



**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 13, 2026**

1. Agenda

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City Council President Traverse convened the meeting at 6:06 pm.

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

Member absent: Councilor Litwin

Others present: City Attorney Brown (online), Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, COS Gerlach, Deputy COS Zakaras and Lori Olberg

Subject

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Meeting

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Category

1. Agenda

Department

Council and Board

Type

Action
Procedural

Recommended Action

Motion to amend/adopt the agenda as follows: add to the Deliberative Agenda Item 7.6. Authorization to Accept Grant Award From Vermont Department of Public Safety for Emergency Response Unit Tactical Supplies (per BPD Executive Manager Shannon Trammell)

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

2. Executive Session (25 mins.)

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City Attorney Brown spoke to this agenda item.

Subject

2.1. Litigation Update — City Attorney's Office

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2. Executive Session (25 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 — City Attorney's Office

Motion 1: Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Barlow. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion 2: Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Schachter. Motion passed unanimously.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:09 pm.

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 6:30 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 6:32 pm.

City Council President Traverse closed the Public Forum at 6:44 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

3.1. Verbal Comments

BTv residents (in person):

Jonathan Fabian: Police

Charlie Messing: Motorcycles, Trees, Tilly Drive SSTA

BTv property owner (in person):

Jeff Nick: Downtown Concerns

Non-BTv resident (in person):

Timothy Michell: 1st amendment violation

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

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Subject	4.1. Verbal reports
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Category	4. Mayor - General City Affairs (10 mins.)
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Department	Mayor's Office
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Type	Information
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4.1. Verbal reports

5. Committee Reports

5. Committee Reports

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Category	5. Committee Reports
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Information
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5.1. Verbal reports

6. Consent Agenda

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Subject	6.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated
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Category	6. Consent Agenda
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Action (Consent) Procedural
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Recommended Action	Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated
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6.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

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

Subject	6.2. Accountability List - C/T
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Category 6. 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

6.2. Accountability List - C/T

Subject 6.3. June 29, 2026 City Council Meeting, City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting and Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes - C/T

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Information
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

6.3. June 29, 2026 City Council Meeting, City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting and Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes - C/T

Subject 6.4. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): The Ramble, July 25, 2026, 20 Allen Street

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action approve the one day only special event outdoor entertainment permit application for The Ramble, July 25, 2026, 20 Allen Street

6.4. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): The Ramble, July 25, 2026, 20 Allen Street

Subject 6.5. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (two days only): Festival of Fools, July 31 and August 1, 2026, all 4 blocks of CSM

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department City Arts

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action approve the two day only special event outdoor entertainment permit application for Festival of Fools, July 31 - August 1, 2026, all 4 blocks of CSM

6.5. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (two days only): Festival of Fools, July 31 and August 1, 2026, all 4 blocks of CSM

Subject 6.6. Cara Simoneau Deputy Health Officer Appointment

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Permitting & Inspections

Type Action (Consent)
Information

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

6.6. Cara Simoneau Deputy Health Officer Appointment

Subject 6.7. Communication: Chase Taylor, Member, DRB Alternate, re: Resignation

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and advertise the vacancy in Seven Days

6.7. Communication: Chase Taylor, Member, DRB Alternate, re: Resignation

Subject 6.8. Request for Approval to Execute Contract with ADS Environmental Services for the Flow Monitoring Services — DPW - Water Resources

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Public Works Department - Water Resources

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a main agreement with ADS Environmental Services for flow monitoring and data hosting services for a term of 5 years and maximum limiting amount not to exceed \$1,100,000 cumulative, and subsequent work assignment sub-agreements for temporary flow monitoring services subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney' Office

6.8. Request for Approval to Execute Contract with ADS Environmental Services for the Flow Monitoring Services — DPW - Water Resources

Subject 6.9. Unlicensed Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids - C/T

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action to receive the communication and place it in the file

6.9. Unlicensed Dogs and Wolf-Hybrids - C/T

Subject 6.10. Vermont Psychological Services Sponsorship — REIB

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Racial Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (REIB)

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action move to approve the Director of the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Office and the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a sponsorship grant in the amount of \$7,200 to Vermont Psychological Services to aid in psychological asylum evaluations from the Community Support and Program Delivery GL

6.10. Vermont Psychological Services Sponsorship — REIB

Subject 6.11. Burlington Fire Department - Background Check Fee for Ride Along Program

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Category	6. Consent Agenda
Department	Fire Department
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	to approve and authorize the Burlington Fire Department to implement and collect a \$25 administrative fee to cover the cost of conducting background checks for ride-along participants, subject to final review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer

6.11. Burlington Fire Department - Background Check Fee for Ride Along Program

Subject	6.12. Reclassification of Administrative and Accounting Assistant Position from Grade 14 to 16 - Fire
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Category	6. Consent Agenda
Department	Fire Department
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	to approve and authorize the reclassification of the Administrative and Accounting Assistant position, a Regular, Full-Time, Non-Exempt, AFSCME Grade 14 position, to a Regular, Full-Time, Non-Exempt, AFSCME Grade 16 position within the Burlington Fire Department

6.12. Reclassification of Administrative and Accounting Assistant Position from Grade 14 to 16 - Fire

Subject	6.13. Lease of 99 Intervale Road to the Intervale Center and Gardens Alive – CEDO
Meeting	July 13, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Consent Agenda
Department	Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	move to approve the lease of 99 Intervale Road to The Intervale Center and Gardens Alive and recommend to the City Council that they authorize the Director of the Community and Economic Development Office to enter into the lease agreement subject to final review and approval by Board of Finance and the City Attorney's office

6.13. Lease of 99 Intervale Road to the Intervale Center and Gardens Alive — CEDO

Subject **6.14. Regular Schedule of City Council Meetings From September 14, 2026 to February 8, 2027**

