



Legislative Branch

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Minutes
Regular City Council Meeting
Held at Council Chambers, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Monday March 16, 2009

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council President Gerchman called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Absent: Massey

Also in attendance: Corporation Counsel Kenneth Frank, City Clerk Joseph A. Merrill, Deputy City Clerk Angela Fagerstrom

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of Minutes from the Regular Business Meeting held on Monday March 2, 2009

Moved by Webb, seconded by Weslar

Voice vote, none opposed

RECOGNITIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

A Proclamation honoring Brian J. Grace

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPROVAL OF MAYORAL APPOINTMENTS

SET PUBLIC HEARING(S)

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATION

Communications received:

Letter from Gail Wilson regarding zoning, received in the Clerk's Office on February 16, 2009

Public Comment:

Matthew Landau, Shirley Woodruff, Isaac Levin, Paul Graham, Sharon Nieminski, Bill Bernstein, Uta Saint Claire, Debbie Lysczek, Jack Sheehan

RECONSIDER LEGISLATION

SECOND READING LEGISLATION

FIRST READING LEGISLATION

Motion to approve State Environment Quality Review Act Negative Declaration associated with Introductory Ordinance 09-006

Motion to approve. Moved by Rennia, seconded by Weslar.

Motion carried (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Introductory Ordinance 09-006, Considered in Planning and Community Development, Chair; Weslar

An Ordinance to expand the Planning Commission's review of commercial and residential development

Motion to approve. Moved by Weslar, seconded by Rennia

Councilwoman Webb requested that her name be added to the legislation.

Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 09-009 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey



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Introductory Ordinance 09-010, Considered in Employees, Chair: Webb

An Ordinance amending the Code of the City of Binghamton Section 124-38

Motion to approve. Moved by Webb, seconded by Rennia

Legislation adopted as Permanent Ordinance 09-010 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Introductory Resolution 09-024, Considered in Finance, Chair: Rennia

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for and receive a \$17,250.00 NYS Safety Training Grant

Motion to approve. Moved by Rennia, seconded by Webb

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-025 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Introductory Resolution 09-025, Considered in Finance, Chair: Rennia

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Opportunities for Broome

Motion to approve. Moved by Rennia, seconded by Kramer

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-026 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Introductory Resolution 09-026, Considered in Finance, Chair: Rennia

A Resolution approving the Binghamton Local Development Corporation's Special Project Loan to VMR Electronics, LLC and VMR Realty Management, LLC in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the purchase of the building at 100 Eldredge Street and to fund working capital

Motion to approve. Moved by Kramer, seconded by Webb

Councilman Kramer requested that his name be added to the sponsor list.

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-027 (Vote 5-0-1-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Abstain: Rennia

Introductory Resolution 09-027, Considered in Public Works/Parks & Recreation, Chair: Collins

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into agreement with Broome County for maintenance, repair and energizing of highway lighting along the Bevier Street Bridge and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Memorial

Motion to approve. Moved by Collins, seconded by Kramer

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-028 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

Introductory Resolution 09-028, Considered in Public Works/Parks & Recreation, Chair: Collins

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with NYSDOT for Main Street 1R Paving (PIN 9753.47) from Front Street to City line under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Motion to approve. Moved by Collins, seconded by Kramer

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-029 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Rennia, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey



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Introductory Resolution 09-029, Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Massey

A Resolution authorizing free parking at all municipal ramps and at metered on-street parking for the Home Builder's Show on Friday March 20, 2009 from 8:30am to 5:30pm

Motion to approve. Moved by Weslar, seconded by Webb

Councilman Weslar requested that his name be added to the sponsor list

1. Motion to amend legislation to eliminate all reference to metered parking

Moved by Weslar, seconded by Kramer

Motion carried (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Renna, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

2. Motion to approve legislation as amended

Moved by Weslar, seconded by Webb

Legislation failed (Vote 3-3-0-1)

Ayes: Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: Weslar, Gerchman, Renna

Abstain: None

Absent: Massey

3. Motion to recall legislation

Moved by Weslar, seconded by Collins

Motion carried, legislation to be reconsidered (Vote 5-1-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: Renna,

Absent: Massey

4. Motion to reintroduce Introductory Resolution 09-029, as amended

Moved by Weslar, seconded by Kramer

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-030 (Vote 5-1-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: Renna

Absent: Massey

Introductory Resolution 09-030, Considered in Municipal and Public Affairs, Chair: Massey

A Resolution designating March 2009 as Irish-American Heritage Month in the City of Binghamton

Motion to approve. Moved by Weslar, seconded by Renna

Legislation adopted as Permanent Resolution 09-031 (Vote 6-0-1)

Ayes: Weslar, Gerchman, Renna, Webb, Kramer, Collins

Nays: None

Absent: Massey

COMMUNICATIONS FROM COUNCIL MEMBERS

Councilman Kramer, Councilman Collins, Councilman Weslar, Councilwoman Renna, Councilwoman Webb, Councilman Gerchman

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Kramer, seconded by Renna

Voice vote, none opposed.

Adjourned at 8:54pm