



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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Leighton Rogers, City Clerk

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**COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON**  
**Business Meeting Minutes**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Atrium, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901**  
**Wednesday, July 8, 2020**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Scanlon called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by President Scanlon

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present (via GoToWebinar): Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scanlon  
Also Present: Leighton Rogers (City Clerk), Sharon Sorkin (Corporation Counsel)

**IV. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS**

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

**Approval of Minutes**

Approve the Minutes from June 17, 2020 Business Meeting and July 1, 2020 Special Business Meeting

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Voice Vote: 7-0

**City Council Finance Committee: Strawn (Chair), Resciniti, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Planning & Community Development Committee: Strawn (Chair), Scaringi, Friedman**

No items to report.

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

No items to report.

**City Council Public Works/Parks and Recreation Committee: Resciniti (Chair), Scaringi, Riley**

No items to report.

**City Council Employees Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Resciniti, Burns**

No items to report.

**City Council Rules and Procedures/Special Studies Committee: Scaringi (Chair), Strawn, Friedman**

No items to report.

**VI. APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS**

**VII. PUBLIC HEARING**



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## **1. Proposed FY46 CDBG/ESG/HOME Budget and Annual Action Plan**

Binghamton City Council will hold a Public Hearing to obtain comments on the proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) Fiscal Year (FY46) budget and annual action plan. Residents wishing to submit comment for the Public Hearing may do so electronically by emailing their comments to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) before the meeting (preferred) or via telephone during the Public Hearing at (607) 772-7101.

The proposed FY46 budget has been posted on the City's website calendar under this Business Meeting.

Public Hearing participants:

- 1) Letter from resident Dan Livingston
- 2) Letter from resident Robert Wilson
- 3) Majeedah Razzaq
- 4) Roderick Douglas

Motion to close public hearing: Scaringi

Second: Resciniti

Voice Vote: 7-0

## **VIII. SET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

1. City Council will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the 2020 Bond Ordinance for the Tennis Courts at Recreation Park in the amount of \$9,692,235, an increase of \$700,000 from original bond ordinance.\*
2. City Council will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the 2016 Bond Ordinance for the Water Filtration Sludge Extraction System to increase the total project cost to \$6,100,000, and that we expect grant revenues to offset the cost not to exceed \$3,000,000.\*
3. City Council will hold a public hearing regarding a proposed Bond Ordinance for design of new Fire Station in an amount not to exceed \$800,000.\*

\*Please note:

All three Public Hearings will be held during the next regular City Council Business Meeting held on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 6:30pm in the Second Floor Atrium located in City Hall at 38 Hawley Street in Binghamton, NY. Residents wishing to submit comment for the Public Hearings may do so electronically by emailing their comments prior to the meeting to [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com) (preferred) or via telephone during the Public Hearings at (607) 772-7101 as City Hall will be closed to the public during the meeting. For any questions, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (607) 772-7005.

## **IX. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION**

Public Comment:



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- 1) Tina Chronopolis
- 2) Unknown Caller (disconnected due to profanity)
- 3) Sharon Bryant
- 4) Bob Transue
- 5) Nichole Sheefer
- 6) Allie Freeman
- 7) Chris Perez
- 8) Terri Renna
- 9) Jason Fletcher
- 10) Sara Dinhofer
- 11) Letter from Diane Crews
- 12) Letter from Erik Leonard
- 13) Letter from Sharon Bryant
- 14) Letter from Erin Morrissey
- 15) Letter from Tomas Quezada
- 16) Letter from Robert Wilson

Motion to close Public Comment: Burns  
Second: Scaringi  
Voice Vote: 7-0

**X. REVIEW OF MAYORAL VETO**

**XI. SECOND READING LEGISLATION**

**Reconsideration of Introductory Resolution 20-46. Considered in Planning: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the City to accept payment and for the Mayor to execute an agreement with NYS DOT for acquisition of additional property for the Vestal Ave By-Pass PIN 9048.26.221

Motion to reconsider Intro R20-46: Scaringi  
Second: Scanlon  
Discussion: Freidman, Sorkin  
Vote: 5-2-0-0  
Ayes: Scaringi, Resciniti, Riley, Friedman, Scanlon  
Nays: Burns, Strawn

Motion to approve Intro R20-46: Scaringi  
Second: Friedman  
Vote: 4-3  
Ayes: Scaringi, Resciniti, Friedman, Scanlon  
Nays: Riley, Burns, Strawn

**XII. FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

**A. PREFERRED AGENDA**



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Friedman motions to remove Introductory Ordinance 20-60 from the Preferred Agenda, to be considered on its own. (Sorkin clarifies that this action does not require any further action to be removed)

**Introductory Ordinance 20-58. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 refuse fund budget for personnel changes

**Introductory Ordinance 20-59. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 general fund budget to create revenue and expense budget lines to accept and account for funds from the provider relief fund under the CARES ACT

**Introductory Ordinance 20-61. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance authorizing the city to accept all insurance proceeds and donations for the OurSpace reconstruction project

**Introductory Ordinance 20-62. Considered in Rules/Special Studies: Scaringi**

An Ordinance to authorize the City Clerk to supplement event permits to provide for painting murals on public streets

Discussion: Friedman, Sorkin, Riley

**Introductory Resolution 20-57. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to accept a grant from the United States Tennis Association (USTA) for tennis-related expenses associated with reopening of facilities in 2020

Motion to approve the items considered on the Preferred Agenda: Resciniti

Second: Burns

Vote: 7-0

**B. NON-PREFERRED AGENDA**

**(Removed from Preferred Agenda) Introductory Ordinance 20-60. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to submit the FY46 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 to Hold: Friedman

Second: Riley



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After asking the Clerk to check the availability of other Councilmembers, President Scanlon announces a Special Business Meeting for Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in the Second Floor Atrium to consider held over legislation.

**Introductory Ordinance 20-55. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 water fund budget to adjust personnel services lines

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0

**Introductory Ordinance 20-56. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 general fund budget to adjust personnel services lines

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0

**Introductory Ordinance 20-57. Considered in Finance: Strawn**

An Ordinance to amend the 2020 refuse fund budget to adjust personnel services lines

Motion: Strawn

Second: Scaringi

Vote: 7-0

**XIII. COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Riley, Friedman, Burns, Strawn, Scaringi, Resciniti, Scanlon

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to Adjourn at 8:18pm: Resciniti

Second: Scaringi

Voice Vote: 7-0