



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Jeremy Pelletier, City Clerk

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BINGHAMTON
Business Meeting Minutes
City Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, NY 13901
Wednesday September 17, 2014

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by City Council President Rennia at 6:30pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

City Council President Rennia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

City Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Teri Rennia, Bill Berg

City Council Members Absent: None

Also Present: Jeremy C. Pelletier, City Clerk; Allison Sosa, Assistant Corporation Counsel

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held on Wednesday September 3, 2014 and the Special Business Meeting held on Monday September 15, 2014.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Planning and Community Development Committee meeting held on Thursday September 4, 2014.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Mihalko.

Voice vote, none opposed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Jeremy Pelletier noted for the record that the public hearing on "An Ordinance adopting a moratorium on sections 410-51.E and 410-51.H of the Code of the City of Binghamton allowing required off-street parking to be provided in a public off-site facility" is cancelled because the RL did not receive any support from City Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

Sharon Nieminski, John Solak, Ed Crumb, Richard Jallag, Jeffery Smith¹

¹Good Evening City Leaders,

I want to express my concern with the discussion of a possible City wide development moratorium. The mere discussion of such an item, no matter its premise or its validity, has begun the rumor mill that Binghamton is not open any more to development.



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The mention by some of a perceived parking problem, does not make that problem a reality. A parking study proposed by the Mayor earlier this year, will provide key information on this issue. This study needs to be undertaken before any educated opinions can be offered or decisions made.

The recent strategic planning initiative which resulted in a citywide comprehensive plan for the next decade, collected data and offered opinions by outside experts on this subject. Their opinions are professional and based on experience with other municipalities throughout the country. Among the many ideas and suggestions put forth by these experts is a recommended parking study.

It is my professional experience that discussion of parking related items in the 21st Century are a thing of the past and have been for more than a decade. With so many other critical items facing you the leaders of our City. I respectfully request that your attention be focused on other items, until expert data is collected and analyzed.

All of our downtown buildings are not fully occupied. All of our streets are not gridlocked. All of the public and private parking lots which cover approximately 48 acres of land within the City limits are not full. Based on this information, my opinion would be that there is not a parking problem.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Regards,

Jeffery T. Smith ALA, NCARB
Architect/Partner

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 14-51. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg

An Ordinance authorizing the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board Fiscal Officer to modify the 2014 Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Budget in relation to unbudgeted revenue received

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-50. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: None

Introductory Ordinance 14-52. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg

An Ordinance authorizing various transfers in the 2014 Joint Sewage Treatment Plant Budget

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-51. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: None



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Introductory Ordinance 14-53. Considered in Employees, Chair: Berg

An Ordinance authorizing a change of title in the 2014 Comptroller Budget

Motion to approve legislation.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 14-52. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: None

Introductory Resolution 14-58. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg

A Resolution approving acceptance by the Joint Sewage Board of a New York State Occupational Safety and Health Hazard Abatement Board Grant for the 2014-2015 Program year in an amount not to exceed \$16,964

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-57. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: None

Introductory Resolution 14-59. Considered in Finance, Chair: Berg

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with GHD for design services for the restoration and rehabilitation of the Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Treatment Plant

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-58. (Vote 6-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: Rennia

Absent: None

Introductory Resolution 14-60. Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage

A Resolution authorizing free parking with validation for the Columbus Day Parade to be held on October 13, 2014

Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 14-59. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Nays: None

Absent: None

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Matzo, Webb, Motsavage, Mihalko, Berg, Papastrat, Rennia

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:22pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Mihalko.

Voice vote, none opposed.