



Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, November 21, 2022, 5:30 pm, Contois Auditorium OR REMOTELY via ZOOM 11/21/2022

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CONTOIS AUDITORIUM *OR*

REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 21, 2022

.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng (via Zoom)

Sarah E Carpenter (via Zoom)

Perri Freeman (via Zoom)

Zoraya Hightower

Mark Barlow

Joe Magee

Gene Bergman

Ben Traverse

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Katherine Schad

Stephen Ellis

Jordan Redell

Lori Olberg

Scott Barker

Maddie Hansel

Stephen French



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Sarah Russell

John Vickery

Brian Pine

Meghan Tuttle

Charlie Baker

Andy Montroll

Max Schindler

Derek Libby

Kyle Blake

Jared Pellerin

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

1.01 Motion to amend/adopt agenda

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Paul at 5:30 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Magee, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to adopt the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries (Councilors Shannon and Traverse absent for vote).

2. BOARD DOCS ALTERNATIVE

2.01 Board Docs Alternative *5:30 pm - 6:00 pm*

Chief Innovation Officer Barker introduced a demonstration of another software vendor (Civic Clerk)'s capabilities.

Stephen French, a Solutions Engineer with Civic Plus, provided an overview of the software's system. He showed an example of a public-facing webpage that would display a calendar, agendas, and minutes (which can all be filtered by a number of categories). He showed how an agenda would be displayed to the public, as well as how it interfaces with recordings of the meeting and the meeting packet. He demonstrated some of the features of the platform's public portal.



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Councilor Bergman asked what data would be migrated over to a new platform from BoardDocs and how it would be organized. Chief Innovation Officer Barker replied that data from the last several years would be migrated over from BoardDocs. Mr. French demonstrated how this archived information could be searched through to locate specific information.

Councilor Barlow asked if there are ways to restrict searches with additional qualifiers such as date ranges. Mr. French demonstrated how searches could be refined. Councilor Barlow asked how this product would interface with different mobile devices, such as iPads, tablets, and smartphones. Mr. French replied that the platform is device-agnostic and has the same functionalities across different device types.

Councilor Hightower spoke about ensuring that all documents are in an accessible format. She also said that it would be important to be able to download certain attachments in an agenda, rather than the entire packet.

Councilor Dieng spoke about ensuring that this platform and Town Meeting TV will interface and work well together.

Mayor Weinberger asked how costly it would be to migrate documents from BoardDocs to a new software platform. Chief Innovation Officer Barker replied that he does not yet have an estimate for how much that would cost.

Councilor Dieng asked whether the platform would allow a trial phase prior to executing a contract. Ms. Hansel said that a trial may not make sense, since it takes a lot of time and labor and effort to even build a platform for a trial period.

3. STATUS OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CRISIS TEAM; GENERAL OVERVIEW OF POLICE INNOVATION

3.01 Jon Murad, Acting Chief of Police, re: Status of the Development of a Crisis Team; General Overview of Police Innovation *6:00 pm - 6:30 pm*

Acting Chief Murad said that this presentation will generally build on the information that was shared with the Board of Finance and City Council during the FY24 budgeting process. He began by speaking about the 2021 Public Safety Continuity Plan, noting that it has allowed for hiring 12 Community Service Officers (CSOs), of which they have successfully hired 7, and 6 Community Support Liaisons (CSLs), of which they have successfully hired 3. He then spoke about the total incident volume from 2017-2022. He spoke briefly about rebuilding efforts at the Burlington Police Department and the impact of hiring CSOs and CSLs. He showed the types of incidents that CSOs and CSLs have responded to in 2022. He then summarized the current levels of sworn officers in Burlington (62).

Acting Chief Murad then spoke about the Crisis Team proposal, which is based on the CAHOOTS model, and entails developing a multidisciplinary mobile response team. He said that this team would practice trauma-informed de-escalation



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and resolve crises in a way that do not involve police or even to prevent crises from reaching a level that would require police intervention in the first place. He said that the City has pursued State assistance to help fund this model.

