns

Vote: 4-2-0-1

Nay: Scanlon, Scaringi

Absent: Resciniti

Motion to amend the legislation to decrease \$10,000.00 from budget line CD7310.533516.CDY49 to CE.44989.CEY49

Motion: Friedman

Second: Riley

Discussion: Scanlon, Friedman

Vote: 4-2-0-1



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Nay: Strawn, Scaringi  
Absent: Resciniti

Discussion: Related to accounting - Burns, Scaringi, Friedman

Motion to amend the legislation to decrease \$20,000.00 from budget line CE.44989.CEY49 to fund Community Development Block Grant funds for Triple Cities Makerspace, Inc. in budget line CD8676.533515.CDY49

Motion: Friedman

Second: Burns

Discussion: Burns, Scaringi, Riley, Strawn, Friedman

Vote: 3-3-0-1

Nay: Strawn, Scanlon, Scaringi

Absent: Resciniti

\*Failed

Discussion: Scaringi, Friedman, Burns, Strawn

Motion to approve Legislation as amended: Friedman

Vote: 0-6-0-1

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon, Scaringi

Absent: Resciniti

\*Failed

Motion to reconsider Introductory Ordinance 23-92 as proposed: Friedman

Second: Burns

Discussion: Riley

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

## **XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

### **PREFERRED AGENDA**

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-95. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities budget for health insurance

#### **Introductory Ordinance 23-96. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facilities budget to defund an Operator I position and fund an Operator II position



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**Introductory Ordinance 23-97. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Parks and Recreation budget for band concerts and movies in the park

**Introductory Ordinance 23-98. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Refuse fund budget for salary adjustments

**Introductory Ordinance 23-99. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Capital Fund budget to close bond and grant lines that are no longer active

**Introductory Ordinance 23-101. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to void Permanent Ordinance 22-189 regarding the sale of 92 Park Avenue to Sabrina Brooks

**Introductory Ordinance 23-104. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to allocate ARPA funds for contractual obligations of the Teamsters contract

**Introductory Ordinance 23-106. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 General fund and Parks and Recreation budget to fund emergency repairs at the Parks Department Maintenance Garage

**Introductory Resolution 23-48. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Facility to enter into an agreement with Ramboll Americas Engineering Solutions for Engineering Services

**Introductory Resolution 23-49. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to apply for a Brownfield Opportunity Area Grant from the New York State Department State

**Introductory Resolution 23-50. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to apply for a New York Main Street Grant from the New York State Homes and Community Renewal

**Introductory Resolution 23-53. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to extend the Municipal Cooperation Agreement for Fire Prevention for Broome/Tioga BOCES

Motion to approve the Preferred Agenda: Riley

Second: Scanlon

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti



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## **A. NON PREFERRED AGENDA**

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-94. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 41 Grand Street to Kerry J. Warner for \$500

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

Second: Riley

All in Favor

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

Second: Strawn

All in Favor

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

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-100. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Central Services budget for Professional Services

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 5-1-0-1

Nay: Riley

Absent: Resciniti

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-102. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 92 Park Avenue to Erica Farber for \$55,000

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

Second: Riley

All in Favor

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

Second: Riley

All in Favor



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

Second: Riley

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Riley, Friedman

Vote: 5-1-0-1

Nay: Friedman

Absent: Resciniti

\*Failed – three-fourths vote required (6)

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-103. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to amend the 2023 Police and Corporation Counsel budgets for Legal Services

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-105. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 76 Glenwood Avenue to Brianna Torres for \$500

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

Second: Riley

All in Favor

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

Second: Riley

All in Favor

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

Second: Friedman

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti



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Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

### **Introductory Ordinance 23-107. Considered in Finance: Scanlon**

An Ordinance to allocate ARPA funds for the design of the Henry Street Reconstruction project

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Burns, Friedman, Riley

Vote: 3-3-0-1

Nay: Riley, Friedman, Riley

Absent: Resciniti

\*Failed

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

A Resolution authorizing the City of Binghamton to enter into one or more agreements to provide support for payment of debt services

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Vote: 6-0-0-1

Absent: Resciniti

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

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with McFarland-Johnson, Inc. for the design of the Henry Street Reconstruction Project

Motion: Scanlon

Second: Strawn

Discussion: Friedman, Riley, Scaringi, Burns, Scanlon

\*No Vote - Failed by default as funding required the passage of Introductory Ordinance 23-107

## **XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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



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## **XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm: Scanlon

Second: Burns

All in Favor