



**Special City Council Meeting Regarding CityPlace Burlington
Mediation Preparation **expected executive session**- Monday,
November 16, 2020, 6:00 pm, **VIRTUAL MEETING**
11/16/2020**

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

SPECIAL MEETING - CITYPLACE MEDIATION PREPARATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

November 16, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Max Tracy

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Brian Pine

Jack Hanson

Perri Freeman

Jane Stromberg

Sarah E Carpenter

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Katherine Schad

Eileen Blackwood

Jeff Glassberg

Amy Bovee

Jordan Redell



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1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Tracy at 6:07 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to adopt the agenda.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. PUBLIC FORUM – 1 HOUR MAXIMUM

2.01 Verbal Comments

No comments at this time.

3. COMMUNICATION: EILEEN BLACKWOOD, CITY ATTORNEY, AND MARC HEATH, DOWNS, RACHLIN & MARTIN, RE: CITYPLACE BURLINGTON MEDIATION PREPARATION (VERBAL) **EXPECTED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

2.01 Communication: Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney and Marc Heath, Downs, Rachlin & Martin, re: CityPlace Burlington Mediation Preparation (verbal)

City Attorney Blackwood said that the City is preparing for a mediation session with BTC Mall Associates regarding CityPlace Burlington, which has been scheduled. She noted that mediation is an opportunity for the City to take positions and negotiate, and would like to take the opportunity to provide legal counsel and other confidential information to the Council prior to the mediation session. She added that further information may be forthcoming after the mediation, but will hinge on the productivity of the session itself. She finally noted that if there is an agreement that comes out of the mediation session, it will come publicly to the Council for distribution, discussion, and a public vote.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of the City's strategy, legal advice, and other information related to the pending litigation with BTC Mall Associates would put the City at a substantial disadvantage.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that based on that finding, the Council go into executive session to consider pending litigation and confidential attorney-client communications pursuant to 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(E) and (F). Individuals to be invited into executive session in addition to the Council and Mayor: Mayor's office staff, City Attorney, CAO, Jeffrey Glassberg, attorneys from Downs, Rachlin & Martin, and CEDO Director



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VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The City Council entered into executive session at 6:12 PM.

4. ADJOURNMENT

4.01 Motion to come out of executive session and adjourn the meeting made by Councilor Dieng, second by Councilor Pine. Unanimous at 8:47 pm.

RScty: AACoonrad