Councilor Hightower asked for a status update on the dispatch workforce shortage and regionalization. Acting Chief Murad said that there is uncertainty around regionalization, though it is a model to which Burlington remains committed. He said that the Mayor has asked the City to work on addressing some of those uncertainties around regionalization for workers. Mayor Weinberger added that the Fire Department has stepped up in recent weeks to assist the BPD to supplement dispatch work and address gaps there. He added that they are considering a proposal to work with South Burlington on dispatch services and sharing, which is a step toward regionalization.

Councilor Hightower noted that the pace for hiring for CSLs has been slower than they had wanted and that there is a section of the applicant pool that could be more comfortable applying for CSL positions within the Community Justice Center (CJC) rather than the BPD.

Councilor Magee emphasized the urgency around implementation of the crisis response team program, given the immediate need in the community for these services. Acting Chief Murad acknowledged that this has taken a number of years to implement, though activity has sped up in the last 18 months.

Councilor Barlow asked about the City's ability to have a crisis response team, given the current shortage of officers at the BPD. Acting Chief Murad acknowledged that there are a number of calls to which staff will not respond unless there are sworn officers present. Councilor Barlow asked what level of sworn officer staffing would be necessary to increase foot patrols in downtown Burlington to be more consistent. Acting Chief Murad replied that the BPD has 23 non-supervisory officers available for patrol, and they usually have 3 officers on foot patrol at a time. He said that once the BPD gets to 72-74 sworn officers, foot patrols should have increased staffing levels. Councilor Barlow asked about the status of the Vermont State Police weekend volunteer shifts. Acting Chief Murad responded that though there are not many volunteer troopers on Church Street as they could have hoped, the State Police have been extremely collaborative and helpful in other areas for the BPD.

Councilor Shannon expressed concern that the data is not taking into account the vast changes in policing and is underreporting incidents because there is a lack of police staff to whom incidents can be reported.

Councilor Traverse asked for additional information on recruitment efforts, including whether there has been an uptick in applications to the BPD, whether offers have been made to applicants that have been rejected, and if there is feedback on why applicants are rejecting positions. Acting Chief Murad replied that there have been a number of applicants, that the salary and benefits package for BPD are attractive to applicants, and that there have not been many rejected offers by applicants. Councilor Traverse asked for more detail on police academy models.

Councilor Freeman expressed concern about BPD overseeing the social service provider that would administer the crisis



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response team. Mayor Weinberger replied that there was a fair amount of public discussion about this question a year ago. He said that they had looked at other cities' models, including the CAHOOTS model, and seen that many of those teams are overseen by those police departments. He said that the crisis response team should be coordinated with the City's other emergency responders, such as the BPD. Councilor Freeman emphasized the importance of thinking of other ways to provide crisis response services to the community without relying on the BPD, as the City moves through the development and implementation of this model.

4. 10-POINT ACTION PLAN TO FULFILL THE PROMISE OF HOUSING AS A HUMAN RIGHT IN BURLINGTON

4.01 10-point Action Plan to Fulfill the Promise of Housing as a Human Right in Burlington *6:30 pm - 7:00 pm*

Mayor Weinberger noted that this action plan was launched around a year ago in response to the acute housing challenges that Burlington has faced as it emerges from the pandemic. He said that housing has been a priority for this administration from its inception and that additional focus has been brought to address chronic homelessness. He said that the two goals of the action plan have been to double housing production over the next five years and to end chronic homelessness in Burlington by 2025.

Mayor Weinberger said that the City has made progress on all 10 of the action items contained within the action plan in its first year. He noted that it has invested \$3 million in ARPA funding to the Elmwood Avenue and other homeless initiatives, with the goal of investing a total of \$5 million in total, as well as noted the creation of a special assistant to end homelessness position within CEDO. Special Assistant Russell then spoke about progress on the goal of strengthening the Chittenden County Coordinated Entry command center team. She spoke about progress made on having 78 new homes for formerly homeless households. Assistant Director Dunn spoke about the investment into 30 shelter pods to create a low barrier housing facility in 2022 (on Elmwood Avenue). Special Assistant Russell provided an update on the goal of supporting the creation of 1,250 total homes by the end of 2026. Director Pine spoke about the goal around fully funding the Housing Trust Fund to voter-approved levels (increasing it from around \$220,000 to \$705,000). Director Tuttle spoke about the goal around opening new housing opportunities by creating a new mixed-use Enterprise Innovation District in the South End, noting several activities that have occurred with the Planning Commission in the summer and fall around drafting a zoning amendment. She then spoke about the goal to rezone UVM's Trinity Campus to allow for new on-campus student housing opportunities, noting that the Planning Commission will conclude its public hearing around this on December 13th. She then spoke about a goal to open new housing opportunities by addressing Burlington's "missing middle" in terms of housing, and would amend the zoning regulations to address that gap.

