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Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES
City Council Business Meeting
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Wednesday January 9, 2013

CALL TO ORDER

Called to order by City Council President Rennia at 6:41pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Rennia led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: None

Also in attendance: Allison Sosa, 2nd Assistant Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

SELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL OFFICERS

City Clerk Holmes opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Council President. Councilman Bill Berg nominated Councilwoman Teri Rennia for the position of City Council President, seconded by Motsavage.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted on the position of City Council President by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Motsavage: Teri Rennia
Councilman Mihalko: Teri Rennia
Councilman Rennia: Teri Rennia
Councilwoman Webb: Teri Rennia
Councilman Papastrat: Teri Rennia
Councilman Matzo: Teri Rennia
Councilman Berg: Teri Rennia

Seven votes for Teri Rennia were received. Teri Rennia is established as the 2013 City Council President.

City Clerk Holmes opened the floor to receive nominations for the position of City Council President Pro Tempore. Councilman Jerry Motsavage nominated Councilman Bill Berg for the position of City Council President Pro Tempore, seconded by Councilman Chris Papastrat.

Seeing no other nominations, Council members voted on the position of City Council President Pro Tempore by stating the name of the individual each wished to appoint to the position.

Councilman Motsavage: Bill Berg
Councilman Mihalko: Bill Berg
Councilman Rennia: Bill Berg
Councilwoman Webb: Bill Berg



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Councilman Papastrat: Bill Berg
Councilman Matzo: Bill Berg
Councilman Berg: Bill Berg

Seven votes for Bill Berg were received. Bill Berg is established as the 2013 City Council President Pro Tempore.

City Clerk Holmes noted for the record that Councilman Motsavage has been appointed to the position of Majority Leader, and that Councilman Mihalko has been appointed to the position of Minority Leader.

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS

City Clerk Holmes noted for the record the names of the individuals appointed to various City committees, boards and commissions.

Finance Committee

Lea Webb (Chair), Jerry Motsavage, John Matzo

Planning & Community Development Committee

Lea Webb (Chair), Bill Berg, Joseph Mihalko

Municipal & Public Affairs Committee

Jerry Motsavage (Chair), Lea Webb, John Matzo

Public Works/Parks & Recreation Committee

Jerry Motsavage (Chair), Bill Berg, Joseph Mihalko

Employees Committee

Bill Berg (Chair), Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat

Rules & Procedures/Special Studies Committee

Bill Berg (Chair), Jerry Motsavage, Chris Papastrat

Binghamton Local Development Corporation

City Council Representatives: Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat

Binghamton Urban Renewal Agency

City Council Representatives: Bill Berg, John Matzo

Commission on Architecture and Urban Design

City Council Representative: John Matzo

Binghamton Parking Authority

City Council Representatives: John Matzo



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Traffic Board

City Council Representative: Bill Berg

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the minutes from the Business Meeting held on December 19, 2012 and from the Special Business Meeting held on January 7, 2013.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Motion to approve the minutes from the Planning and Community Development Committee meeting held on January 7, 2013.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Councilwoman Webb noted for the record that the Planning Committee will hold two (2) meetings in the upcoming weeks. First, the Planning Committee will meet on Monday January 14, 2013 at 4:15pm to discuss RL 12-133, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing various amendments to sections 178, 265, and 410 of the Binghamton City Code, regarding Community Food Systems and Livestock". Second, the Planning Committee will meet on Thursday January 31, 2013 from 4:00pm to 5:30pm to discuss Rental Registration in the City of Binghamton. Both meetings will be held in the City Council Work Room, located through the City Clerk's Office on the first floor of City Hall, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton.

APPROVAL OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

Motion to approve the appointment of Alexandra Spencer and Beverly Rainforth to the Binghamton Shade Tree Commission.

Note: Item held at the Special Business Meeting held on January 7, 2013.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.

Motion failed. (Vote 3-4)

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Nays: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Sharon Nieminski

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Introductory Ordinance 13-1. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the demolition of flood-damaged homes, stating the estimated maximum cost of \$3,500,000, appropriating said amount for such purpose, and authorizing the issuance of \$3,500,000 bonds of said City to finance said appropriation.

1. Motion to approve legislation.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.
2. Motion to declare City Council as lead agency, and to declare this action as an unlisted action according to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.



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Voice vote, none opposed.

3. Motion to approve a State Environmental Quality Review Act Negative Declaration.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

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

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-1. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Renna, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-2. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 275 Front Street to First Ward Action Council for \$200
Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-2. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Renna, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-3. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 17 Virgil Street to Michael O'Neil for \$1,100
Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-3. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Renna, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-4. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance authorizing the sale of 45 Robinson Street to Daniel DePrato for \$100
Motion to approve legislation. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-4. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Renna, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Introductory Ordinance 13-5. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance establishing new budget lines in the Economic Development budget for travel and training
Motion to approve legislation, subject to the approval of the Comptroller. Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-5. (Vote 7-0)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Renna, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None

Suspension of Rules. Motion to suspend the rules in order to consider Introductory Resolutions 13-1 through 13-6 and Introductory Resolution 13-8 in one motion.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.



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Introductory Resolutions 13-1 through 13-6 and Introductory Resolution 13-8.

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

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Note: For clarification, the titles and Permanent Numbers of these Resolutions are included below.

Introductory Resolution 13-1. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Action for Older Persons for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$19,906.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-1.

Introductory Resolution 13-2. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Catholic Charities of Broome County for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,208.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-2.

Introductory Resolution 13-3. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Boys and Girls Club for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$8,627.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-3.

Introductory Resolution 13-4. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$13,899.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-4.

Introductory Resolution 13-5. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with ACHIEVE for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,200.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-5.

Introductory Resolution 13-6. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Broome County Urban League for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$22,903.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-6.

Introductory Resolution 13-8. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with HAVEN Afterschool Program for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$14,208.00

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-7.

Request to Abstain. Council President Rennia requested permission to abstain from voting on Introductory Resolution 13-7, as a relative is the Executive Director of the organization in question.



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Motion to allow Council President Rennia to abstain from voting on Introductory Resolution 13-7.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Introductory Resolution 13-7. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Mothers & Babies Perinatal Network for the use of FY 38 CDBG funding in an amount not to exceed \$17,049.00

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

Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-8. (Vote 6-0-1)

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

Nays: None

Abstain: Rennia

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:34pm.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Webb.

Voice vote, none opposed.