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Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES
City Council Finance Committee
Budget Hearing
City Council Work Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Monday September 30, 2013

Called to Order. Called to order at 5:02pm 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), Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Honora Buchel, Senior Account Clerk; Lori Clift, Finance Data Processing Operations Coordinator; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Budget Items: Finance, Treasurer, Tax Exp Acquired Property, Fiscal Agent Fees, Library, Serial Bonds, BAN, Other Long Term Debt, Interfund Transfer, Transfer to Capital, Capital Improvements

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Pauline Penrose, City Treasurer

Call pages 16-18.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

Motion to hold pages 16 & 17.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Mihalko.

Items held.

Motion to move page 18.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call pages 21-22.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 21.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move page 22.



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Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Call page 86.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 86.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)

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

Call pages 109-113.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move pages 109-110.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Motion to move page 111.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Motion to move page 112.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Motion to hold page 113.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Item held.

Call page 188.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move the Fiscal Agent Fees Capital Improvements budget line.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)



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

Budget Items: Mayor's Office, Municipal Association Dues, Vital Statistics, Celebrations, Museum
Presented by: Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Colleen Wagner, Youth Bureau Director

Call pages 14-15.
Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to hold pages 14-15.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Papastrat.

Motion withdrawn.

Point of Order. Council President Rennia noted for the record that she would abstain from voting upon any item relating to the position of Mayor, to avoid the appearance of impropriety during the election season.

Motion to reduce budget line A1210.51000 (Personal Services) from \$184,208 to \$182,019, moving \$2,189 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency), and reducing the salary of the position of Mayor to \$62,556, consistent with the funding level for 2013.
Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Papastrat.

Motion carried. (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Webb, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg
Nays: None
Abstain: Rennia

Motion to hold pages 14-15.
Moved by Webb, seconded by Matzo.

Items held.

Call page 46.
Moved by Matzo, seconded by Rennia.

Motion to move page 46.
Moved by Matzo, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Call page 69.
Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 69.
Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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



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Nays: None

Call pages 87-88.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Move page 87.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move page 88.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Mihalko,

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Budget Items: Law, Unallocated Insurance, Judgments & Claims, Risk Management, Workers Compensation, Risk Management Summary

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

Call pages 25-26.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move pages 25-26.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call page 45.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 45.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call page 47.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.



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Motion to move page 47.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call pages 170-172.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Berg.

Motion to move page 171.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move page 172.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move page 170.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Budget Items: City Council, City Clerk, Elections, Dog Control

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Call page 13.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to reduce budget line A1010.54701 (Travel & Training) from \$1,400 to \$700, moving \$700 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency).

Moved by Rennia, seconded Matzo.

Motion carried. (Vote 6-1)

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

Nays: Berg

Motion to move page 13.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None



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Call pages 23-24.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move \$1,836 from budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) to budget line A1410.51000 (Personal Services), to increase the salary of City Clerk to \$46,960 and the salary of Deputy City Clerk to \$38,714.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move pages 23-24.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call page 31.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

Motion to move page 31.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Mihalko.

Motion carried. (Vote 5-2)

Ayes: Motsavage, Mihalko, Matzo, Webb, Papastrat

Nays: Rennia, Berg

Call page 66.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move page 66.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Budget Items: Information Management & Technology, Capital Improvements

Presented by: Lori Clift, Finance Data Processing Operations Coordinator; William Meredith, DPW Data Processing Operations Coordinator

Call pages 42-44.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Recess. Motion to recess at 7:18pm for ten minutes.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.



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Reconvene. Called to order at 7:30pm 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), Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Lori Clift, Finance Data Processing Operations Coordinator; Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Gerald Kennicutt, Deputy Comptroller; William Meredith, DPW Data Processing Operations Coordinator; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

Call pages 42-44.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to reduce budget line A1680.51000 (Personal Services) from \$235,096 to \$185,096, reducing the salary of the position of Chief Information Officer from \$80,000 to \$60,000, and funding from July 1st, with the intent that this position will be advertised with a salary commensurate with experience, moving \$50,000 to Contingency.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Rennia.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion to reduce budget line A1680.51000 (Personal Services) from \$235,096 to \$190,096, reducing the salary of the position of Chief Information Officer from \$80,000 to \$60,000, and funding from June 1st, with the intent that this position will be advertised with a salary commensurate with experience, moving \$45,000 to Contingency, along with associated benefits.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to reduce budget line A1680.51000 (Personal Services) from \$190,096 to \$186,763, moving \$3,333 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency), funding the position of Hardware/Software Technician from February 1st.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Berg.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to reduce budget line A1680.54420 (Technical Services) from \$102,800 to \$101,500, moving \$1,300 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency), eliminating Online Payment Systems.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None



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Motion to reduce budget line A1680.54630 (HW/SW Maintenance) from \$287,990 to \$270,990, moving \$17,000 to budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency), eliminating funds set aside for Energov.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

Motion carried. (Vote 6-1)

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

Nays: Webb

Motion to move pages 42-44.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Call page 188.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to reduce Fire Hardware/Software Information Technology Capital Improvements funds from \$21,930 to \$21,430, eliminating \$500.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to reduce Police Hardware/Software Information Technology Capital Improvements funds from \$3,716 to \$3,316, eliminating \$400.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to reduce City-Wide Hardware/Software Information Technology Capital Improvements funds from \$23,000 to \$19,500, eliminating \$3,500.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Motion to move all Information Technology Capital Improvement budget lines.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)

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

Nays: None

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:25pm.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.



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Voice vote, none opposed.