BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CITY HALL, CONTOIS AUDITORIUM *OR*
REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 18, 2025
DRAFT

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Shannon
Sarah E Carpenter
Mark Barlow
Gene Bergman
Ben Traverse (via Zoom)
Melo Grant (via Zoom)
Carter Neubieser (via Zoom)
Joe Kane
Becca Brown McKnight
Evan Litwin
Marek Broderick

OTHERS PRESENT:

Emma Mulvaney-Stanak
Erin Jacobsen
Katherine Schad
Kim Sturtevant
Lori Olberg
Chapin Spencer
Charles Dillard
Karen Bastine
Dave Keelty
Brian Pine
Ashley Parker

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1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Acting City Council President Shannon at 6:11 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Barlow, SECOND by Councilor Litwin, to amend and adopt the agenda as follows:

- **remove from the consent agenda item 5.2. Accountability List - C/T and place it on the Deliberative Agenda as item 6.6;**
- **remove from the consent agenda item 5.20. Resolution: Acceptance And Approval Of The FY2024 Audit (Board of Finance).**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. MAYOR – GENERAL CITY AFFAIRS (TO INCLUDE CLIMATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY EMERGENCY UPDATES)

2.1 Verbal Reports

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak began by noting that the City and CVOEO operated an extreme cold weather shelter, given the cold weather and precipitation. She expressed appreciation to the staff that helped to open the Miller Center and operate the shelter overnight, and noted that the shelter served 65 people. She spoke about continuous process improvement in operating the shelter, as well as improving the policy that governs the shelter. She noted that because the shelter is operated using State funding, the criteria for its operating policy and the staffing for the shelter are strict.

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak then provided an update on the recruitment process for the next Chief of Police. She announced that the new interim Chief of Police is Shawn Burke, who was the Chief of Police for the City of South Burlington. She said that because he had previously served at the BPD for 21 years, most recently as a Deputy Chief of Operations, this helps to ensure a smooth transition and continuity of leadership as the search for a permanent Chief of Police continues. She noted that the new interim Chief's values align with hers and her Administrations, in terms of prioritizing the rebuilding of the BPD. She also noted that the HR department has conducted a review of the salary for the Chief of Police position and found that Burlington is undercompensating the position. She noted that in anticipation of bringing on Interim Chief Burke, her Administration will be bringing an interim staffing proposal to the Board of Finance on March 10, which will also serve as a springboard to the work of hiring a permanent Chief. She noted that Interim Chief Burke will serve on a two-year contract (though she is hoping to bring on a permanent Chief by the end of 2025). She spoke about the firm that the City has hired for helping with the recruitment process for the new Police Chief.

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak then provided an update on a new method of updating the community more completely on community safety efforts, which entails providing updates on the Fire Department, Police Department, and cross-City public health updates. She also spoke about the City's continued response to news coming from the federal government and the Trump Administration. She reiterated that the City of Burlington stands with all members of its community and remains committed to safety and inclusion, particularly to immigrants and refugees, as well as trans and other LGBTQIA members of the community. She also noted that the City's fair and impartial policing policy is still in effect, and that the Police Department will not proactively initiate civil immigration enforcement within the City of Burlington. She said the City has not been immune to the impacts of the Trump Administration's first few weeks, noting that two sizable federal grants have already been frozen, which impact the Burlington Electric Department and the Burlington Workforce Development Department. She said the City is working to identify all federal grants that might be in jeopardy and how to adapt locally. She added that the City is working to protect voter information for its all resident voting system. She ended by providing an update on the Overdose Prevention Center, noting continued engagement with partners in Providence, Rhode Island, who recently opened an Overdose Prevention Center of their own, to make sure the City understands the impacts as well as learning from their experience from any federal changes of policy or approach.

3. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL CITY AFFAIRS (TO INCLUDE CLIMATE AND PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY EMERGENCY UPDATES)

3.1 Verbal Reports
Councilor Grant said the next Public Safety Committee meeting will be Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 PM. She expressed concern about the new focus on DEI and insinuations that people who are Black, brown, or are of differing gender or sexual identities are not qualified for their jobs or don't have meaningful experience or knowledge.

