



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

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Angela Holmes, City Clerk

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**MINUTES**  
**City Council Finance Committee**  
**Budget Hearing**  
**City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.**  
**Wednesday September 25, 2013**

**Called to Order.** Called to order at 5:12pm by Councilwoman Webb, City Council Finance Chair.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage (Committee Member), Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb (Chair), Chris Papastrat, John Matzo (Committee Member)

**Council Members Absent:** Bill Berg

**Also in attendance:** Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Daniel L. Thomas, Fire Chief

## ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Budget Items: Fire, Capital Improvements**

Presented by: Daniel L. Thomas, Fire Chief

Call pages 61-65.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to reduce budget line A3410.51670 (Ambulance Duty Pay) from \$17,500 to \$15,600, moving \$1,900 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Papastrat.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line A3410.54101 (Office Supplies) from \$3,000 to \$2,000, moving \$1,000 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line A3410.51900 (Overtime) from \$280,000 to \$270,000, moving \$10,000 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion failed. (Vote 2-4-1)**

Ayes: Papastrat, Matzo

Nays: Motsavage, Mihalko, Rennia, Webb



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Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line A3410.54300 (Insurance) from \$25,000 to \$23,000, moving \$2,000 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Renna, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 61-65.

Moved by Renna, seconded by Papastrat.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Call page 189.

Moved by Renna, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion to hold all Fire Department capital improvements budget lines.

Moved by Renna, seconded by Motsavage.

**Items held.**

**Recess.** Motion to recess at 6:27pm for ten minutes.

Moved by Renna, seconded by Motsavage.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**

**Reconvene.** Called to order at 6:42pm by Councilwoman Webb, City Council Finance Chair.

**Council Members Present:** Jerry Motsavage (Committee Member), Joseph Mihalko, Teri Renna, Lea Webb (Chair), Chris Papastrat, John Matzo (Committee Member)

**Council Members Absent:** Bill Berg

**Also in attendance:** Tarik Abdelazim, Director of Planning, Housing & Community Development; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

**Budget Items: CAUD, ZBA, Planning Commission, Planning, Community Development Administration**

Presented by: Tarik Abdelazim, Director of Planning, Housing & Community Development

Call page 77.

Moved by Renna, seconded by Motsavage.



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Motion to move page 77.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Call page 92.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 92.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Call page 93.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 93.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Call page 98-99.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion to reduce budget line A8684.54101 (Office Supplies) from \$1,800 to \$1,600, moving \$200 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 98.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg



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Motion to move page 99.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

**Budget Items: Water Summary, Water Rates, Water Debt Service, Water Unallocated Insurance, Water Contingency, Water Administration, Water Purification, Water Trans & Distribution, Water Retirement, Water Social Security, Water Workers Compensation, Water Unemployment, Water Disability, Water Health Insurance, Water Other Employee Benefits, Water Serial Bonds, Water BAN, Water Other Long Term Debt, Water Transfer to Capital, Sewer Summary, Sewer Fund Debt Service, Sewer Unallocated Insurance, Sewer Contingency, Sewer administration, Sanitary Sewers, Sewage Treatment Plant, Joint Sewage Project, Sewer State Retirement, Sewer Social Security, Sewer Workers Compensation, Sewer Unemployment, Sewer Disability Insurance, Sewer Health Insurance, Sewer Other Employee Benefits, Sewer Serial Bonds, Sewer BAN, Sewer Other Long Term Debt, Sewer Transfer to Capital, Capital Improvements**

Presented by: Joseph Yannuzzi, Water/Sewer Superintendent; Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

Call pages 124-166.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion to move page 127.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line FX8310.51000 (Personal Services) from \$214,043.50 to \$172,043.50, moving \$42,500 to budget line FX1990.55000 (Water Contingency), defunding the position of "W/S Engineering/PE, 0.50 @ \$85,000", leaving the position in the 2014 budget funded at \$0.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 128.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 129-130.



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Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line FX8330.54202 (Electricity) from \$345,000 to \$325,000, moving \$20,000 to FX1990.55000 (Water Contingency).

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 131-132.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reopen pages 131-132.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line FX8330.54150 (Chemicals) from \$375,000 to \$370,500, moving \$4,500 to budget line FX1990.55000 (Water Contingency), with the intent that such funds shall be transferred to cover the adjustments to salary and associated benefits for a pending position upgrade within budget line FX8340.51000 (Personal Services), from the position of "Water Meter Reader" to the position of "Water Meter Reader Specialist".

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 131-132.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg



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Motion to move 133-134.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 135.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to recall pages 133-135.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to hold pages 133-141.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Items held.**

Motion to move pages 142-144.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 145.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 148.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg



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Motion to reduce budget line G8110.51000 (Personal Services) from \$85,048 to \$42,548, moving \$42,500 to budget line G1990 (Sewer Contingency), defunding the position of "W/S Engineering/PE, 0.50 @ \$85,000", leaving the position in the 2014 budget funded at \$0.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 150-151.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to reduce budget line G8120.51900 (Overtime) from \$20,000 to \$15,000, moving \$5,000 to G1990 (Sewer Contingency).

Moved by Webb, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move pages 152-153.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 154.

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-2-1)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat,

Nays: Rennia, matzo

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 155.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg



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Motion to hold pages 156-162.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

**Item held.**

Motion to move page 163.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 164.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 165.

Moved by Matzo, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to move page 166.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Call pages 189-191.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move all Water/Sewer Capital Improvement budget lines on page 190.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to hold all remaining Water/Sewer capital improvements budget lines.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Item held.**



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Motion to hold page 191.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Item held.**

Motion to recall page 166.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)**

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

Motion to hold page 166.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

**Item held.**

**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 8:40pm.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**