Councilor Bergman suggested that when zoning amendments are made to allow for an Enterprise Innovation District, the City should keep enough land available for light manufacturing and other enterprises there, to avoid transforming the South End into a bedroom community.

Councilor Carpenter asked whether other municipalities are taking active stances and directing funding to address homelessness, similarly to Burlington's approach. Special Assistant Russell replied that a number of school districts have begun working in this area, given the amount of housing instability in the State. Councilor Carpenter asked what the City should be asking in terms of support from the State over the next 6 months. Special Assistant Russell said that there is no capacity in Chittenden County for emergency shelter and that there are not transport options to move families to other counties where emergency shelters may have capacity. She also spoke about workforce challenges in the coordinated entry



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system that is creating a backlog for services.

Councilor Hightower asked whether the zoning amendments being explored are part of a bigger zoning revision. She also spoke about the unsustainability of single-family homes and zones. Director Tuttle replied that the “missing middle” activity and amendments is along the lines of the City’s implementation of form-based code for the Downtown area in 2018, which kept districts intact but changed the approach to how and what is regulated within them. Councilor Hightower said that having more beds on Trinity Campus seems both very promising and very risky, since the University has not been as engaged as the City has in solving this problem.

Councilor Shannon echoed concern about building housing on Trinity Campus, which could lead to increased enrollment and then further problems in future when larger classes of upperclassmen are searching for housing in the City (since they are not currently allowed to remain on campus past sophomore year).

5. REPORT: CHITTENDEN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION FY22 ANNUAL REPORT BURLINGTON

5.01 Chittenden County RPC FY2022 Annual Report Burlington *7:15 pm - 7:30 pm*

Charlie Baker, the Executive Director of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), briefly reviewed the FY22 annual report for the CCRPC. He spoke about several projects that the CCRPC and City are working on together, including some transportation and stormwater projects. Andy Montroll highlighted CCRPC’s role in bringing Amtrak service back to Burlington, as well as their role in the rotary on Shelburne Road.

Councilor Bergman expressed support for CCRPC’s emphasis on modes of transport other than single-occupancy vehicles in its strategic plans. He also said that data collection around the various projects would be extremely helpful.

Councilor Barlow said that they would welcome further discussion with CCRPC at the Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee.

Councilor Dieng asked about the Burlington racial equity analysis of City projects. Mr. Baker replied that this analysis was a request from last spring from a since-departed member of the City staff, and noted that there is money reserved in the budget to conduct this analysis (but that CCRPC would need further direction and input to do so). Councilor Dieng said that the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Committee would be very willing to collaborate on this. He asked about whether CCRPC would become more involved in social issues. Mr. Baker replied that the CCRPC is focused on addressing place-based issues and that funding is received from performance-based contracts through the State.

6.0 PUBLIC FORUM

6.01 Verbal Comments



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Forum opened at 7:30 PM.

COMMENTS:

Burlington residents (in person):