Councilor Litwin said that the Council received a request from the Board of Health, which has been working on the syringe literacy analysis and resolution, and requested that the deadline for their report back to the City Council be extended to some point in April.

4. PUBLIC FORUM: TIME CERTAIN: 6:30 PM

4.1. Verbal Comments
Forum opened at 6:31 PM.

COMMENTS:
Burlington residents (in person):

- Jeanne Keller spoke in opposition to agenda item 6.1, saying that Ward 1 neighbors cannot fathom Councilors voting in favor of this kind of development, especially when the City receives nothing out of the deal (no protection for green space, air space, mitigation of traffic impacts, no agreements for payments in lieu of taxes to offset infrastructure costs). She spoke about the elements that Ward 1 is not getting out of this agreement in terms of buffers, setbacks, etc.

- Jacob Alfar spoke as a former Community Service Officer who served in the Burlington Police Department for approximately 3 months. He said that he was terminated due to lack of fitness for the role, but he said he suspected that it was due to challenging poor leadership and bypassing a supervisor to consult the City Attorney. He noted selective enforcement, incompetence, resistance to change, and over-reliance on discretion to justify ineffectiveness at the BPD.
- Cynthia Cook spoke in opposition to the MOU with UVMMC, saying that it is one-sided and has significant benefits for the medical center but none for the City. She urged the City to vote against this version of the MOU and work to develop a version that is mutually beneficial. She cited significant increases in building height and substantially increased parking at the medical center as two areas of concern. She noted a lack of renderings, projections, and studies that would illustrate the effects of shading and nighttime lighting for the height of proposed buildings, as well as lack of traffic studies to show the impacts of increased traffic as a result of the increased parking contained within this MOU.
- Lee Morrigan spoke about how the Democratic caucus has brought forward a resolution that vilifies criminal behavior (but only when it's committed by the poor and unhoused), even though current members of the caucus have taken campaign donations from a wealthy convicted criminal. They said that if the issue was truly about safety, then the City would be focusing on housing, mental health care, and survival in extreme cold. They said that item 6.4 is a regressive right-wing policy that will kill members of the community.

Burlington residents (via Zoom):
- Lisa Lax spoke about the MOU between the City and UVMMC, expressing deep concern with any commitment to permit further building growth on UVMMC's campus. They cited the impacts of increased traffic and infrastructure as causes for this concern, as well as the increase in building height that will greatly impact the character of surrounding neighborhoods.
- Martha Lang spoke about the MOU with UVMMC, saying she supports quality healthcare at an affordable price but is opposed to the City entering into this MOU with UVMMC, given lack of accountability, high cost, and poor outcomes on the part of the Medical Center.
- Sharon Bushor spoke about the MOU with UVMMC. She spoke about the value of MOUs in general as a tool for the City to partner with institutions and entities to realize a common goal, and spoke about the many benefits of the City's MOU with UVMMC. She said that this amendment falls short in its lack of setbacks and buffer zones and height limits, expressing concern that it will negatively impact surrounding neighbors.

Non-Burlington residents (in person):
- Keren Sita spoke about ensuring that the interests and advancement of Black people is at the forefront of government.

