



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

11/12/2020

Charter Change Committee Meeting

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

November 12, 2020

DRAFT Minutes

Committee Members Present: Joan Shannon, Chair; Perri Freeman; Jane Stromberg

Staff and Other Presenters: Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney.

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm.

1.01 Agenda. Approval of agenda moved by Freeman with the following amendments: 3.01 public forum, 3.02 review Freeman draft, 3.03 discussion and input from public, 3.04 next meeting to allow for more input.

Second by Stromberg. Unanimous.

2.01. Minutes. Approval of the minutes of Nov. 4 moved by Freeman, second by Stromberg, unanimous.

3.01 Public Forum. The following individuals spoke at public forum:

William Dunkley

Tyler Pastorok

Ashley LaPorte

Nell Carpenter

Zoe Koeninger

Alex Karembelas

Alex Sturges

Alex Furdon



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Grace Pfeil

Will Keeton

Hannah Brislin

Lillian Vinson

Lee Morrigan

Galandrielle Richmond

Thaya Zalewski

Jadah Bearden

Oskar Flemer

Alex Kovacs

Daniel Munteanu

Brooke McKeen

Zoe Kennedy

Rachel Siegel

Leanne Shulman

Sarah Sciortino

Zanevia Wilcox

Marcia Johnson

Emily Tardie

Eoana Sturges

3.02 Committee Discussion of Draft Resolution re: Police Oversight Body. The Committee discussed whether to delete sections 183 and 184 but were not yet prepared to decide. No comments on section 189 changes.

In section 190 there was discussion of including due process and powers such as suspension without pay for a limited time; it was suggested that the stricken language about process could be moved to section on Powers and Duties.

The Committee discussed whether or not there could be a quota of BIPOC members on the new board, given legal constraints. Attorney Blackwood explained concerns that because the current Police Commission has strong BIPOC



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representation, it was difficult to argue that quotas were necessary. A question was raised whether or not organizations could be allowed to directly appoint board members.

The Committee briefly discussed the jurisdiction of the board and then whether the mayor/council should be able to fire the chief.

3.03 Public Discussion. There was discussion about selecting members to the board—who is not sitting at the table, such as working class BIPOC individuals who have interacted with the police, and how do we find them? A suggestion was made to look for new ways to connect with indigenous individuals.

3.04 Next Meeting. The next meeting will be Thurs. Nov. 19 at 5 pm.

4.01 Adjournment. As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.