



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting

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Charter Change Committee Meeting

November 4, 2020

DRAFT Minutes

Virtual Meeting on Zoom

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 7:07 p.m.

1.01 Agenda. Approval of agenda moved by Freeman with the following changes: cap public forum at 2 hours, add a new 3.05 Discussion of next meeting topics and schedule, remove 4.01; seconded by Stromberg; unanimously adopted.

2.01. Minutes. Approval of the minutes of Oct. 29 moved by Freeman; seconded by Freeman; unanimously adopted.

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

Gene Bergman

Dan Kirk

Tyler Pastorok

Robyn Freedner-Maguire

Grace Pfeil

Zoe Koeninger

Daniel Munteanu

Leslyn Hall



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Nell Carpenter

Lillian Vinson

Sarah Carpenter (City Councilor)

Lilla Fortunoff

Jess LaPorte

Christie Delphia

Jane Suder

Sarah Noel

Alex Kovacs

Ashley LaPorte

Alex Sturges

Gin Ferrara

Daniel Felde

Thaya Zalewski

Emily Tardie

Grace Horelick

Oskar Flemer

Marcia Johnson

Chris Gish

Brooke McKeen

Tom Proctor

Phillip Foy

Peter Smiar

Brian Armstrong

Elizabeth McGovisk

Mark Porter

Annie D'Alton

Erhard Mahnke



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Zoraya Hightower (city councilor)

Larry Miller

Alex Korembelase

Julia Marks

A few other remarks were received as part of the chat function or by email (these have been saved on BoardDocs).

3.02 Just Cause Eviction Charter Change. Shannon reviewed a set of proposed amendments, which are posted on BoardDocs. She then read through a list of questions that have been raised by members of the public, some at these meetings. Freeman said that she preferred to maintain the charter change as the general authorizing language and prefers keeping the language as is.

Motion by Freeman: To refer this charter change back to the City Council, as it was referred to the Committee on Aug. 10, to be placed on the March 2020 Annual City Meeting ballot, and to request the city clerk to warn the appropriate public hearings. Second by Stromberg. Shannon noted there are still many questions. The motion carried 2-1 (Shannon).

The City Attorney will draft a resolution for the Nov. 23 Council agenda.

3.03 Review Options For Who Makes and Reviews Police Disciplinary Decisions.

Motion by Freeman: To refer to the City Council as a communication the City Attorney's Memorandum on Civilian Oversight of the Policy and to schedule future Charter Change Committee meetings to create charter change language to present to the Council in time for the March 2020 Annual City Meeting. Second by Stromberg. The motion passed unanimously.

The City Attorney will get the Memorandum on the agenda for the November 9 Council meeting.

3.04 Charter Change Language on Police Disciplinary Decisions.

The City Attorney walked the Committee through a draft Resolution that includes the charter change proposed by Councilor Freeman with revisions and comments by the City Attorney.



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Freeman requested that the City Attorney suggest language to keep the section on removal and suspension within the new structure for the Committee's next meeting. The committee discussed what information is needed for the next meeting. In particular, the Committee needs information on what these complaints are—the number, type, etc.—to determine jurisdiction.

3.05 Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 6 pm on Nov. 12. The Committee intends to begin working through the draft section by section.

4.01 Adjournment. As there was no other business on the agenda, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 pm.