Forum closed at 6:50 PM.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
5.1 Motion to adopt the consent agenda (as amended) and take the actions indicated
5.2 Accountability List – C/T - **NOW DELIBERATIVE AGENDA ITEM 6.6**
5.3 December 9, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T – waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.4 December 16, 2024 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.5 December 16, 2024 Local Cannabis Control Commission Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.6 December 16, 2024 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.7 January 13, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.8 January 13, 2025 City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.9 January 27, 2025 Full Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.10 January 27, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft – C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, and adopt the minutes as received at the February 10, 2025 Regular City Council Meeting.
5.11 Chief's Report to the Burlington Fire Commission – waive the reading, accept the report, and place it on file.
5.12 Water Resources FY25 Personnel Reorganization – Creation of Meter to Cash Team – DPW – Water Resources - approve the 1. Reclassification of the Financial and Administrative Assistant – a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFCSME, Grade 16 position, to the tiered Meter to Cash Analyst I/II positions as follows: a. Meter to Cash Analyst I, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFCSME, Grade 16, the first of two tiers for this position; and b. Meter to Cash Analyst II, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFCSME, Grade 17, the second of two tiers for this position; and 2. Creation of a tiered Meter to Cash Analyst I/II position as follows: a. Meter to Cash Analyst I, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFCSME, Grade 16, the first of two tiers for this position; and b. Meter to Cash Analyst II, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFCSME, Grade 17, the second of two tiers for this position.
5.13 Assessor's Final FY 2025 Grand List Report – approve the corrections found on the errors and omissions list provided.
5.14 Communication: Rev. Mark Hughes, re: Reparations Task Force - waive the reading and place the communication on file.
5.15 Communication: Martha Lang, re: UVMMC's Land Use MOU is a One-Sided Deal in their Favor - waive the reading and place the communication on file.
5.16 Communication: Ashton MacKenzie, re: ASL is critical to public access! – waive the reading and place the communication on file.
5.17 Budget Amendment for 130 Bank Street Sales Tax Reallocation Funds (2024 award) for the BTC Public Improvements Project – CEDO/DPW - authorize the Director of Public Works or designee to request reimbursement in the amount of $1,250,000 in 130 Bank Street Sales Tax Reallocation funds towards the BTC Public Improvements Project Budget and to accept the same, and to further authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or designee to effectuate all necessary budget amendments and transfers of funds in furtherance of securing this reimbursable state funding.
5.18 FIO Documents – for information only.
5.19 Resolution: Appointment Of Acting Ward Eight Ward Clerk And Acting Inspectors Of Election For Wards Three, Seven, And Eight for March 4th, 2025 Annual City Election (Councilor Traverse) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.
5.20 Resolution: Acceptance And Approval Of The FY2024 Audit (Board of Finance) **AGENDA ITEM REMOVED**

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor McKnight, to approve the consent agenda as amended and take the actions indicated for items 5.1-5.19.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

6.1 UVMMC Memorandum of Understanding
Councilor Traverse recused himself from this agenda item due to a professional conflict of interest.

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak began by noting that the previous administration had done pre-work related to this MOU in areas such as commitments to affordable housing for employees, stormwater mitigation, and commitments to preserve green space. She said that her Administration deliberately and thoughtfully reviewed the amendment to ensure that the City received additional benefits. She noted that one additional element speaks to minimum labor standards for any new construction at

UVMMC, to ensure livable and decent professional jobs for the construction workforce. She also noted additional elements related to climate, including transportation demand management provisions for employees and trying to decrease the impacts this has on local traffic, mitigating the impacts on climate of construction, and collaboration with Burlington Electric Department. She further noted commitments from UVMMC related to the City's water systems and infrastructure investment support.

Karen Bastine and Dave Keelty spoke on behalf of the University of Vermont Medical Center (UVMMC) related to this item. Mr. Keelty noted that UVMMC is not proposing any specific building projects at this juncture, but is trying to establish parameters for development for its long-range planning efforts. He said that due to demographic projections, they are anticipating higher demand for inpatient care, and that they'll need more parking and higher buildings to accommodate this future demand. He said that UVMMC is committed to mitigating impacts on congestion and that it will continue to innovate on solutions, including its leadership in CATMA. He also spoke about UVMMC's commitment to sustainable projects, transportation demand management, energy efficiency, housing affordability, and coordination with City departments. He also noted that any development proposals would have significant and rigorous oversight from the City. He spoke about the importance of the physical link between UVMMC and the Larner College of Medicine at UVM and noted that splitting the campus could lead to duplication of services and inefficiencies.

Ms. Bastine spoke about additional commitments from UVMMC, including an unlimited bus pass program for its employees, as well as better understanding water infrastructure needs and potential impacts on the City. She thanked the City Council for its input into the MOU amendment, as well as Ward 1 neighbors for their participation in work sessions. She acknowledged concerns from immediate neighbors about the future of the UVMMC campus, and said the Medical Center is committed to transparency.