- Sinead Murray spoke as a representative of VPIRG and expressed support for ranked-choice voting, saying that it will increase democracy by further empowering voters.
- Todd LaCroix spoke about current events and expressed concern for the state of impartial journalism.
- Robert Bristow-Johnson spoke about redistricting, making several suggestions for addressing problems around Ward 8 and keeping the Old North End and New North End distinct.
- Carol Livingston spoke as a representative of the Ward 1 NPA, noting that the NPI supports redistricting maps that maintain Ward 1's historic boundaries and neighborhood integrity. She said that they do not support the Ward 8 to Downtown, Ward 8 to North Hill (both versions), or Ward 8 with UVM Main Campus and Some Champlain maps. She said the NPA is in support of the Ward 8 to Central Hill (both versions) maps and Robert Bristow-Johnson's map.
- David Caul spoke about how the community has engaged positively with the unhoused in Burlington, specifically around supporting the Elmwood Avenue shelter pod community.
- Mark Sherman spoke as a downtown business owner about the crime in Burlington and how it has financially impacted his business through many shoplifting incidents and the resulting private security firm he has hired to try and prevent theft.
- Joanne Margaret Brown spoke about Senator-elect Welch, suggesting that he step down to allow another Democrat to serve.
- Peter Lakowsky spoke about redistricting, saying that smaller wards are his preference, since they allow representatives to be more personal and have more representation for their constituents.
- Sheryl Green spoke about a positive experience around de-escalation that she witnessed between a resident and an emergency responder in Burlington.
- Robin Frida McGuire said that the Council should have a more in-depth conversation around the CAHOOTS model. She suggested that the City should also put together a 10-point plan for mental health, which would help break down silos between the different community mental health providers and allow more collaborative work.

Burlington residents (via Zoom)

- Lucy Gluck spoke about the 10-point plan around homelessness. She asked whether there is a creative solution around installing temporary shelters in the Elmwood Avenue shelter pod area or at North Beach, given the delays with constructing the pods at Elmwood Avenue and the weather turning colder quickly.
- Keith Pillsbury spoke as a resident of Ward 1 (and then Ward 8 when it was redistricted). He said that neither wards are accessible for University Terrace residents (like him). He said that he would like University Terrace to be redistricted to Ward 6. He expressed support for the Ward 8 to North Hill maps for redistricting.
- Maddie Poseig spoke about redistricting as a Ward 8 resident.
- Erhard Mahnke spoke about redistricting, saying that the Ward 8 problem cannot be fixed by sacrificing Ward 1. He spoke against a 4-ward map with larger wards and more representatives per ward.

Forum closed at 8:06 PM.

7. CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORTS



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7.01 Climate Emergency Reports

None.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

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

8.02 Communication: CT Office, re: Accountability List - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

8.03 Communication: Richard Single, re: Ward 1 redistricting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.04 Communication: Linda Sheehey, re: Rezoning maps and my NPA voted not for this change!! - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.05 Communication: Sandy Wynne, re: rezoning maps and what my NPA voted for - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.06 Communication: Todd Spellman, re: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.07 Communication: Gil Livingston, re: Redistricting: Attention President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.08 Communication: Leigh Fisher, re: Fwd: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.09 Communication: Shannon Spellman, re: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.10 Communication: Neil and Elisabeth Mickenberg, re: Ward 1 Boundaries - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.11 Communication: Sharyl Green, re: Redistricting - Ward 1 considerations - Attention: President Paul and all City Councilors - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.12 Communication: Lisa Lax, re: Ward 1 and redistricting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.13 Communication: Carol Livingston, Steering Committee, Ward 1 NPA, re: Resolution from Ward 1 NPA to be presented 11/21 City Council meeting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.14 Communication: Carol Livingston, re: Redistricting plans - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.15 Communication: Peter Lackowski, re: redistrict ward 1 - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.16 Communication: Barbara Murphy, re: Ward 1 - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.17 Communication: Susan Ames, re: Ward 1 resident AGAINST proposal to redraw Ward 1 - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.18 Wright and Morrissey - 77-79 Pine Street - Construction Barricade Fencing on Pine Street – DPW - approve the First Amendment to License Agreement between the City and Wright and Morrissey Inc. in order to extend the term of the agreement through February 28, 2023, granting use of the City right-of-way for construction fencing located at 77-79 Pine



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Street; and, to authorize the Mayor to execute the First Amendment to License Agreement in substantial conformity with the License Agreement attached—subject to approval by the City Attorney’s Office—on behalf of the City of Burlington.

8.19 Communication: Breck and Linda Bowden, re: Objection to supported redistricting proposal - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.20 Communication: Anna Drummond, re: Redistricting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.21 Communication: Carter Neubieser, re: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.22 Communication: Brendan Fisher, re: ATTN: Karen Paul and City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.23 Communication: Janice Izzi, re: Burlington Crime and Safety - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.24 Communication: Amy Demarest, re: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.25 Communication: Michael Long, re: Redistricting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.26 Communication: Caryn Long, re: Redistricting - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.27 Communication: Frederick Magdoff, re: Attention: President Karen Paul and Burlington City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.28 Communication: David Cawley, re: Support for Ward 1 NPA Redistricting Resolution from David Cawley, Nash Place - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.29 Communication: Joseph Sumner, re: Gun laws - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.30 Communication: Gabrielle Stebbins, Member, Electric Light Commission, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy in Seven Days (already did in the 11/16 edition) and send a letter of appreciation thanking Gabrielle Stebbins for her service as a Member of the Electric Light Commission.

