

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING
CITY HALL, CONTOIS AUDITORIUM *OR*
REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
May 30, 2023
DRAFT**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karen Paul
Joan Shannon (via Zoom)
Ali Dieng (via Zoom)
Sarah E Carpenter
Zoraya Hightower (via Zoom)
Mark Barlow
Joe Magee
Gene Bergman
Ben Traverse (via Zoom)
Timothy Doherty
Melo Grant (via Zoom)
Hannah King

OTHERS PRESENT:

Miro Weinberger
Katherine Schad
Jared Pellerin
Jordan Redell
Brian Pine
David G. White
Tim Sampson

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Paul at 5:07 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to adopt the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries (Councilor Traverse absent for vote).

2. PUBLIC FORUM

2.01 Verbal Comments

None.

3. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

3.01 Meli et al. v. City of Burlington et.al

Assistant City Attorney Pellerin noted that this is a tentative agreement between the City and the Melis, and as such, it is still confidential until both parties reach final agreement, and the agreement is finalized by the court. He said that the agreement will be released to the public and made available more widely once it is finalized. Mayor Weinberger said that the administration will also keep the Council informed of developments and updates when available.

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to approve and authorize the Mayor, in conjunction with the City Attorney's Office, to enter into a stipulated settlement in a pending litigation matter captioned Meli et al. v. City of Burlington, Vermont et al.

VOTING: unanimous (11-0); motion carries (Councilor Traverse absent for vote).

4. COMMUNUCATION: REGARDING CITYPLACE UPDATE: **EXPECTIVE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

4.01 Communication Regarding CityPlace Update: Speakers: Brian Pine, David White and Tim Sampson, Esq. *expected executive session* Mayor Weinberger noted that this pertains to CityPlace and actions that will be taken, including the borrowing of \$18.8 million. He said that there are some updates to the ARDA agreement that will need to be made before that borrowing, and this executive session will be used to brief the Council on those updates.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Magee, that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of information concerning contract negotiations and attorney-client communications regarding CityPlace would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage with such negotiations.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Magee, that, based upon that finding, the Council go into executive session to receive confidential attorney-client communications and updates on contract negotiations regarding CityPlace, 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(A) and (F).

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION by Councilor Magee, SECOND by Councilor Barlow, to exit executive session.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

5. ADJOURNMENT

5.01 Motion to Adjourn

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Magee, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 PM.

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