

Public Safety Committee
Thursday, June 25, 2026
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1s Floor, City Hall,
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Buddy Singh (Chair), Melo Grant, Evan Litwin

Staff Present: Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Troy Ruggles (BFD Deputy Chief), Shawn Burke (BPD Chief)

Public Present: Sam Donnelly, Paul Decelles (Howard Center)

Meeting called to order at 5:34 PM by Councilor Singh.

1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda as amended, postponing Items #4 and #8.

Motion by Councilor Litwin, Seconded by Councilor Grant

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Minutes
2.01 Motion to Adopt Draft Minutes from May 28, 2026

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Motion by Councilor Grant, Seconded by Councilor Litwin

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum
3.01 Verbal Comments

Sam Donnelly, Executive Director of Building Burlington's Future, commented on the progress of the police chief search and encouraged the Committee to push it further, share the results of the IACP community survey with the public, and for the City to provide a way for the public to remain engaged through the duration of the search and appointment process.

Public Forum closed at 5:37 PM.

4. Appeal of Trespass Order/Hearing
—4.01 In re: Matter of Todd Deluca

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

5. Chiefs' Reports

5.01 Fire

DC Ruggles presented on BFD's latest incident, response, and personnel data. No action was taken.

5.01 Police

Chief Burke presented on BPD's latest incident, response, and personnel data. No action was taken.

6. State's Attorney Report

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Councilor noted the Committee is coordinating with SA George to have a Howard Center screener attend July's meeting to supplement the State's Attorney's report. No action was taken.

7. City Hall Park Challenges with Warmer Weather

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Paul Decelles with the Howard Center Street Outreach Team briefed the Committee on activity in City Hall Park and challenges in housing. No action was taken.

8. ~~Recommendations on Problem Animal (Moose)~~

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This item was postponed to a future meeting.

9. Recruitment and Chief Search Updates

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Councilor Singh provided an update on the search for a new Chief of Police and BPD's general recruitment progress. No action was taken.

10. Adjournment

10.01 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 7:22 PM.