



Legislative Branch

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**CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION
MINUTES
Wednesday January 21, 2009**

Called to order by Council President Gerchman at 6:00pm.

Council Members in attendance:

Robert Weslar, District 1
Martin Gerchman, District 2
Teri Rennie, District 3
Sean Massey, District 5
Charles Kramer, District 6
Ed Collins, District 7

Absent: Lea Webb, District 4

Also in attendance: Corporation Counsel Kenneth J. Frank, Interim Deputy City Clerk Angela Fagerstrom

Items Considered

RL 09-012. *A Resolution in support of the Tri Cities Opera Company's 60th Season Celebration*
Presented by Reed W. Smith, General Director of the Tri Cities Opera Company
Request for Legislation supported by: Massey, Collins, Weslar, Rennie, Gerchman, Kramer
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-005. *A Resolution to approve the Binghamton local Development Corporation's Special Projects Loan to 142 Court Street, LLC, in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000.00) for the renovation of the upper stories at 142 Court Street for student housing*

Presented by Merry Harris, Director of Economic Development; Matthew Zietz, Financial Analyst

Request for Legislation supported by: Kramer, Gerchman, Massey, Collins
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting.

RL 09-007. *An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$80,000.00 in serial bonds to finance the purchase of a new cooling tower for City Hall*

Presented by Luke Day, Commissioner of Public Works

Request for Legislation supported by: Kramer, Massey

Request for Legislation failed due to lack of Council support.



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RL 09-004. *A Resolution supporting the reduction of Point of Purchase Tobacco Advertising.*
Presented by Marcus Mohalland, of Reality Check; Sharon Fischer, of Reality Check; and Ana Shaello-Johnson, Youth Bureau Director
Request for Legislation supported by: Massey, Collins, Weslar, Renna, Gerchman, Kramer
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-002. *A Resolution in support of progressive state pension reform in order to reduce property taxes statewide, improve investment climate, and reduce fiscal stress of upstate municipalities.*
Presented by Tarik Abdelazim, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Request for Legislation supported by: Massey, Weslar, Kramer, Collins, Gerchman, Renna
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-010. *A Resolution waiving late fees for the first bill of the year due to increased sewer rate atop already increased water rates*
Presented by Tarik Abdelazim, Executive Assistant to the Mayor
Request for Legislation supported by: Renna, Kramer, Collins, Weslar, Gerchman, Massey
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

Mayor's Minute

Presented by Tarik Abdelazim, Executive Assistant to the Mayor

RL 09-006. *An Ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$4,975,000.00 in serial bonds to finance the 2009 Budget Capital Projects*
Presented by John Cox, Comptroller
Request for Legislation supported by: Renna, Kramer, Weslar, Gerchman, Massey
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-011. *An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a professional services agreement with TimHaahsAssociates for condition appraisal services for the Collier Street Parking Garage Facility Repairs*
Presented by Phil Krey, City Engineer
Request for Legislation supported by: Collins, Massey, Kramer, Weslar, Gerchman, Renna
Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-009. *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to correct the 2009 tax rolls*
Request for Legislation supported by: Renna, Kramer, Collins, Weslar, Gerchman, Massey
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RL 09-008. *An Ordinance to require Planning Board approval for the construction of new bedrooms where the number of bedrooms in the housing unit would amount to over four in total*

Presented by Councilwoman Rennia

Request for Legislation supported by: Weslar, Rennia, Collins, Gerchman, Massey, Kramer

Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

RL 09-013. *An Ordinance amending the Binghamton Human Rights Law*

Presented by Councilman Massey

Request for Legislation supported by: Massey, Weslar, Rennia, Gerchman, Kramer

Sent to Corporation Counsel for drafting

Executive Session

Council entered into Executive Session at 8:53pm to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

Councilman Gerchman called Council to order at 9:02pm

Council Members in attendance:

Robert Weslar, District 1

Martin Gerchman, District 2

Teri Rennia, District 3

Sean Massey, District 5

Charles Kramer, District 6

Ed Collins, District 7

Absent: Lea Webb, District 4

Motion to adjourn

Moved by Weslar, seconded by Rennia

Voice vote, none opposed

Adjourned at 9:05pm

City Council Work Sessions are held the first and third Wednesdays after the first Monday of every month. These Work Sessions are held in order for the members of City Council to review areas of concern within the City of Binghamton, to consider Requests for Legislation, and to produce solutions for those issues that affect the citizens of the City of Binghamton.

These meetings are open for public attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Office of the City Clerk, or your Council Member.