



Special City Council Worksession re: Negotiations with UVM and Champlain College related to the capital plan (expected executive session), Monday, October 30, 2017, 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, Contois Auditorium, City Hall

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF SPECIAL WORK SESSION

October 30, 2017

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jane Knodell (Council President) – Central District
- David Hartnett – North District [arrived 6:45 PM]
- Joan Shannon – South District
- Richard Deane – East District
- Sharon Foley Bushor – Ward 1
- Max Tracy – Ward 2
- Sara Moore – Ward 3 [arrived 7:25 PM]
- Kurt Wright – Ward 4
- William “Chip” Mason – Ward 5
- Karen Paul – Ward 6
- Ali Dieng – Ward 7
- Adam Roof – Ward 8

- ADMINISTRATION:** Miro Weinberger, Mayor
- Beth Anderson, Interim CAO
- Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney
- Brian Lowe, Mayor’s Office
- Katie Vane, Mayor’s Office
- Chapin Spencer, DPW

- OTHERS PRESENT:** Ralphine O’Rourke

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA



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Council President Knodell called the special City Council work session to order at 6:30 PM on October 30, 2017.

1.01 Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Deane, to adopt the agenda as amended (add Item 3.02 – legal issues related to the BT sale). VOTING: unanimous [Councilors Hartnett and Moore not present for vote]; motion carried.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public at this time.

3.0 COMMUNICATIONS

3.01 Negotiations with UVM and Champlain College related to the Capital Plan - Mayor

3.02 Legal Issues related to BT Sale – City Attorney

Councilor Paul said she will recuse herself for Item 3.02.

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to find that premature disclosure of negotiations concerning contractual agreements with UVM and Champlain College would place the city at a disadvantage. VOTING: unanimous [Councilors Hartnett and Moore not present for vote]; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Roof, based on the finding of premature disclosure putting the city at a disadvantage to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations concerning contractual agreements with UVM and Champlain College and invite the Mayor, Interim CAO, Attorney Blackwood, Attorney O'Rourke, Director Spencer, Mayor's Office staff to attend. VOTING: unanimous [Councilors Hartnett and Moore not present for vote]; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to find that premature disclosure of legal advice related to the BT sale would place the city at a disadvantage. VOTING: unanimous [Councilors Hartnett and Moore not present for vote]; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Roof, based on the finding of premature disclosure putting the city at a disadvantage to go into Executive Session to discuss legal advice related to the BT sale and invite the Mayor, Interim CAO, Attorney Blackwood, Attorney O'Rourke, and Mayor's Office staff to attend. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.



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Executive Session was convened at 6:33 PM.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Wright, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to adjourn Executive Session. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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