



Thursday, August 20, 2026, 4:30 PM, Bushor Conference Room 1st Floor, City Hall OR REMOTELY via ZOOM

When: Aug 20, 2026 04:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Topic: Ordinance Committee Meeting

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1. Agenda

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt agenda

2. Adopt Draft Minutes

Subject	2.1. Adopt Draft Minutes from July 16
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3. Public Forum

Subject	3.1. Verbal Comments
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4. E-Moto and E-Bike Discussion

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5. Any Other Committee Business

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6. Adjournment

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**Ordinance Committee
Thursday, July 16, 2026
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DRAFT MINUTES**

Members Present: Councilor Bergman (Chair), Councilor Barlow, Councilor Carpenter (on-line)

Staff Present: Kim Sturtevant (Assistant City Attorney), Megan Moir (Water Resources Director), Jon Young (BPD Deputy Chief)

Public Present: Sharon Bushor, WPTZ

Meeting called to order at 4:33 PM.

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.1 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to Adopt Agenda.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Adopt Draft Minutes

2.1 Adopt Draft Minutes from June 18, 2026

Adopted with the minutes below.

2.2 Adopt Draft Minutes from June 9, 2026

Motion to Adopt the Draft Minutes from June 9 and June 18 with an amendment to the minutes of June 9 to properly reflect the date of the meeting on June 9.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

3. Public Forum

Members of the public are going to speak during the relevant agenda items.

4. Ordinance Chapter 26 Industrial Pollution Prevention Program Discussion

Attorney Sturtevant shared the most recent IPPP draft and walked the Committee through the changes made since the previous meeting.

Councilor Bergman asked to change the draft ordinance to say that any municipal officer authorized to issue municipal tickets shall be able to issue tickets for violations of the ordinance, not just the director of public works.

Motion to refer the draft ordinance back to the full City Council for a second reading with a recommendation for adoption.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

5. Motorized Bicycle Ordinance Discussion

Councilor Barlow said that E-Moto may be a term of art and most people may not understand the difference between an e-bike and an e-moto. He said the new signs put along the bike path do a good job of explaining the difference. He is curious about pursuing enforcement and thinks that would get the situation in hand.

Councilor Carpenter asked what ordinances could be or should be changed to pursue enforcement and education.

Sharon Bushor: I am still concerned about a safe separation of pedestrians and cyclists. I am concerned for pedestrians when cyclists are on sidewalks. There are very few paths or sidewalks in the City that can accommodate both pedestrians and cyclists safely together. We shouldn't wait until someone dies to act and start enforcing the laws and rules that we already have. We shouldn't live in an enforcement state, but people need to be educated about the rules and enforcement must happen if the issue continues.

Councilor Bergman said that the Committee is waiting for documents from DPW and Parks on this issue.

Deputy Chief (DC) Young said that he has seen reckless behavior by individuals on e-bikes and e-motos around the downtown area. He said that about 100% of people that BPD sees doing this behavior do not stop for an officer.

Councilor Barlow asked if BPD recognized a bike or knew who the owner was, would they go to the person's house to talk to the parent or something similar?

DC Young said that they could but it comes down to practicality. He said if someone committed a crime and fled on an e-bike they would pursue it. He said that BPD did an educational program years ago with bicycles riding on city streets to educate riders on traffic rules and proper safety and visibility. He said they didn't give out tickets but did stop people to inform them.

Councilor Carpenter asked if BPD could ticket e-moto users that can exceed the State maximum of 30 MPH and are thus motorcycles and need to be registered and have a proper license to operate.

Councilor Bergman said that he would like further meetings about this issue and that BPD and Parks should post more signs educating people on this issue. He said that, if practicable, non-sworn officers should engage in more educational outreach.

Councilor Barlow said the City should engage with other municipalities, particularly South Burlington, and see how they have handled this issue and whether it has worked.

Councilor Carpenter said the City should also ask the Vermont DMV about e-motos and/or ask for them to help address the unregistered, unlicensed e-moto issue.

Motion to have BPD, DPW, and Parks continue to post signs and educate riders, to deploy non-sworn officers for enforcement, to have the City Attorney's Office reach out to the Burlington School District to disseminate education information, to have the City Attorney's Office reach out to the City of South Burlington about how they have addressed the issue, and to have the City Attorney's Office reach out to the Vermont DMV about this issue.

Motion by Councilor Barlow, Seconded by Councilor Carpenter.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

6. Any Other Committee Business

The next meeting is scheduled for August 20th.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Councilor Bergman, without objection.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Ordinance Committee Meeting Public Comment from Richard Hillyard, August 12.

[E-scooter rider seriously injured in crash with bus in Burlington](#)

A tragic report, heartbreaking really. Hoping these are not life-changing injuries.

But: These are EXACTLY the type of circumstances described to School Board, the Ordinance Committee, and Alison Novak's recent article in Seven Days. Even the same location. (I would say you couldn't make it up, but sadly you don't have to.)

I don't know the age of the person, or if she was wearing a helmet, but this will happen again (and again) unless we, the City collective, can get our act together and curtail e-scooter/bike behaviour.

I believe the solution for children, and hopefully parents, lies in schools' education which is why I've spoken to the admin at Barnes and the BSD monthly meeting. I understand anecdotally that Colchester Schools have banned from school campuses. There's a good start.

BPD are disinclined to do anything about traffic enforcement so goodness knows what they can reasonably do - prevention seems the only potential cure for the such difficult situation that we have on our collective hands.

I realised too late that this (broader e-moto) topic is on Friday's agenda and, if I cannot attend in person, I would ask that this email be added to your Public Forum discussion.

I expect to be returning to this exact corner as a School Crossing Guard two weeks' today and have no optimism that I will see any behavioural improvement by children as young as 6 or 7.

Thank you for your consideration,

Richard

Ordinance Committee Meeting Public Comment from Sharon Bushor in Response to Richard Hillyard Public Comment, August 12.

Richard, When I heard of this accident just after you and I spoke, it was a call to action by our City. Just reported on local news that South Burlington has created a bike patrol for their inner City to put police closer to where incidents occur and allow them to cover more ground. Of course this is linked with education and enforcement. Wish our Police Dept could find a way to incorporate those words and actions into their mission understanding we have not found a good way to deal with the bias linked with enforcement. Maybe Dr. Perkins,,the Director of REIB has some insights and recommendations to offer. One idea is to consider creating the BIKE FORCE. Perhaps a subset of the Police Dept, not officers but with credentials, who would bike around the CITY visiting Hotspot locations and routes where ebikes, escooters and emotos are creating most of the dangerous situations. Their mission if supported would be to educate and, if egregious, ticket offenders of our laws. Just an idea.

Still feel a relook at the age limits for riding bikes in the downtown and on City sidewalks is warranted. And most importantly is creating partnerships with UVM, Champlain, UVMMC, CATMA and the Burlington School Department and Board to expand the safety requirements for each type of bike and scooter. An attempt to keep the rider safe and those on foot who share the path/ sidewalk with them. Arrival on campus, first day of school and employee orientation all would benefit from a dedicated safety component. Enough said. I so value the observations and suggestions you offer from your dedicated time as a crossing guard Thank you Richard.

Oh an update... Ordinance Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8/20 at 4:30 not this week. I apologize for giving you misinformation. Sharon Bushor

P.S. Sent this to the individuals you emailed plus added Dr. Perkins