



**Board of Civil Authority Meeting - Monday, November 8, 2021\*\*In-Person in Contois Auditorium, 2nd Floor, City Hall OR REMOTELY via ZOOM\*\*  
11/8/2021**

**BURLINGTON BOARD OF CIVIL AUTHORITY**

**CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 2ND FLOOR, CITY HALL**

**BURLINGTON, VERMONT**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**November 8, 2021**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Karen Paul

Max Tracy

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Jack Hanson

Perri Freeman

Jane Stromberg

Sarah E Carpenter

Zoraya Hightower

Mark Barlow

Joe Magee

Miro Weinberger

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Dan Richardson

Katherine Schad



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## **1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA**

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 8:19 PM.

1.01 Motion to amend/adopt agenda

**MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Mason, to amend/adopt the agenda as follows:**

- **add to the consent agenda item 2.03 Communication: Robert Bristow Johnson, re: 2022 Vermont House Redistricting within Burlington - Addendum with the action to "waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file";**
- **add to the agenda item 3.02 Communication: Katherine Schad, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Burlington, re: Adopting the House Redistricting Tentative Proposal with the action to "The Board of Civil Authority directs Chief Administrative Officer Katherine Schad to submit electronically and via electronic mail the above memorandum to the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board, represented by Chair Thomas A. Little."**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

## **2. CONSENT AGENDA**

2.01 motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated

2.02 Communication: Robert Bristow-Johnson, re: 2022 Vermont House Redistricting within Burlington October 22, 2021 (rv. November 3, 2021) – waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

2.03 Communication: Robert Bristow Johnson, re: 2022 Vermont House Redistricting within Burlington – Addendum – waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

**MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Mason, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated for items 2.01-2.03**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

## **3. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA**



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3.01 Communication: Eric Covey, Chief of Staff, Vermont Secretary of State's Office, re: Resending - For Official BCA Feedback: Proposed House District Map by Legislative Apportionment Board

Councilor Shannon said that she is supportive of the proposals brought forth by Robert Bristow-Johnson and expressed hope that the legislature will weigh that when making its final determination.

Councilor Hanson expressed support for moving to single-member districts. He said that he is also supportive of simpler single-member districts at the House level as well. He said that it would increase accountability between constituents and their representatives, as well as simplicity in understanding one's representatives and how to support them. He additionally said that multi-member districts create difficulties if a constituent supports one of the representatives but not the other, in terms of mounting a campaign.

Councilor Barlow expressed support for remaining with two-seat legislative districts in five districts. He noted that his district has two representatives and that it works well. He said that what is currently in place is working well.

Councilor Carpenter said that in her experience, two-member district scenarios and one-member district scenarios both work well, depending on the situation. She suggested having two- or one-person districts, depending on geography.

Councilor Hightower expressed support for two-representative maps at the State level.

**MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to submit comments, recommendations and materials to the LAB through the online form (#4) by November 15, 2021.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

3.02 Communication: Katherine Schad, Chief Administrative Officer, City of Burlington, re: Adopting the House Redistricting Tentative Proposal

**MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Mason, to direct Chief Administrative Officer Katherine Schad to submit electronically and via electronic mail the above memorandum with the endorsement of this board, to the Vermont Legislative Apportionment Board, represented by Chair Thomas A. Little.**

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by City Council President Tracy, to strike "with the endorsement of this board"**





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**VOTING ON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Barlow – nay, Councilor Carpenter – nay, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Magee – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Stromberg – aye, City Council President Tracy – aye, Mayor Weinberger – nay (7 ayes, 6 nays); motion carries.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned without objection at 8:43 PM.