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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL, CONTOIS AUDITORIUM *OR*

REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 24, 2022

.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Sarah E Carpenter

Perri Freeman

Zoraya Hightower

Mark Barlow

Joe Magee (via Zoom)

Gene Bergman

Ben Traverse

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Katherine Schad

Stephen Ellis

Jordan Redell

Lori Olberg

Meghan Tuttle

Nancy Stetson

Pablo Bose



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Christine Hughes

Kim Sturtevant

Kirby Dunn

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

1.01 Motion to amend/adopt agenda

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Paul at 6:10 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Bergman, to amend/adopt the agenda as follows:

- **remove from the consent agenda item 5.26 Market Factor Adjustment for City Attorney - Mayor's Office (per City Council President Paul);**
- **add to the consent agenda item 5.30 Communication: Keith and Penny Pillsbury, Ward 8 Residents, re: Redistricting (per City Council President Paul);**
- **add to the consent agenda item 5.31 Communication: Brad Wiltfong, re: Disincentivize Driving by Encouraging Alternative and Public Transportation;**
- **add to the consent agenda item 5.32 Communication: Alex Farrell, Parks and Commission, Member, re: Resignation**
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VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. WORK SESSION ON REDISTRICTING

City Council President Paul opened the public comment period on redistricting.

Jeff Comstock spoke about the 10% deviation rule, saying that it is unwise for the Council to think that they have the flexibility to disregard the 10% deviation rule. He said that municipalities do not have the degree of latitude that states do when it comes to this redistricting rule. He also thanked the City Planning Office for their support of the ad hoc redistricting committee, as well as the many requests from the City Council. He said that the most recent version of Ward 8 maps are not a high-quality outcome. He said he supports either Option 2 or 3 from the October 3rd and 17th meetings, as well as version 16 maps from Robert Bristow Johnson.



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Sharon Bushor thanked the ad hoc committee on redistricting and the redistricting subcommittee for their hard work. She said that the two 8-ward maps should be looked at carefully in terms of how they affect Ward 1. She said that she supports 8 wards and 2 Councilors each and does not support districts.

City Council President Paul closed the public comment period on redistricting.

Senior Analyst Stetson said that for this meeting, she developed 8-ward maps and 7-ward maps. She said that the 8-ward maps split the Athletic Campus population among three wards, and the 7-ward maps limit changes to Ward 1 while distributing the Athletic Campus population across Wards 1 and 6, but it merges the northwest portion of the ONE with the southern portion of the NNE.

Councilor Hightower said she is not supportive of ward maps that split Brookes Avenue. She said that a main goal in this redistricting exercise should not be to split the student population up and distribute it into as many wards as possible. She said that she cannot support a map that cuts Brookes Avenue in half.

Councilor Carpenter asked whether streets need to be the dividing lines for districts or whether boundary lines could potentially divide parcels in neighborhoods. Senior Analyst Stetson said that she is unsure about the rules for district boundaries.

Councilor Dieng asked about the consensus from the working group about a map. Councilor Barlow replied that they narrowed it down to an 8-ward or 7-ward map, though there is not consensus around which of the options for the maps to use. He said that there were a number of discussions around the on-campus student population and how to distribute it, and they have agreed that it is appropriate to divide census blocks. He said that they also have agreed that they are trying to keep neighborhoods together.

Councilor Shannon said that dividing a street such as Brookes Avenue is problematic, given that it is a small neighborhood street. She said that the student dorms are problematic because the residents of them are guaranteed to move, and that there is lower voter turnout among the student population.

Councilor Bergman said that he thinks it would be possible to split Brookes Avenue in a fair way. He added that he is not supportive of any 7-ward map.

Councilor Magee said that he likes the 8-ward Option 2 map, as it gets at many of the issues being discussed.

Councilor Traverse said that the City should consider removing the redistricting process from the City Council and charter



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change process, as it ultimately hinges on the approval of State legislature. He said that he would like to hear more discussion about concerns with a 7-ward map. He said that he would like to do away with a "salamander" ward in an 8-ward map. He said that he would support tweaking the 8-ward Option 2 map. He also said that the "Hedrick" map presents some interesting solutions and could be looked at.

