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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 23, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Max Tracy

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Brian Pine

Jack Hanson

Franklin Paulino

Perri Freeman

Jane Stromberg

Sarah E Carpenter

Zoraya Hightower

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Katherine Schad

Eileen Blackwood

Jordan Redell

Chapin Spencer



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Amy Bovee

Kyle Dodson

Tyeastia Green

Bill Ward

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Tracy at 7:05 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to amend/adopt agenda as follows:

- **add Councilors Carpenter, Paulino, Shannon and Freeman as co-sponsors to agenda item 5.02 Resolution: Divestment Of City Funds, Including Retirement From Fossil Fuel Investments (Councilors Stromberg, Paul, Hanson, Hightower, Pine, Tracy);**
- **note additional communication for this agenda item (per Councilor Stromberg);**
- **note proposed amendment for agenda item 5.03 Resolution: March 2, 2021 Annual City Meeting -- Just Cause Evictions Charter Change (Charter Change Committee)(per Councilor Carpenter);**
- **note proposed amendments for this agenda item (per Councilor Hightower);**
- **note additional document per Assistant City Attorney Sturtevant per Bill Ward for agenda item 5.04 Ordinance: Burlington Code of Ordinances – Housing Minimum Standards – Parking Plan (Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading);**
- **note proposed amendment to this agenda item (per Councilor Mason)**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

2.01 Verbal Comments

Forum opened at 7:17 PM.

COMMENTS:

- Jess Laporte spoke in support of the just cause eviction charter changes, emphasizing the importance of checks and



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balances for renters in the City of Burlington. She said landlords have previously been given priority and that renters need a level of stability. She additionally spoke about the finance request to streamline reporting – she pointed out that Chief Murad’s memo said that funding would come out of savings from reducing staffing in BPD, which she thinks is inappropriate, given purpose of Racial Justice Resolution from June, whose purpose was to defund the police and to reinvest that funding in other areas of the community.

- Stephen Marshall spoke about the just cause eviction resolution, saying that it empowers the City to do the work that needs to be done.
- William Dunkley said he does not support putting additional resources into the Burlington Police Department and supports movement of funding away from the Police Department. He also spoke about the just cause eviction charter change and said that renters’ rights are tied to racial justice, as the BIPOC community is disproportionately affected by unjust evictions.
- Ezra Lebowitz spoke against the language to eliminate just cause evictions. He said he is a responsible landlord and his units would say that about him, too. He expressed concern that taking away his ability to determine the term of a lease would hinder him from maintaining a safe environment for other tenants.
- Grace Pfeil spoke in favor of just-cause eviction charter changes, saying that people should not be evicted from their homes without a cause. She additionally spoke in favor of the divestment of the pension from fossil fuels. She finally said that savings from staffing reductions should not be reinvested in the Police Department but should be reinvested in the community.
- William Keeton spoke in favor of divestment of City pension funds from fossil fuels. He said that environmental issues are also racial justice issues. He additionally spoke in favor of just-cause eviction charter change.
- Dana Keyes Gibbons spoke in support of the just-cause eviction resolution, in favor of fossil fuel divestment, and against the Burlington Police Department’s request for additional funding.
- Sara Sciortino spoke in favor of fossil fuel divestment and in favor of the just-cause eviction charter change.
- Peter Tucker spoke against the just-cause eviction charter change, suggesting that now is not the right time for a charter change without understanding the language of the ordinance and the impacts on rental housing in the City. He added that all terms in the resolution must be clearly defined and any unintended consequences must be understood. He said that the resolution as written would block new tenants from entering the market and would cause shift to short-term rental markets over longer-term rentals.
- Erica Victoria spoke in opposition to Chief Murad’s request for additional funding for the Burlington Police Department and spoke in favor of the just-cause eviction charter change, adding that the change should go further and that all evictions must be stopped.
- Tom Proctor spoke in favor of a just-cause eviction charter change.
- Emily Reynolds said that housing is a human right and that all residents deserve access to safe and affordable housing, especially during a pandemic. She called for a halt of all evictions immediately and pushed for a just-cause bill with no exceptions.
- Gail Rose spoke in opposition to the just-cause eviction charter change resolution.
- Lilla Fortunoff spoke in support of a ballot measure regarding just-cause eviction, and spoke in support of the just-cause eviction resolution. She said that everyone deserves housing. She additionally urged the Council to reject the resolution requesting additional funding for a personnel management system for the Burlington Police Department.
- Thaya Zelewski spoke about Police Chief Murad’s request for a reallocation of funding back to the Burlington Police Department for the personnel management system, saying that it seems like a backslide from the Racial Justice resolution’s allocation of funding away from the Police Department. She also spoke in support of the just-cause eviction charter change.
- Llu Mulvaney-Stanak spoke in support of the just-cause eviction charter change language, detailing their own experience with a no-cause eviction in Burlington.
- David Sidelle spoke in support of fossil fuel divestment for the City’s pension fund.
- Erhard Mahnke spoke in favor of just-cause eviction language charter changes, but did say that there should be