Councilor Bergman thanked the Administration and UVMMC for their work on this MOU during the transition period for mayoral administrations. He expressed support for on-campus growth rather than suburbanization of the UVMMC campus and support for addressing patient care needs through this growth. He also noted the improvements in the MOU related to climate, labor, the local economy, and sustainability. He asked for confirmation that implicit references to the climate crisis, transportation demand management, and requirements related to the need to continue adhering to the City's zoning and permitting bylaws still apply. He asked how this MOU will deal with building height and setback issues. Director Dillard replied that building height and setback requirements still apply in this MOU (and that the setback is 15 feet from the right-of-way and building height limits are between 7 and 8 stories). He said that his office is proposing to conduct an area planning process to look into the proposed dimensions in a detailed fashion.

Councilor Grant expressed appreciation for the Mayor's additional work on this MOU, and agreed with many of Councilor Bergman's sentiments. She said that she would most certainly allow this type of development in the central district if it were her decision, given that the City has been focusing on building taller buildings recently in order to create density. She said the City needs housing units and that expansion by UVMMC will also create more jobs for the local economy. She noted that this is a voluntary agreement, not a contract.

Councilor Neubieser expressed the importance of MOUs with large institutions like UVMMC as a tool to protect the community and build productive working partnerships with these types of organizations. He also expressed appreciation for the work of City staff and hospital leadership on this MOU, but noted that he does not trust hospital leadership to put the community before its own interests. He acknowledged real gains around climate and labor protection and traffic management in this version of the MOU.

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Barlow, to approve and authorize the Mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding and Agreement between the City of Burlington and the University of Vermont Medical Center subject to the review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – aye, Councilor Bergman – aye, Councilor Broderick – aye, Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Grant – aye, Councilor Kane – aye, Councilor

Litwin – aye, Councilor McKnight – aye, Councilor Neubieser – nay, Acting City Council President Shannon – aye, Councilor Traverse – recused (9 ayes, 1 nay, 1 recusal); motion carries.

6.2 Resolution: Support For The Second Amendment To Predevelopment Agreement For South End Coordinated Redevelopment (Councilors Traverse, Shannon)
Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak began by noting that this is the second amendment to the predevelopment agreement for the South End development project, and that it identifies a set of foundational objectives and design goals to inform continued study and collaboration. She said that this is an opportunity to intentionally design a neighborhood that focuses on the City's housing, climate, and affordability goals, with 20% of housing units required to be affordable, and a joint Planned Use Development plan between the parties. She said that this also provides for continued study of infrastructure challenges, needs, and opportunities on the site and in that area of the City, as well as exploring potential funding mechanisms. She noted that based on the outcome of this work, she anticipates being prepared to enter into a formal development agreement by summer 2025.

Director Pine said this would extend the existing predevelopment agreement that was executed last March by four months to allow for additional time to conduct assessment and due diligence. He said that the goal is a development agreement that would be ready for execution by mid-September.

MOTION by Councilor Traverse, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.
<u>DISCUSSION:</u>

- **Councilor Traverse expressed appreciation for the work on this project from the City, Champlain College, and Ride Your Bike, as well as their efforts to keep the Council updated on progress. He asked how the City intends to use the parcel of land it owns that is part of this project (on Sears Lane). He asked if the City plans to bring in third-party consultants and contracts to help conduct its portion of the feasibility assessments for the project, or whether those activities will be conducted in-house. Director Pine replied that the City has federal funds that have been obligated to put toward technical and legal services, as well as environmental consulting and design work to help advance the project.**
- **Councilor Bergman asked how the 20% affordable housing and about the mix of housing for the project, noting that family housing will be important, given the proximity to the school in the South End. He also asked about the impacts of a federal funding freeze from the Trump Administration, and continued to emphasize his focus on transportation demand management. Director Dillard replied that they have been working with Champlain College and Ride Your Bike on the concept of a mobility hub that would include significant indoor bike parking and a large bank of car-share cars, and that this project will be an opportunity to test the City's new TDM regulations that will likely be implemented by the time the development agreement is in place. Director Spencer said that DPW is most focused on infrastructure related to parking, traffic, and wastewater, all of which will have third-party consultants to put forward concepts that maximize value and address deficiencies for the City. Director Pine added that with respect to the federal funding freeze, they have not heard about impacts for this grant's funding. He also added that the City remains committed to expanding the number of family-sized units to support a diverse mix of households.**
- **Councilor Carpenter asked when staff anticipate providing further updates on the process, and Director Pine replied that they can report back sooner than late summer and provide a status update on infrastructure feasibility.**
- **Councilor Litwin asked staff to speak to how the Home Act goal and the bonds up for approval on the ballot intersect with this project. Director Pine replied that the Home Act goal for Burlington is to put an additional 5,000 units online, and this project would (depending on infrastructure and other zoning requirements) create around 1,400 units. Director Spencer noted that a key portion of the Lake Bond of $152 million is largely targeted toward upgrading the City's wastewater plants, but also some upgrades that would more specifically increase the capacity needed by this**