8.31 Communication: C/T Office, re: Openings Burlington City Commissions/Boards - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

8.32 Communication: Penny Pillsbury, re: University Terrace needs to be in Ward 6 - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.33 Communication: Keith Pillsbury, re: Ward One May Be Gutted: Email City Council - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.34 Reclassification of Customer Care and Finance Manager and creation of two financial and administrative positions - DPW/Water Resources & HR - approve the creation of a Senior Financial and Administrative Analyst, a Regular, Full-time, Exempt, Non-Union, Grade 19, position in the Department of Public Works; the creation of an Accounting and Administrative Assistant, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, AFSCME, Grade 16, position in the Department of Public Works; and the reclassification and Re-titling of the Customer Care and Finance Manager, a Regular, Full-time, Exempt, Non-Union, Grade 22, position to Director of Finance and Administration, a Regular, Full-time, Exempt, Non-Union, Grade 24, position in the Department of Public Works.

8.35 Juneteenth Donation Acceptance and Budget Amendments – REIB - 1. To retro-actively approve and authorize the





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Director of Racial Equity, Inclusion and Belonging to accept the following donations from the following community partners to support the 2022 Juneteenth Celebration, for a total donation acceptance amount totaling \$103,019.19, subject to review and approval by the Chief Administrative Officer: Mascoma Bank \$7,500.00; Main Street Landing \$1000.00; Northfield Savings Bank \$19,019.19; VT Federal Credit Union \$10,000.00; City Market \$3,500.00; Fidelity Charitable \$5,000.00; National Group Life \$10,000.00; Switchback Beerworks \$10,000.00; Ernest Pomerleau LLC \$15,000.00; Vermont Housing Finance Agency \$500.00; VT Agency of Agriculture \$1,500.00; Cox Auto \$10,000.00; VT State Employees Credit Union \$10,000.00. 2. To retro-actively approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to affect the following budget amendments to Juneteenth GL 101.09.000.7651, in order to address such line item being over drawn: -Transfer \$103,019.19 from Donations Special Event GL 101.09.000.4950_130 to Juneteenth GL 101.09.000.7651; - Transfer \$38,807 from Empowerment Fund GL 101.09.000.7653 to Juneteenth GL 101.09.000.7651; and - Transfer \$92,859 from Limited Services Salaries GL 101.09.000.5000_105 to Juneteenth GL 101.09.000.7651.

8.36 Approval to enter into a contract with Cargill, Inc. for FY23 road salt procurement – DPW - authorize the Director of Public Works to enter into a contract with Cargill to supply the City of Burlington with rock salt for winter maintenance of roads and sidewalks at a unit price of \$86.00/ton, for a total authorized expenditure of \$285,000 plus \$43,000 in contingency for Fiscal Year 2023, subject to review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

8.37 Communication: Todd Schlossberg and Chris Bullard, re: Ltr to Paul and City Council re Redistricting 11-15-2022.pdf - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.38 Communication: Glenn McRae, re: Rezoning and consideration for NPA input - waive the reading and place it on file.

8.39 FIO Document – for information only.

8.40 Resolution: Appointment of Acting Ward Clerk and Acting Inspectors of Elections for Ward Eight (Councilor Paul) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

MOTION by Councilor Magee, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated for items 8.01-8.40.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

9.DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

9.01 Tobacco License Application: Apex Arboretum

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to approve the tobacco license application for Apex Arboretum.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.



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9.02 Tobacco License Application: Green State Gardener, LLC

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to approve the tobacco license application for Green State Gardener, LLC.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

9.03 Resolution: Ratification Of Tentative Agreement And Authorization To Execute Collective Bargaining Agreement Between The City Of Burlington And BFFA (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2025) (Councilor Paul) (10 mins.)