Councilor Shannon said that the 8-ward maps are nonstarters, because they don't solve the problem with the currently-configured Ward 8, and because they are gerrymandered to wrap around the UVM campus and disconnects some of the neighborhoods. She said she is not opposed to 8-ward maps generally, but does not like the two maps that have been presented. She said that the 7-ward maps work, though they do combine parts of the ONE and NNE. She said that she examines any option with an eye to whether residents of neighborhoods are electable in their wards.

Councilor Hightower said that she would like to remove part of the Athletic Campus from Ward 1, which would be the only way to get part of Brookes Avenue back in. She said that she could support a 7-ward 2-Councilor arrangement or an 8-ward 2-Councilor arrangement.

Councilor Magee said that the State house districts don't impact the most local level of City government in determining the NPA makeups, and to take the section of Ward 3 that is currently in the ONE and move it into the NNE would dramatically impact neighborhood decisions, which is why he won't support a 7-ward map.

Councilor Traverse said that the biggest question seems to be how the Athletic Campus is treated in this exercise and where that population of 3,500 students would go.

Councilor Bergman said that the ONE needs to have a representative in its community and that won't occur if the ward is partially absorbed into another ward. He said that he has concerns about any option that takes part of the ONE and moves it to the NNE.

Councilor Barlow asked if there are any Councilors that have objections to an 8-ward 4-district map. Councilor Bergman said that he does not support it, but he would prefer it over a 7-ward map. Councilor Freeman said that they represent a district, which is difficult because each representative has a lot of constituents. They said that this is not their preference, but they would support it if there is consensus around it. Councilor Shannon said that she has had positive experiences as a district Councilor, but dislikes the ward/district combination, since they're confusing for most people to understand. She said that she would like to move to having 4 wards, though recognizes that this is not one of the options being considered. She said she could support an 8-ward 4-district map. Councilor Carpenter said that she could support a 12-Councilor arrangement, and is not opposed to districts. She said that she could also support an 8-ward map, if there are still 12 representatives.

Councilor Hightower said that not every part of the City has the same district-level identity that certain parts of the City do.



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MOTION by Councilor Barlow, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that the Council move forward with the redistricting process, understanding that they will be talking about an 8-ward 4-district map.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Freeman asked if there will be another work session to determine where the boundaries lie, if the Council decides tonight to pursue an 8-ward 4-district arrangement. City Council President Paul said that any charter change language must be approved by the City Council by December 12th, so any decision made on redistricting must be converted into charter language and then go to the Charter Change Committee (unless the Council decides otherwise).
- Councilor Bergman said that there needs to be legal vetting of language prior to consideration by the Charter Change Committee or the City Council. He said that they could suspend the rules and bypass review by the Charter Change Committee, as an option.
- Councilor Traverse said that he will support this motion if there is consensus. He said that from his perspective, the City needs direction about where the Athletic Campus and Central Campus student blocks need to go. Director Tuttle said that because the student blocks are so dense, it greatly affects boundary lines for wards when they are moved from one ward to another.
- Councilor Barlow noted that his motion would be inclusive of any of the maps considered so far as well as any additional maps that are developed with this ward/district consideration.
- Mayor Weinberger said that he has been open to a wide variety of configurations through this process. He expressed concern with going beyond the 10% deviation, which could leave the City open to legal challenges.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

Director Tuttle said that it would be helpful to have another work session at the Council's November 7th meeting.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

3.01 Verbal Comments

Forum opened at 7:33 PM.

COMMENTS:

Burlington residents (in person):

- Christopher Haessley spoke about redistricting, saying that in redistricting work earlier this year, they had tried to distribute the student population across multiple wards. However, he said that they should not be singling one group of people (such as students) out to try and limit their influence by diluting them across wards.
- Robert Bristow Johnson spoke about the interaction between redistricting and ranked-choice voting.
- Todd LaCroix spoke about concerns around the United State's relations with China and the potential for a war between the two.



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Forum closed at 7:43 PM.

4. CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORTS

4.01 Climate Emergency Reports

No discussion.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

5.02 Communication: CT Office, re: Accountability List – waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

5.03 Communication: C/T Office, re: July 18, 2022 Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.04 Communication: C/T Office, re: July 18, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.05 Communication: C/T Office, re: July 25, 2022 Special City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.06 Communication: C/T Office, re: August 15, 2022 City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.07 Communication: C/T Office, re: August 15, 2022 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

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5.10 Communication: C/T Office, re: September 12, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.11 Communication: C/T Office, re: September 19, 2022 Local Cannabis Control Commission Meeting Minutes, Draft -



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5.12 Communication: C/T Office, re: September 19, 2022 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.13 Communication: C/T Office, re: September 19, 2022 Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.14 Communication: C/T Office, re: September 19, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting Minutes, Draft - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the October 17, 2022 Regular City Council Meeting.

