



**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 26, 2026**

1. Agenda

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City Council President Traverse convened the meeting at 6:08 pm.

Members present: Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Grant, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse (all in person); Councilors Kane and Neubieser (both online)

Others present: Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, COS Jacobsen, Deputy COS Zakaras, Lori Olberg (all in person); CAO Schad and City Attorney Brown (both online)

Subject	1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda
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Category	1. Agenda
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Action Procedural
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Recommended Action Motion to amend/adopt agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Motion made by Councilor McKnight, seconded by Councilor Singh, to adopt the agenda as presented.

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Broderick, to move agenda item up to

6.1. Motion failed by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant, Kane and Neubieser

Nays: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse

2. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)

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Subject	2.1. Verbal reports
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Category	2. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)
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2.1. Verbal reports

3. Public Forum: Time Certain: 6:30 pm **See above for signup instructions**

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City Council President Traverse opened Public Forum at 6:25 pm.

City Council President Traverse closed Public Forum at 8:28 pm.

Councilor Grant recused herself from this agenda item so that she could speak at Public Forum.

Subject	3.1. Verbal Comments
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Category	3. Public Forum: Time Certain: 6:30 pm **See above for signup instructions**
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Recommended Action	open Public Forum close Public Forum

3.1. Verbal Comments

BTV residents (in person):

David Geddes: not favor of 6.3/in favor of 6.2

Lynda Siegel: in favor of 6.2/not in favor of 6.3

Rabbi Ariel Yaakov Dunat: in favor of 6.2

William "Bill" Standen: in favor of 6.3

Bernie Carver: not in favor of 6.2/in favor of 6.3

"Sal" Sally Millichamp: in favor of 6.3

Ambrose Moore: in favor of 6.3

Duncan Kreps: in favor of 6.3

Mark Leopold: in favor of 6.2/not in favor of 6.3

Catherine Bock: in favor of 6.2 and 6.3

Melo Grant: comments re: 2.1

Valerie Lodish: in favor of 6.2/not in favor of 6.3

Chaim Lodish: in favor of 6.2/not in favor of 6.3

Jeff Schulman: not in favor of 6.3/in favor of 6.2

Mort Z: volunteers to create a resolution/6/3

Amy Malinowski: in favor of 6.3

Ashley Smith: in favor of 6.3

Douglas Phinney: in favor of 6.3

Sara Davis: in favor of 6.3

David Kerman: not in favor of 6.3/in favor of 6.2

Megan Petrine: in favor of 6.3

Lee Morrigan: in favor of 6.3

Ezra Willson: in favor of 6.3

Antonio Golan: in favor of 6.3

Lawrence Saveall: in favor of 6.3

Alyssa Breda: not in favor of 6.2/in favor of 6.3

Colin Palmer: in favor of 6.3

David Call: advocate for the unhoused - a flag should be made by students -

Dana Keyes-Gibbons: in favor of 6.3

Logan Roots: not in favor of 6.2/in favor of 6.3

Ari Moskowitz:
Michael Long: in favor of 6.3
Caryn Long: in favor of 6.3
Sasha Rosen: in favor of 6.3
Aminah Carrington: in favor of 6.3
Melanie Needle: in favor of 6.3 and 6.2
Rabbi Eliyahu Junic: not in favor of 6.3
Lani Ravin: in favor of 6.2

BTV residents (online):

Paul Fleckenstein: not in favor of 6.2/in favor of 6.3
Carmela Ormando: not in favor of 6.2/in favor of 6.3
Bethany Moose Nolan: in favor of 6.3
Dave Maher: in favor of 6.2/not in favor of 6.3
Anikin Selle: in favor of 6.3
Joy Ming King: in favor of 6.3
Nadia Nygaard: in favor of 6.3
Phoebe Paron: in favor of 6.3/not in favor of 6.4

BTV property owner/non BTV resident (in person):

Wafic Faour: in favor of 6.3

Non BTV residents (in person):

Sarah/Sally Lincoln: in favor of 6.3
James Marc Leas: in favor of 6.3

Non BTV resident (online):

Keren Sita:

4. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)

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Subject	4.1. Verbal reports
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Category	4. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)
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4.1. Verbal reports

5. Consent Agenda

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Subject	5.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated
Meeting	January 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, January 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Council and Board

Type Action (Consent)
Procedural

Recommended Action Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

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

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Singh, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject 5.2. Accountability List - DFA

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

5.2. Accountability List - DFA

Subject 5.3. January 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - DFA

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Minutes
Information

Recommended Action approve the minutes

5.3. January 20, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - DFA

**Subject 5.4. Communication: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, re: Resolution from Ward 1
NPA for City Council**

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.4. Communication: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, re: Resolution from Ward 1 NPA for City Council

Subject 5.5. Communication: Alyssa Chen, Education Justice Coalition of Vermont, re: standing in solidarity with Palestine

