



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Renna, City Council President  
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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## MINUTES

City Council Business Meeting  
Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.  
Wednesday February 20, 2013

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Called to order by City Council President Renna at 6:38pm.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Council President Renna led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

**Absent:** None

**Also in attendance:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

### **REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve the minutes from the City Council Business Meeting held on February 6, 2013.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Berg.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

Councilman Motsavage noted for the record that Binghamton City Council's Municipal and Public Affairs Committee will meet on Thursday February 21, 2013 at 2:00pm to discuss the New York State Office of the State Comptroller's audit on Background Checks at Municipal Youth Programs. This meeting 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, New York.

Councilman Berg noted for the record that Binghamton City Council's Employees Committee will meet on Wednesday February 27, 2013 at 4:00pm to discuss residency requirements. This meeting 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, New York.

Councilman Berg noted for the record that Binghamton City Council's Special Studies/Rules and Procedures Committee will meet on Tuesday February 26, 2013 at 1:00pm to discuss police support units. This meeting 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, New York.

For more information on any Committee meetings, please contact the City Clerk by telephone at (607) 772-7005, or by email at [clerk@cityofbinghamton.com](mailto:clerk@cityofbinghamton.com).

### **RECOGNITIONS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

City Council issued a proclamation in honor of Susan E. Metzger, upon the occasion of her retirement.



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## **PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS**

Thomas Haines, Fred Meagher, Sharon Nieminski, John Solak, Jack Sheehan, Christopher Costello, Debra Hogan

## **FIRST READING LEGISLATION**

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-11. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing transfers in the 2012 Department of Public Works budget to address outstanding obligation

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-11. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-12. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Fairview Recovery Services, Inc. to participate in the Broome County ShelterNet Homeless Management Information System at a cost not to exceed \$1,720

*Note: Council members Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo and Berg requested*

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-12. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

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

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a no-cost supplemental agreement to amend the term of the Volunteers of America FY 37 Emergency Shelter Grant contract to February 1, 2012 through March 30, 2013

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

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

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-14. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Family Enrichment Network, Inc. for the use of FY 38 Emergency Solutions Grants funding in an amount not to exceed \$50,885

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-14. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-15. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of \$200 from NYSEG for the Fire Bureau

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

### **Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-15. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None



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### **Introductory Ordinance 13-16. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Metro-Interfaith for contractual services related to the Binghamton Home Ownership Academy as part of the Community Challenge Planning Grant (CCPG)

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-16. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-17. Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to transfer the MacArthur School property to the Binghamton City School District

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-17. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Ordinance 13-18. Considered in Finance, Chair: Webb**

An Ordinance authorizing various transfers in the 2012 Binghamton-Johnson City Joint Sewage Board budget

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-18. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Resolution 13-23. Considered Finance, Chair: Webb**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to renew a two-year contract with Metro Interfaith to serve as the Binghamton Homeownership Academy Coordinator

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-23. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Resolution 13-24. Considered Finance, Chair: Webb**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County for the Energy Leadership Program

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-24. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Introductory Resolution 13-25. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage**

A Resolution calling on the federal government to reduce gun violence in America and help prevent future mass



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shootings through the passage of: The Fix Gun Checks Act

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

**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 13-25. (Vote 5-2)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb, Berg

Nays: Papastrat, Matzo

### **Introductory Resolution 13-26. Considered in Municipal & Public Affairs, Chair: Motsavage**

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a lease with the United Way of Broome County to lease a portion of the Lee Barta Community Center

*Note: Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the sponsor list.*

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

1. Motion to approve legislation.  
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.
2. Councilwoman Webb requested permission to abstain from voting on this legislation as she is involved in the the Healthy Lifestyles Coalition  
Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage  
**Voice vote, none opposed.**
3. Motion to approve legislation.  
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Webb.  
**Motion carried. Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 13-26. (Vote 7-0)**  
Ayes: Motsavage, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg, Rennia, Mihalko  
Nays: None  
Abstain: Webb

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7:53pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**