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exemptions. He suggested attempting to keep building consensus among Councilors in the coming weeks rather than trying to amend the resolution on the floor. He also said that the state legislature must approve charter changes and could rewrite the change should it come to them.

- Christie Delphia spoke in support of just-cause evictions, saying that no one should ever be evicted for any reason. She said the current language is not set in stone and that there is plenty of time to reach a consensus on language.
- Kai Mikkell Forlie spoke in support of just-cause eviction charter changes, but said they should include some exemptions to protect small-business landowners. He additionally spoke in favor of divestment of pension funds from fossil fuel companies.
- Russell Statman spoke about unintended consequences from the just-cause eviction language, specifically that it will reduce the value of rental property in Burlington and thus negatively affect the tax base.
- Lydia Kern spoke in favor of just-cause evictions, and spoke about the negative psychological impact of being evicted. She also spoke against Burlington Police Department's budget request.

Forum closed at 8:11 PM.

3. CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORTS

3.01 Climate Emergency Reports

No discussion at this time.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

4.01 Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

4.02 Communication: C/T Office, re: Accountability List - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

4.03 Communication: C/T Office, October 19, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.04 Communication: C/T Office, re: October 19, 2020 Local Control Commission Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.05 Communication: C/T Office, re: October 19, 2020 City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.06 Communication: C/T Office, re: October 19, 2020 Board of Civil Authority Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.07 Communication: C/T Office, re: November 9, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.08 Communication: C/T Office, re: November 9, 2020 Local Control Commission Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.



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4.09 Communication: C/T Office, re: November 9, 2020 Board of Civil Authority Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.10 Communication: C/T Office, re: November 9, 2020 Full Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.11 Communication: C/T Office, re: November 16, 2020 Special City Council Meeting Regarding CityPlace Burlington Mediation Preparation, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the December 7, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.12 Communication: Tom Cullins, Member, Design Advisory Board, Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy in Seven Days (already did in the 11/18 edition), send a letter of appreciation to Tom Cullins thanking him for his time served as a member of the Design Advisory Board.

4.13 Communication: Stan Hills, Member, Fire Commission, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy in Seven Days (already did in the 11/18 edition) and send a letter of appreciation to Stan Hills thanking him for his time served as a member of the Fire Commission.

4.14 Communication: Steven A. Locke, Fire Chief, re: Request for Approval of Impact Fees for a Budget Neutral Amendment - approve and authorize a budget neutral amendment through the use of impact fees to the FY 21 Burlington Fire Department budget to increase revenues and expenditures by \$109,660 as outlined in Chief Locke's memo dated, November 10, 2020.

4.15 Communication: Susan Molzon, PE, Senior Public Works Engineer and Olivia Darisse, PE, Public Works Engineer, re: Champlain Elementary Pedestrian Improvements Project - Authorization to Increase Construction Contingency - authorize the Director of Public Works to use up to an additional \$4,000 in contingency funds for a total of \$494,000 for the construction contract with Dirt Tech, LLC to complete the Champlain Elementary Pedestrian Improvement Project, and to execute any necessary contract amendments with Dirt Tech, LLC.

4.16 Communication: Paul G. Alexander, Manager of Safety & Risk Management, Burlington Electric Department, re: B.E.D.'s Property/Boiler and Machinery (B&M) 2020-2021 Insurance renewal - authorize the General Manager of the Burlington Electric Department to execute the Property, Boiler & Machinery insurance coverage renewal contract with AIG/ZURICH/STARR TECH/AEGIS for the policy period 11/20/2020 through 11/20/2021 with a premium of \$644,528.50, as outlined in this memo, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

4.17 Communication: C/T Office, re: Openings Burlington City Commissions/Boards Updated as of 11/16/20 - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

4.18 Resolution: Reclassifications And Staffing Updates -- Burlington Parks, Recreation, And Waterfront (Board of Finance) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.19 Resolution: Authorization To Expend Public Safety Transformation Funds For Public Safety Committee And Police Commission Joint Committee Community Facilitator Contract (Public Safety Committee and Police Commission Joint Committee) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.20 Resolution: Reclassification, Elimination And Creation of Positions Within City Arts (Board of Finance) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.





