



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING AND PUBLIC INFORMATION HEARING ON
BALLOT QUESTIONS, CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
MINUTES OF MEETING
February 9, 2026

1. Agenda

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City Council President Traverse convened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Members present: City Council President Traverse, Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Litwin, Neubieser (arrived at 6:10 pm), Schachter and Singh (all in person); Councilors Grant, Kane and McKnight (all online)

Others present: Interim COS Alnasrawi, City Attorney Brown. Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, Lori Olberg and CAO Schad (only for the executive session agenda item)

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

Recommended Action Motion to amend/adopt agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Bergman, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Executive Session (30 mins.)

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City Attorney Brown spoke to this agenda item.

Subject	2.1. Litigation Update
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Category	2. Executive Session (30 mins.)
Department	City Attorney
Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion 1: Move that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of legal advice and information concerning the details of “pending and/or potential” litigation to which the City is a party or has a stated interest would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage; Motion 2: Based upon that finding, move that the Council go into executive session to receive confidential attorney-client communications in pending and/or potential civil litigation matters, pursuant to 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(E) and (F), and including representatives from the Mayor’s Office, the DFA, and the City Attorney’s Office.

2.1. Litigation Update

Motion 1: made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Bergman

Motion 2: made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Bergman

Executive Session began at 6:08 pm.

Executive Session ended at 6:35 pm.

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

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City Council President Traverse opened the Public Forum at 6:38 pm.

City Council President Traverse closed the Public Forum at 7:04 pm.

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

3.1. Verbal Comments

BTV residents (in person):

Alison Segar: Language Justice

Scott Lowe: #4, #5.13 amd #6.2

Charlie Messing: Bus #11 and ICE and Medical Center bus

BTV resident (online):

Brian Clifford: police response on protests

Non-BTV resident (in person):

Keren Sita: You Know Me

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

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Category	4. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

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
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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 Carpenter, seconded by Councilor Schachter, 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 26, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - DFA

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Information
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

5.3. January 26, 2026 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes - DFA

Subject 5.4. Communication: James Marc Leas, re: Remarks to City Council on January 26, 2026

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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: James Marc Leas, re: Remarks to City Council on January 26, 2026

Subject 5.5. Communication: Michael Long, re: AFC Ballot Item

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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: Michael Long, re: AFC Ballot Item

Subject 5.6. Communication: Selena Kunkel, re: Apartheid Free Community Statement

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Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.6. Communication: Selena Kunkel, re: Apartheid Free Community Statement

Subject 5.7. Communication: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, re: Open Letter to Educational Leadership concerning the work of the Redistricting Task Force

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Type Communication
Action (Consent)

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.7. Communication: Jonathan Chapple-Sokol, re: Open Letter to Educational Leadership concerning the work of the Redistricting Task Force

Subject **5.8. Communication: Leila Hillman, re: Apartheid Free...**

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Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.8. Communication: Leila Hillman, re: Apartheid Free...

Subject **5.9. Communication: Mousa Ishaq and Kristin Peterson, Burlington-Bethlehem-Arad Sister City Program, re: AFC Resolution**

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Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.9. Communication: Mousa Ishaq and Kristin Peterson, Burlington-Bethlehem-Arad Sister City Program, re: AFC Resolution

Subject **5.10. Communication: R. Marcus West, re: various letters to various leadership regarding various topics**

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Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.10. Communication: R. Marcus West, re: various letters to various leadership regarding various topics

Subject **5.11. Communication: Paul Fleckenstein, re: Comments on "Community Dialogue" Resolution 1/26/26**

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Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.11. Communication: Paul Fleckenstein, re: Comments on "Community Dialogue" Resolution 1/26/26

Subject **5.12. Communication: Beth Royer, Chittenden County Clerk, re: Adopted FY 27 Chittenden County Budget**

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Type Communication
Action (Consent)

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

5.12. Communication: Beth Royer, Chittenden County Clerk, re: Adopted FY 27 Chittenden County Budget

Subject **5.13. Harlem Knights Meets Roaring Twenties - REIB**

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Department Racial Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (REIB)

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action to approve and authorize the Director of the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Office and the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$2,000 to Hip Hop For Flood Relief to support the Harlem Knights Meets the Roaring Twenties event from the Community Celebrations GL

5.13. Harlem Knights Meets Roaring Twenties - REIB

Subject 5.14. FIO Documents

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action for information only

5.14. FIO Documents

Subject 5.15. Resolution: Authorization For Burlington Electric Department Revenue Bonds For Net Zero Energy & Grid Reliability Projects (Board of Finance)

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Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Burlington Electric Department

Type Action (Consent)
Resolution

Recommended Action waive the reading and adopt the resolution

5.15. Resolution: Authorization For Burlington Electric Department Revenue Bonds For Net Zero Energy & Grid Reliability Projects (Board of Finance)

6. Deliberative Agenda

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Subject 6.1. Resolution: Appreciation For Crossing Guards (Councilors Barlow, Bergman, McKnight, Broderick) (10 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

6.1. Resolution: Appreciation For Crossing Guards (Councilors Barlow, Bergman, McKnight, Broderick) (10 mins.)

DPW Director Spencer and Crossing Guard Jay Catalano spoke to this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Barlow, seconded by Councilor Broderick, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution. Councilor Barlow read the resolution into the record.

Motion passed unanimously.

Subject 6.2. Public Information Hearing on Ballot Questions Regarding March 3, 2026 Annual City Election

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action
Public Hearing

Recommended Action open Public Hearing
close Public Hearing

6.2. Public Information Hearing on Ballot Questions Regarding March 3, 2026 Annual City Election

City Council President Traverse opened the hearing at 7:30 pm.

City Council President Traverse closed the hearing at 7:31 pm.

No one spoke.

Subject 6.3. Fletcher Free Library Strategic Directions 2025-2028 (25 mins.)

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Category 6. Deliberative Agenda

Department Fletcher Free Library

Type	Information Presentation
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6.3. Fletcher Free Library Strategic Directions 2025-2028 (25 mins.)
Fletcher Free Library Director Danko spoke to this agenda item.

7. Committee Reports

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Subject	7.1. Verbal reports
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Category	7. Committee Reports
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Department	Council and Board
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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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Category	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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Department	Council and Board
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8.1. Verbal reports

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

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Category	9. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

9.1. Verbal reports

10. Adjournment

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Subject	10.1. Motion to adjourn
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Category	10. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn
10.1. Motion to adjourn City Council President Traverse adjourned the meeting at 8:01 pm.	

11. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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Department	Council and Board

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