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

9.04 Resolution: March 7, 2023 Annual City Meeting--Charter Change re: Qualifications Of Voters and Siting of Polling Places (Charter Change Committee) (20 mins.)

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Bergman said that this change reflects the desire to have more flexibility in choosing where polling places can be sited. He said that this resolution would place language on the Town Meeting Day 2023 ballot regarding this proposed charter change.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

9.05 Resolution: March 7, 2023 Annual City Meeting--Charter Change Re: All Legal Resident Voting In Local Elections (Charter Change Committee) (20 mins.)

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.



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DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bergman said that this proposed change would allow people who are legally in the City under the immigration laws of the U.S. to vote on local matters, such as school taxes and other aspects of local political life. He said that they have engaged with the community on this, and is similar to a charter change made by both Montpelier and Winooski.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Traverse, SECOND by Councilor Bergman, to amend the matter to reflect the changes made in the document on BoardDocs entitled "Resolution – Charter Change – All Legal Resident Voting (FINAL – Councilor Traverse Update highlighted and tracked).pdf"

VOTING ON RESOLUTION AS AMENDED: unanimous; motion carries.

9.06 Resolution: March 7, 2023 Annual City Meeting--Charter Change Re: Ranked Choice Voting For Mayoral, School Commissioner And Ward Election Officer Elections (Charter Change Committee) (20 mins.)

MOTION by Councilor Bergman, SECOND by Councilor Magee, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bergman said that this would expand ranked-choice voting from only City Councilors to Mayoral, School Commissioner, and Ward Election Officer elections as well.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to amend Line 51 to strike "school commissioners and ward election officers"

DISCUSSION:

- - Councilor Shannon said that during the charter change proposal process, school commissioners were not able to give ample input, and she expressed concern about adding them to this proposed amendment without having that stakeholder engagement.
 - Councilor Hightower said that she would have liked to move ahead with the proposal as presented, but said that if school commissioners are not supportive of ranked-choice voting, she would respect that.
 - Councilor Bergman pointed out that it makes sense to have all City elected officials elected through the same process and methodology.
 - Councilor Traverse said that he would like to allow more input from the stakeholders in question prior to supporting the original proposal.
 - Councilor Dieng said that this amendment would make it more confusing for voters, since they would be voting one way for some offices and another way for others.
 - Councilor Barlow said that this amendment removes one of the two problems with the underlying



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resolution: prematurely going to ranked-choice voting for additional offices without first seeing how it goes with City Council elections.

VOTING ON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – aye, Councilor Bergman – nay, Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hightower – nay, Councilor Magee – nay, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Traverse – aye, City Council President Paul – aye (5 ayes, 5 nays; motion fails).

VOTING ON ORIGINAL MOTION (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – nay, Councilor Bergman – aye, Councilor Carpenter – nay, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Magee – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Traverse – aye, City Council President Paul – aye (7 ayes, 3 nays; motion carries).

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

10.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Barlow said that the Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Commission will meet on November 22 at 5:00 PM, and will discuss the Airport's sustainability plan, GMT's Fiscal Year 2024 budget and funding, and CSWD drop-off sites in Burlington.

Councilor Magee noted that the Public Safety Committee will meet on December 1, at which time they will discuss the public safety radio system upgrade, the Council resolution on gun violence, and will begin to discuss the committee report on recommendations offered by the CNA report.

Councilor Traverse said that the Ordinance Committee will meet on November 22 and will discuss the proposed ordinance on vacant buildings and dangerous structures and the ordinance on minimum/maximum parking requirements and TDM requirements.

Councilor Hightower said that the Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee has met and discussed camping in parks and other lands, as well as the Burlington revolving loan fund. She said that they will meet on December 15 to discuss houselessness.

11. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

11.01 Verbal Reports

None.



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12. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

12.01 Verbal Reports

None.

13. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

13.01 Verbal Reports

Mayor Weinberger spoke about several key milestones hit in the last several months on major projects, including breaking ground at CityPlace, the opening of the Shelburne Roundabout, opening of University Place, and the opening of the Moran Frame project.

14. ADJOURNMENT

14.01 Motion to Adjourn

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

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The City Council meeting adjourned without objection at 10:22 PM.

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