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.5. Communication: Alyssa Chen, Education Justice Coalition of Vermont, re: standing in solidarity with Palestine

Subject 5.6. Creation of OPC Grant and Project Manager Limited Service Position - Mayor

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Mayor's Office

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action move to approve and recommend that the City Council approve the creation of the following position: OPC Grant and Project Manager, a Limited Service, Part-Time (30 hours per week), Exempt, Non-union, Grade 20 position

5.6. Creation of OPC Grant and Project Manager Limited Service Position - Mayor

Subject 5.7. Update on 2026 Legislative Session

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Mayor's Office

Type Action (Consent)
Information

Report

Recommended Action waive the reading, accept the report and place it on file

5.7. Update on 2026 Legislative Session

Subject 5.8. FIO Documents

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action for information only

5.8. FIO Documents

Subject 5.9. Ordinance: CDO--planBTV Downtown Code Fences ZA-26-02 (Office of City Planning, Planning Commission)

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Planning

Type Action (Consent)
Ordinance - First Reading

Recommended Action 1st reading
Motion: Waive the reading and refer to Ordinance Committee.

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6. Deliberative Agenda

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Subject 6.1. Indoor and Outdoor Special Event Entertainment Permit Application (three days only): Burlington Electronic Department, Groundhog Fest, various locations and times around the City, Friday, January 30, 2026 - Sunday, February 1, 2026

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action

Recommended Action approve the three day only indoor and outdoor special event permit application for Burlington Electronic Department, Groundhog Fest, various locations and times around the City, Friday, January 30, 2026 - February 1, 2026

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Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject 6.2. Resolution: Promoting Community Dialogue (Councilors Schachter, Carpenter and Litwin)(45 mins.)

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action
Resolution

Recommended Action waive the reading and adopt the resolution

6.2. Resolution: Promoting Community Dialogue (Councilors Schachter, Carpenter and Litwin)(45 mins.)

Motion made by Councilor Schachter, seconded by Councilor Carpenter, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Broderick, to postpone this agenda item to the February 17, 2026 City Council Meeting. Motion failed by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant, Kane and Neubieser

Nays: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse

Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Bergman, to amend the agenda (proposed amendments are posted):

Motion failed by a roll call vote:

Ayes: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant, Kane and Neubieser

Nays: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse

Motion made by Councilor Schachter, seconded by Councilor Carpenter, to amend as follows:

Line 51: Councilor Initiative Fund in FY26 to the CJC to support these efforts.

Motion passed by a roll call vote: 7:5:

Ayes: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse

Nays: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant, Kane and Neubieser

The resolution was adopted as amended.

Subject 6.3. Resolution: March 3, 2026 Annual City Meeting - Non-Binding Advisory Ballot Question On the Apartheid-Free Community Pledge (Councilor Bergman)(45 mins.)

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Council and Board

Type Action
Resolution

Recommended Action waive the reading and adopt the resolution

6.3. Resolution: March 3, 2026 Annual City Meeting - Non-Binding Advisory Ballot Question On the Apartheid-Free Community Pledge (Councilor Bergman)(45 mins.)

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Broderick, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Motion failed by a roll call vote: 5:7

Ayes: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant, Kane and Neubieser

Nays: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse

Subject 6.4. Resolution: March 3, 2026 Annual City Meeting - Increase In Police & Fire Tax Rate (Councilor Bergman)(45 mins.)

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Council and Board

Type Action
Resolution

Recommended Action waive the reading and adopt the resolution

6.4. Resolution: March 3, 2026 Annual City Meeting - Increase In Police & Fire Tax Rate (Councilor Bergman)(45 mins.)

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Barlow, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Motion passed by a roll call vote: 9:3:

Ayes: Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Grant, Kane, Litwin, Neubieser and Schachter

Nays: Councilors McKnight, Singh and City Council President Traverse

7. Committee Reports

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This agenda item was not taken up.

Subject 7.1. Verbal reports

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Category 7. Committee Reports

Department Council and Board

Type Information

7.1. Verbal reports

8. City Council - General City Affairs (to include Climate and Public Health & Safety Emergency Updates: up to 5 mins. per Councilor)

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8.1. Verbal reports

9. Adjournment

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Subject	9.1. Motion to adjourn
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Category	9. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Procedural

Recommended Action Motion to adjourn

9.1. Motion to adjourn

City Council President Traverse adjourned the meeting at 11:34 pm.

10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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Subject	10.1. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. For more information on access, call Lori Olberg, Council and Licensing Coordinator (802-865-7136)(TTY 802-865-7142). Persons with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate are encouraged to contact 802-865-7000 (voice) or 802-865-7142 (TTY) at least 72 hours in advance so that proper arrangements can be made. This meeting will also air on Town Meeting TV the Wednesday after the meeting, starting at 8:00 pm and repeating at 1:00 am and 7:00 am the following day. The City of Burlington will not tolerate unlawful harassment
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Category	10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

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