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4.21 Resolution: Establishment Of BIPOC Small Business And Nonprofit Relief Fund And Grant Program (Board of Finance) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, to amend/adopt the consent agenda, taking the actions as indicated for items 4.01-4.21.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

5. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

5.01 Communication: Jon Murad, Acting Chief of Police and Lise E. Veronneau, Business Administrator, re: FY 21 Police Budget/Benchmark Analytics Personnel Management System

Police Chief Murad provided information about the Benchmark Analytics Personnel Management System, saying that it is a platform to integrate data and hard copy information from a number of disparate sources and thus would increase transparency and ease of reporting, such as use of force reporting. He said it would compile use of force reporting, training documentation, internal discipline and investigations reporting, personnel records, and performance evaluations.

Councilor Paul noted that this item passed at the Board of Finance meeting unanimously. She also said that the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Board includes a similar training tracking system and asked if they were duplicative. Police Chief Murad clarified the differences between the software platforms.

Councilor Hightower asked why police transformation efforts are not part of this work. Mayor Weinberger replied that transformation efforts were not the focus of this specific ask. Councilor Hightower said that there is an opportunity around transformation, and requested that Director Dodson examine the request and determine how best it could focus more on police transformation efforts prior to approval.

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to postpone discussion of this item until the following City Council meeting on December 7, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Hanson said that the City should ensure that this aligns with other police transformation work. He additionally expressed concern that allocating funding back to the Police Department may violate the intent of the Racial Justice resolution from June, and does not want to set the precedent for doing that.**
- **Councilor Paulino asked Chief Murad whether there are time constraints on this item. Police Chief Murad replied that this would delay police accountability measures that have been called for by the public.**
- **Mayor Weinberger said that Director Dodson participated in memos and did participate actively in bid review.**
- **Councilor Shannon said that this action increases police accountability and should not be postponed.**



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- Councilor Dieng clarified that the current debate is not about the system itself but about where the funds for it are coming from. He also asked whether Director Green had input into this request. Director Green said she was not consulted on it. Councilor Dieng asked if there are other fund sources in the budget for this. Mayor Weinberger replied that this funding is not coming from police attrition fund sources or other Racial Justice allocations.
- Councilor Dieng asked Chief Murad how much money has been saved from police attrition. Chief Murad replied in the negative.
- Councilor Paulino emphasized that the objection at hand is to the fund source for the system, not for the system itself. He also noted that this resolution would reinvest funding in data to further police department transparency to the public.
- Councilor Freeman asked about records retention restrictions in the police union contract around discipline and misconduct and how that interacts with the management tool. Chief Murad replied that this would apply to personnel records as they are handled currently, with any restrictions currently in place. Councilor Freeman expressed concern about investing in this information management system, saying that larger systems changes have not yet been made and the Mayor's Office is not signaling that it will make them.
- Mayor Weinberger clarified that he issued a public directive that the City Attorney's office is reviewing the police contract and will report back to City Council within 90 days.
- Director Dodson said that technology and data ensure that organizations are accountable, and that the City should ensure that it has the tools to increase professionalism in the Police Department, which is a pre-step for transformation.
- Councilor Pine said that the City hasn't come to consensus on what police transformation is, and that the hesitancy around this tool may be due to that fact. He asked whether the Police Commission had input on this. Chief Murad replied that it was not brought to the Police Commission for approval, but that it will greatly impact the quality of information reported to the Police Commission.
- Director Dodson said he could provide a list of municipalities and agencies that are using Benchmark to help improve their professionalism.
- Councilor Hanson said some of the concerns raised need to be addressed, such as funding source and how the tool relates to transformation. He also suggested receiving input from Director Green and the Police Commission.
- Councilor Freeman asked how the analytics system could positively impact and improve performance. Chief Murad replied that the software platform can flag potential patterns of concern in police behavior.

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to call the question.

VOTING ON CALLING THE QUESTION (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – aye, City Council President Tracy – aye (12 ayes, 0 nays); Motion carries.