development and other developments for the South End. He noted that a lack of voter approval for this bond would be an impediment to this development.**
- **Acting City Council President Shannon said that she would like any development agreement to require that the developer cover the City's permitting costs.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.3 General Updates on Improvements and Grant Agreement & Contract Authorization To Support Fencing Installation at 1 North Avenue

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor McKnight, to 1. To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the Grant Agreement between the City and The Queen City Police Foundation in the amount of $80,000 (no local match required) in support of the fencing installation project at 1 North Avenue; and 2. To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to take all such further actions, including by taking any necessary steps to ensure the creation of the project budget reflecting the acceptance of the grant award, and to execute such further instruments approved as to form by the City Attorney, as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby.
DISCUSSION:
- **Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak said this relates to a fencing installation to ensure that the Police Department facility is safe, and thanked Ernie Pomerleau for his commitment to the City and being able to work with the Queen City Police Foundation to leverage this grant.**
- **Capital Programs Director Parker said this project is in response to serious safety concerns at 1 North Avenue, particularly around the Uniformed Service Bureau entrance to the building, and instances of attacks taking place there. She spoke about close coordination between City staff at the central facilities team, the Pomerleau foundation, and the Police Department to conduct surveys of the property to determine what type of fencing to install around the parking lot. She noted that the project received a permit from the Department of Permitting & Inspections on February 11 to proceed once the grant is authorized. She spoke about other facilities improvement projects underway at the Police Department building. She further spoke about various needs identified at that space that have been included in the City's Capital Plan, including expanding the dispatch area, renovations to accommodate the CARES team, and renovations to the men's and women's locker rooms. She said the City is engaging with a number of funding sources to creatively implement as many of these projects as possible to help with retention and recruitment efforts ongoing at the Police Department.**
- **Councilor McKnight expressed gratitude to the Pomerleau family for this donation, saying that their philanthropic commitment to the City's local nonprofits is unwavering, widespread, and nonpartisan. She said that this is also important, given the uncertainty of future federal funding for this type of work.**
- **Councilor Litwin expressed gratitude to the Pomerleau Foundation for this funding, given recent attacks on the facility and personnel at 1 North Avenue.**
- **Councilor Barlow thanked the Queen City Foundation and the Pomerleaus for their support.**
- **Councilor Bergman thanked the Mayor for being able to advance an initiative that prior administrations and police leadership were not able to achieve. He said the Council should continue to strive for consensus around community safety.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.4 Resolution: The Establishment Of A Blue Ribbon Commission To Address Drug-Related Criminal Behavior (Councilors Traverse, Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Shannon)

MOTION by Councilor Barlow, SECOND by Councilor McKnight, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.
DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Barlow said this resolution operationalizes an idea that came from a community letter, and would stand up a blue-ribbon commission to address drug-related criminal behavior by empaneling a number of relevant experts appointed by the Mayor and City Council to consider a complex set of problems being faced by the community. He said that it is intended to complement community safety improvements efforts by the Administration. He noted that he would like to postpone this item until the Council's March 10, 2025 meeting so that the incoming interim Police Chief can review and weigh in on the resolution.**

MOTION by Councilor Barlow, SECOND by Councilor McKnight, to postpone action on this item until the March 10, 2025 City Council meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Kane, to amend the postponement to the April 14, 2025 City Council meeting.
<u>DISCUSSION ON AMENDMENT:</u>