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Council and Board

Type Action (Consent)
Information

Recommended Action to approve the above list of meetings through February 8, 2027

6.14. Regular Schedule of City Council Meetings From September 14, 2026 to February 8, 2027

Subject **6.15. Resolution: Authorization to Enter into a Capital Lease Purchase Agreement with M&T Bank for Airport Improvements (Board of Finance)**

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Patrick Leahy Burlington International Airport

Type Action (Consent)
Resolution

Recommended Action 1. To authorize the Director of Aviation to execute a contract agreement with Engelberth Construction, Inc. for up to \$24,284,655.63 with a 3.3% contingency for an amount up to \$25,087,498 for the construction of the Snow Removal Equipment Building (SRE), and any other related documents necessary or convenient to effect the transaction, subject to review and approval as form by the City Attorney's Office.
2. To authorize the Director of Aviation to execute a contract agreement with Passero Associates, Inc. for up to \$1,367,300.00 with a 3.3% contingency for an amount up to \$1,412,502 for the construction oversight services of the Snow Removal Equipment Building (SRE) construction, and any other related documents necessary or convenient to effect the transaction subject to review and approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.
3. To authorize the Director of Aviation to execute a lease/finance agreement with M&T Bank in the amount of \$25,651,955.63 with a 3.3% contingency for an amount up to \$26,500,000 for the oversight and construction of the Snow Removal Equipment Building (SRE), and any other related documents necessary or convenient to effect the transaction, subject to review and approval as to form by legal counsel.
4. To authorize the Director of Aviation to take such further actions, and to approve such further instruments approved as to form by the City Attorney, as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby.
5. To waive the reading and adopt the attached resolution.

6.15. Resolution: Authorization to Enter into a Capital Lease Purchase Agreement with M&T Bank for Airport Improvements (Board of Finance)

Subject	6.16. Resolution: Authorization for \$1,790,700 Step III Loans from Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Engineering Services Contract with VHB, Inc. for \$103,400 for The Manhattan Stormwater Outfalls Rehabilitation Project (Board of Finance)
Meeting	July 13, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Consent Agenda
Department	Public Works Department - Water Resources
Type	Action (Consent) Resolution
Recommended Action	to adopt the attached resolution authorizing a Step III \$1,790,700 loan from the Vermont Clean Water State Revolving fund and a \$103,400 amended contract with VHB for the Manhattan Stormwater Outfalls Rehabilitation as more specifically set forth in the attached resolution
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7. Deliberative Agenda

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Subject	7.1. Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP) Work Session (30 mins.)
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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)
Type	Discussion Information Presentation

7.1. Community and Housing Infrastructure Program (CHIP) Work Session (30 mins.)
Gummi Jonsson and Samantha Dunn spoke to this agenda item.

Subject	7.2. 2026 Vermont Legislative Session Summary (20 mins.)
Meeting	July 13, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Mayor's Office
Type	Information Report

Action

Recommended Action	waive the reading, accept the report and place it on file
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7.2. 2026 Vermont Legislative Session Summary (20 mins.)

David Mickenberg and Virginia Renfrew spoke to this agenda item.

Subject	7.3. Battery Storage Approval - Electric (20 mins,)
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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
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Department Burlington Electric Department

Type	Action
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Recommended Action	to approve and authorize the General Manager of the Burlington Electric Department to execute an initial 20-year power purchase agreement, with potential future renewals, with Kearsarge Energy for installation and operation of battery storage as described in the attached term sheet at the McNeil Generating Station subject to City Attorney review, and authorize the General Manager of Burlington Electric Department to execute any necessary site license agreements at McNeil Generating Station with the Joint Owners of McNeil subject to City Attorney review
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7.3. Battery Storage Approval - Electric (20 mins,)

Darren Springer and Emily Stebbins-Wheelock were present for this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Barlow, seconded by Councilor McKnight, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	7.4. Resolution: Ratification of Tentative Agreement and Authorization to Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Burlington and AFSCME (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028)(Board of Finance)(15 mins.)
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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
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Department Human Resources

Type	Action Resolution
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Recommended Action	waive the reading and adopt the resolution
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7.4. Resolution: Ratification of Tentative Agreement and Authorization to Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the City of Burlington and AFSCME (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2028)(Board of Finance)(15 mins.)

HR Director Reagan spoke to this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor McKnight, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject 7.5. Police Chief Hiring Process Update — Mayor and HR Director (20 mins.)

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Mayor's Office

Type Communication
Information

7.5. Police Chief Hiring Process Update — Mayor and HR Director (20 mins.)

Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak and HR Director Reagan spoke to this agenda item.

Subject 7.6. Authorization to Accept Grant Award from Vermont Department of Public Safety for Emergency Response Unit Tactical Supplies — Police (15 mins.)

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Police Department

Type Action

Recommended Action to approve and authorize Chief of Police for the BPD to accept the grant award of \$193,053.00 from Vermont Department of Public Safety and execute all necessary documents thereto upon final review and approval of the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Attorney's Office

7.6. Authorization to Accept Grant Award from Vermont Department of Public Safety for Emergency Response Unit Tactical Supplies — Police (15 mins.)

Interim Chief Burke and Shannon Trammell spoke to this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve the motion as presented.

Roll call vote:

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

Nays: Councilors Bergman and Sanchez-Parkinson

Absent: Councilors Broderick, Litwin and Neubieser

Motion passed: 7:2:3.

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

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Subject 8.1. Verbal reports

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

Department Council and Board

Type Information

8.1. Verbal reports

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

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Subject	9.1. Verbal reports
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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 9:44 pm.

11. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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Subject	11.1. 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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