VOTING ON MOTION TO POSTPONE (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – nay, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – nay, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Pine – nay, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Stromberg – nay, City Council President Tracy – aye (3 ayes, 9 nays); Motion fails.



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MOTION by Councilor Shannon SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to approve Fiscal Year 2021 expenditure totaling \$13,880 with a budget amendment to move \$13,880 from Police FY 21 salary account number 101-17-5000_100 to the Software account number 101-17-050-6015; And to authorize the Acting Chief of Police to execute a 3 year contract, and any necessary supporting documents thereof, subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney.

VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – aye, City Council President Tracy– aye (10 ayes, 2 nays). Motion carries.

5.02 Resolution: Divestment Of City Funds, Including Retirement From Fossil Fuel Investments (Councilors Stromberg, Paul, Hanson, Hightower, Pine, Tracy)

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Paul, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Stromberg said that divestment from fossil fuels is a concrete way to impact the climate crisis and set an example for other municipalities, communities, and states. She added that it provides and opportunity to invest in local, sustainable initiatives. She said that the climate crisis affects even the local community and cited negative climate impacts on Lake Champlain and agriculture.
- Councilor Paul said that the City's commitment to environmental justice needs to be applied to its investment portfolio. She said that the City has a fiduciary responsibility to provide employees with a defined benefit plan, and also an obligation to the taxpayer to ensure that the rate of return is commensurate with the actuarial rate of return. She said that the fossil fuel industry is becoming outdated and that utilities are looking for alternative energy investments.
- Councilor Dieng thanked Councilor Stromberg for her collaborative spirit and professionalism in engaging the process for putting forth this resolution.
- Councilor Hanson said this resolution is timely and critical, given the record number of hurricanes experienced in the Atlantic this season.
- Councilor Freeman thanked Councilors Stromberg and Paul for their efforts to bring forth this resolution.
- Councilor Hightower thanked Councilors Stromberg and Paul for their work on this resolution.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

5.03 Resolution: March 2, 2021 Annual City Meeting--Just Cause Evictions Charter Change (Charter Change Committee)



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MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Pine said that just-cause eviction charter changes were first proposed in 1988, and outlined the work done on this issue since then. He said that despite predictions from some members of the public, there has not been a decrease in property value due to just-cause eviction measures. He added that the City should provide housing security for the 60% of residents of Burlington and further that private property rights should not be elevated above the rights of tenants.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to amend the resolution per language on BoardDocs.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT:

- - Councilor Hightower outlined proposed amendments, including an additional clause to frame the issue, clarification language around what just-cause may exclude, additional language stating that just-cause also applies to written rental agreements for certain specified types of property, modified language around providing limits on unreasonable rent increases, and that the ordinance will provide definitions for "unreasonable" and "adequate notice" in the context of just-cause evictions language.
 - Councilor Carpenter outlined several additional changes that she would like to make to the charter change, including a fourth definition of "just cause", additions to exemption language, slightly different provisions for rent control and increases, and provisions for probationary rental periods for new tenants.
 - Councilor Mason expressed concern about different interpretations of "just cause" and also that in both the amendment and underlying resolution, landlords at the end of a lease term cannot end the lease.
 - Councilor Dieng asked about deadlines for proposed charter change language. City Attorney Blackwood replied that materials need to be posted by December 20th in order to print ballots and warn public hearings for any potential charter changes. Councilor Dieng said he wants to see consensus on language prior to further discussion and voting.
 - Councilor Hanson expressed a preference for simple, enabling language for a proposed charter change and not providing too many specifics around an ordinance in the charter itself.
 - Councilor Paulino expressed concerns that the definition of "just cause" is too prescriptive.
 - Councilor Pine noted that approving ballot language is one step in the process of proposing a charter change and subsequent ordinance development.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to postpone the discussion of the amendment and underlying motion until the following City Council meeting on December 7, 2020.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Paul expressed support for having additional time to work on amendments.





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MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to suspend the rules and complete the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING ON MOTION TO POSTPONE: unanimous; motion carries.

5.04 Ordinance: Burlington Code of Ordinances - Housing Minimum Standards - Parking Plan (Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading)

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance as proposed.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Mason said that this amendment would require landlords of residential housing to produce a plan depicting existing and proposed parking spaces, to be submitted with first application. He said it would require the parking plan be attached to the lease provided to tenants, and to require signage or clear delineations of parking areas at proposed site. He noted that it does not require parking be made available to tenants. He further noted that this ordinance would be applied in a phased-in manner, first taking effect with new rental unit construction and following with units in the remaining four districts in future years.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to change "all" in line 29 to "certain," to strike lines 33-36, and to request that the head of the Permitting & Inspections report back to the City Council in January of 2022, on the success or shortcomings of this ordinance amendment and to provide suggestions for modifications and/or further implementation.