- **Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak noted that Interim Chief Burke will not be able to take up this review until his start date of March 24, 2025, as he is currently focusing on South Burlington's transition plan and does not have capacity prior to his start date to begin work for the City. She encouraged the Council to consider April 14 as an appropriate date certain for deliberating on this item.**
- **Councilor Litwin expressed support for this, additionally noting that this will involve the next City Council with newly sworn-in members.**
- **Councilor Grant said this should be postponed even further, to allow for more engagement with stakeholders and subject matter experts (such as the State's Attorney for Chittenden County), as well as allowing Interim Chief Burke to become more acclimated.**
- **Councilor Traverse expressed support for postponing this item, but pushed back against claims that due diligence and lack of collaboration are the reason for postponement. He said that he has been speaking with the Mayor's Office about this item for a number of months, and that he has also been in touch with the State Attorney's Office and a number of the other parties that may be involved in this process to let them know of this potential postponement and further engagement with the Interim Police Chief prior to moving forward.**
- **Councilor Carpenter said that postponing this will allow for establishing a more feasible and realistic set of deadlines for activities within the resolution.**
- **Councilor Neubieser said postponing this until April 14th will allow the interim chief to provide input. He also said that he would have liked to have been made aware of this resolution as a member of the Public Safety Committee, and also asked which of the stakeholders listed in the resolution have been consulted to date, given that the list of them is extensive.**

VOTING ON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – aye, Councilor Bergman – aye, Councilor Broderick – aye, Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Grant – nay, Councilor Kane – aye, Councilor Litwin – aye, Councilor McKnight – aye, Councilor Neubieser – aye, Acting City Council President Shannon – nay, Councilor Traverse – aye (9 ayes, 2 nays); motion carries.

VOTING ON POSTPONEMENT AS AMENDED: (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – aye, Councilor Bergman – aye, Councilor Broderick – aye, Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Grant – nay, Councilor Kane – aye, Councilor Litwin – aye, Councilor McKnight – aye, Councilor Neubieser – aye, Acting City Council President Shannon – aye, Councilor Traverse – aye (10 ayes, 1 nay); motion carries.

6.5 Fence Viewer Appointments (2): Term Expires 6/30/25

MOTION by Councilor Barlow to nominate Vikas Mangipudi.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

Vikas Mangipudi was appointed as a Fence Viewer.

MOTION by Councilor Barlow to nominate Jamie Seiffer.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

Jamie Seiffer was appointed as a Fence Viewer.

6.6 Accountability List – C/T **WAS CONSENT AGENDA ITEM 5.2**

MOTION by Councilor Litwin, SECOND by Councilor McKnight, to waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.
DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Litwin noted that the public safety hub resolution passed last fall was left off the accountability list and asked that it be included on the list. He noted his concern that the resolution asked for a report back date of January 21, 2025, and that this date has passed. He said that this item was only agendized once on December 19, 2024 at the Public Safety Committee and he expressed concern that substantive action has not been taken on this resolution.**
- **Councilor Litwin made a friendly amendment to add the Public Safety Hub resolution to the Accountability List.**
- **Councilor Barlow noted that he and Councilor Grant have discussed revisiting this item at the Public Safety Committee.**
- **Councilor Grant noted that the priority has been to continue to grant access to the public at 1 North Avenue, but that she will continue her outreach and provide an update and discussion at the next Public Safety Committee meeting.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.1. Verbal reports
Councilor Barlow noted that the Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee will be meeting on February 24 at 7:00 PM.

Councilor Grant noted that the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee will be meeting on February 25. She further noted that the Black Experience event is happening this Saturday with events throughout town (and Winooski), with lunch, catered dinner, and an event with Ta-Nehisi Coates at the Flynn Theater in the evening.

Acting City Council President Shannon noted that the Ordinance Committee will be meeting on February 20 at 1:00 PM to discuss the Vacant Buildings Ordinance and the Champlain College bed cap and performing arts centers in the Enterprise Zone.

8. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

8.1. Verbal reports
None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

9.1 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting adjourned without objection at 9:02 PM.

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