



# LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President  
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 October 21, 2013**

**Called to Order.** Called to order at 5:07pm 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; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Kyle Seeley, Executive Assistant to the Mayor; Daniel L. Thomas, Fire Chief

## ITEMS CONSIDERED

**Budget Item: City Hall, Operation of Plant**

Presented by: Lori Clift, Finance Data Processing Operations Coordinator

Motion to recall page 34.

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 amend a position title in budget line A1620.51000 (Personal Services) from "Asst. Building Maintenance Mechanic" to "Building Maintenance Mechanic Helper", consistent with Civil Service description.

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 34.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

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

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

Nays: None

Absent: Berg

**Budget Item: Capital Improvements**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Daniel L. Thomas, Fire Chief



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Motion to reduce the Fire Equipment Capital Improvement budget item entitled “75’ Straight Ladder Truck” from \$799,000 to \$499,000, eliminating \$300,000.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

Motion to move pages 189-191 as amended.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion failed. (Vote 3-4)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb

Nays: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo, Berg

Motion to reduce Department of Public Works Construction Capital Improvement budget item entitled “Council Chambers” from \$150,000 to \$50,000, eliminating \$100,000.

Moved by Papastrat, seconded by Mihalko.

**Motion failed. (Vote 3-4)**

Ayes: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo,

Nays: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb, Berg

Motion to move pages 189-191 as amended.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 4-3)**

Ayes: Motsavage, Rennia, Webb, Berg

Nays: Mihalko, Papastrat, Matzo

### **Budget Item: Capital Fund Revenue**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call pages 168-169.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

Motion to move pages 168-169, as amended pursuant to the Capital Improvements budget.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

### **Budget Item: Transfer to Capital**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call page 113.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

Motion to move page 113, as amended pursuant to the Capital Improvements budget.



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Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

**Budget Items: State Retirement, Police & Fire Retirement, Social Security, Workers Compensation, Unemployment Insurance, Disability Insurance, Health Insurance, Supplemental Benefits Payments to Disabled Firefighters, Other Employee Benefits**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call pages 100-108.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to amend pages 100-108, adjusting for benefits as necessary, to be recalculated by the Comptroller.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Motion to move pages 100-108.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

**Budget Item: Contingency**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call page 48.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to reduce budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) from \$124,059.43 to \$24,059.43, eliminating \$100,000.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

**Motion and second withdrawn.**

Motion to reduce budget line A1990.55000 (Contingency) from \$124,059.43 to \$49,059.43, eliminating \$75,000.

Moved by Berg, seconded by Rennia.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Motion to move page 48.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Motsavage.

**Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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



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Nays: None

## **Budget Item: General Fund Summary**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller; Lori Clift, Finance Data Processing Operations Coordinator

Call page 5.

Moved by Motsavage, seconded by Rennia.

Motion to amend "Total Appropriations" to \$62,256,941.72, to amend "Less: Revenues Other than Property Taxes" to \$25,922,018, and to amend "Property Tax Levy" to \$36,334,923.72.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

### **Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

Motion to move page 5.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia.

### **Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

## **Budget Item: Revenue**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call pages 7-12.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb.

Motion to move pages 7-12, as amended.

Moved by Rennia, seconded by Berg.

### **Motion carried. (Vote 7-0)**

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

Nays: None

## **Budget Items: Assessed Valuation, Property Taxes, Gross Budget Distribution, Constitutional Taxing Limitation, General Fund Debt Service & Long Term Debt Summary**

Presented by: Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Call pages 1-4 and 6.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Motion to move pages 1-4 and 6, as amended.

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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**Adjournment.** Motion to adjourn at 6:01pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

**Voice vote, none opposed.**