DISCUSSION:

- - Councilor Mason stated that there were concerns from the Director of Permitting and Inspections that the ordinance is similar to zoning enforcement actions already taken by the City, and that the high level of staff involvement to review each parking plan could be overly burdensome. He noted that the amendment would call for a one-year implementation plan involving new rentals and a report back to the full Council in January 2022 and reassessment at that point.
 - Councilor Hanson said he does not support the portion of the amendment that would limit the ordinance to only new rental properties and only for one year, because that presumes that the policy is not a good one. He said he does support the report-back, because it will allow for policy adjustments for the phasing in for the other districts.
 - Councilor Hightower said that the resolution as written represents a good compromise. She added that this amendment assumes that this ordinance change isn't a good one.
 - Councilor Carpenter expressed concerned about the workload placed on Permitting and Inspections in



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this policy, and supports the amendment as an opportunity to determine the amount of staff burden due to the policy.

- Director Ward said that the focus of his department for the first year would be on parking violations and new rentals, and that the first year could be used to collect data on the level of burden on staff to implement the administrative portion of the ordinance.

MOTION TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION by Councilor Hanson, **SECOND** by Councilor Hightower, to separate the amendment into two parts:

1 - to change "all" in line 29 to "certain," to strike lines 33-36, and

2 - and to request that the head of the Permitting & Inspections report back to the City Council in January of 2022, on the success or shortcomings of this ordinance amendment and to provide suggestions for modifications and/or further implementation.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING ON FIRST AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Hightower – nay, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – nay, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – nay, City Council President Tracy– nay (6 ayes, 6 nays). Motion fails.

VOTING ON SECOND AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – aye, City Council President Tracy– aye (12 ayes, 0 nays). Motion carries.

DISCUSSION OF MOTION AS AMENDED:

- Councilor Shannon questioned the value of collecting parking plans from landlords unless the City has the capacity to review and enforce them. She questioned the City's role in enforcing parking plans.
- Councilor Mason confirmed that City staff will review all plans that are submitted.
- Councilor Hanson said that the ordinance was written with enough flexibility to allow the Department to intake the submitted plans and review them on a flexible timeframe if there is an issue with parking.
- Councilor Hightower said that one value-add of the proposed ordinance is that community members can access and review parking plans for their neighborhoods.

VOTING ON MOTION AS AMENDED (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – nay, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Stromberg – aye, City Council



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President Tracy– aye (6 ayes, 6 nays). Motion fails.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

6.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Pine noted that the Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee has been discussing the issue of landlord licensing, and that the Ordinance Committee is also examining this issue. He said that no action has been proposed yet, and that the Code Enforcement office still needs to provide guidance about how the current registration system could be used for landlord licensing.

Councilor Mason noted that there will be a Joint Committee hearing with Planning Commission tomorrow to continue discussion related to short-term rentals. He also said that the Joint Committee had hearing on the decarbonization/electrification proposal and that the City Attorney's Office expressed concern that all or some portion of the proposal went beyond the enabling legislation. He said that the City Attorney's Office and BED are currently determining the best path forward for this work.

Councilor Dieng said that the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee will now meet the third Tuesday of every month.

Councilor Hightower provided an update on the Joint Police Commission and Public Safety Committee, saying that the Committee will meet with first set of consultants on December 3 to kick off a community visioning session. She added that the committee is hoping to make a decision on its second set of consultants on December 22 so that additional work can commence in the new year.

7. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

7.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Pine said that he and City Council President Tracy have been working with the building trade unions to examine the City's policy around independent contractors to ensure that the ordinance is equitable and in line with state policies.

8. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

8.01 Verbal Reports

None at this time.

9. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS



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9.01 Verbal Reports

Mayor Weinberger spoke about recent surges in COVID-19 cases and that the City Administration is working with state to increase pop-up testing in Burlington. He also wished citizens a Happy Thanksgiving and urged the City to heed guidance from the Department of Health to avoid gathering with other households during the holiday.

10. ADJOURNMENT

10.01 Motion to adjourn

MOTION by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 11: 12 PM.

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