

**BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE – SPECIAL MEETING
BUSHOR CONF. ROOM, FIRST FLOOR, CITY HALL *OR*
REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN NUMBER
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
DRAFT
June 24, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ben Traverse
Mark Barlow
Sarah E Carpenter
Joe Kane
Emma Mulvaney-Stanak

OTHERS PRESENT:

Katherine Schad

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

1.1 Motion to amend/adopt the agenda

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak called the Board of Finance meeting to order at 6:02 PM

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Barlow, to adopt the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

2.1 Verbal Comments

None.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated.

3.2 June 10, 2024 Board of Finance Meeting Minutes, Draft – approve the minutes.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Kane, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated for items 3.1-3.2.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

4.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

4.1 Resolution: Annual Appropriation and Budget For Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024, and Ending June 30, 2025

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak noted that the budget represents strong work and collaboration between the Mayor's Office and City Council and itemizes a number of priorities, both for the Administration and for the City Council in terms of what is needed for this next year's budget. She said that it reflects transparency around changing course on the use of one-time funds to shore up the budget, examines what tools have been available to increase revenue, such as increasing fees, and moving forward on collective goals around community safety. She said that it represents a true commitment to affordability, sustainability, and right-sizing government for that sustainability and affordability. She said that it contains an itemized list of how the \$50,000 in funding that is proposed for the encampment response will be spent, which came up as a question at a prior meeting.

Councilor Barlow asked about the \$125,000 for the senior advisor on community safety, and whether that line item is for salary and benefits or just for salary. Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak replied that it is for salary and benefits. She also noted that the Administration is attempting to secure grants or Congressional funding for the position, rather than depending fully on the General Fund. Councilor Barlow said he is appreciative of the additional itemization within the budget for the public safety services.

City Council President Traverse expressed appreciation for the work the Administration has put into this budget, given the tight timeframe since the start of the Mayor's term and the beginning of the new fiscal year. He noted the Democratic caucus's proposal to fund additional CSO positions, including the Housing Administrator position in the budget again, and increasing funding for recruitment, in addition to the other investments the Mayor's Office proposed for public safety.

MOTION by City Council President Traverse, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to recommend that the City Council approve the attached resolution.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

4.2 Resolution: Annual Tax Assessments On The Property Grand List Of The City For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 And Ending June 30, 2025

Chief Administrative Officer Schad said that this relates to obtaining the City Council's authority to assess taxes based on the resolution that was just approved by the Board of Finance related to the FY25 budget. She said that the tax resolution lays out the details of the 18 splinter taxes and how they are apportioned.

MOTION by Councilor Barlow, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to recommend that the City Council approve the attached resolution.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

5.1 Motion to Adjourn

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 PM.

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