5.15 Summary of Bond Sale - C/T - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.16 VOREC grant agreement – BPRW - approve and authorize the acceptance of a \$300,000 VOREC grant from the State of Vermont, and to authorize Cindi Wight, Director of Parks and Recreation to execute the related grant agreement and any related documents needed to carry out the grant, subject to the review of the City Attorney's Office.

5.17 City Place Burlington - Encumbrance Application - Bank and Cherry Street Right-of-Way - approve the Encumbrance Application for CityPlace Partners requesting to obstruct a portion of the public right-of-way on Bank Street and Cherry Street as detailed in Attachment A, and authorize the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the Applicant for use of the right-of-way outlined in the Application, subject to review by the City Attorney's Office.

5.18 Authorization to execute contract for support services at Elmwood Community Emergency Shelter November 2022 - June 2023 – CEDO - approve and authorize the Director of the Community and Economic Development Office to execute a contract with Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity for up to a maximum limiting amount of \$124,992 for the provision of service coordination and housing navigation at the Elmwood Community Emergency Shelter for the period October 17, 2022 – June 30, 2023, and subject to the final review and approval by the Office of the City Attorney.

5.19 Oakledge Universally Accessible Playground Projects: Budget Amendment – BPRW - approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or their designee, to affect the necessary budget amendment and transfer of \$200,000 in funds from the FY23 Go Bond, Parks Category to the Penny for Parks-Oakledge Park- Playground Project, as further detailed in Attachment B.

5.20 Elks - Quit Claim – BPRW - approve and authorize the release of any residual property interest to Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks that the City may have in the approximately five-acre parcel of land that the BPOE will retain after transferring an approximately eleven-acre adjacent parcel to the City for its ownership and use ('gifted parcel'), as further described in Attachment A; and, to authorize the Mayor to execute a quit-claim deed formalizing the release of such interest and conveying such interest to the BPOE in order to facilitate the acceptance of the gifted parcel, subject to City Attorney's Office review and approval.

5.21 Creation of one new position – BPRW - approve the creation of the Property Services Caretaker position, a limited-service, full-time, AFSCME Non-Exempt, Grade 15 to 17 position in the Parks, Recreation, and Waterfront Department.

5.22 Perpetual Care Income - Assigned Fund Balance (AFB) carryover – BPRW - approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to affect a budget amendment by rolling over \$15,000 of Assigned Fund Balance from Perpetual Care Fund income to reserve fund 110-23-



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104.4720_110, as further detailed in Attachment A.

5.23 Authorization to Enter into an Inter-municipal Stormwater Services Agreement with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission - DPW Water Resources - authorize Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works, to execute an inter-municipal agreement with the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission for regulatory compliance of minimum control measures 1 and 2 of the City's MS4 permit, subject to review by the City Attorney's Office.

5.24 Request for Approval to Execute Contract for Emergency Repairs to North Avenue Stormwater Outfall - DPW Water Resources - 1. "To approve and authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with Engineers Construction Inc. for emergency outfall repair work to the North Avenue stormwater outfall for an amount not to exceed \$324,200, subject to the prior review and approval of the City Attorney." 2. To approve and authorize CAO Schad to execute a budget amendment to increase the FY23 GL 245-19-000.110 by an amount not to exceed \$324,200 using Fund 245 fund balance.

5.25 Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation (GBIC) Lease Amendment – Airport - authorize a lease amendment to rectify the associated site plan at the Burlington International Airport with the Greater Burlington Industrial Corporation, subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney's Office.

5.26 Market Factor Adjustment for City Attorney - Mayor's Office - **AGENDA ITEM REMOVED**

5.27 FIO Document – for information only.

5.28 Ordinance: Parks - Addition Of Kieslich Park BCO Section 22 (1st reading)(Councilors Barlow & Carpenter) - waive the reading, suspend the rules, and place in all stages of passage.

5.29 Resolution: Appointment of Acting Inspectors of Election for Wards Five, Seven and Eight (Councilor Paul) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

5.30 Communication: Keith and Penny Pillsbury, Ward 8 Residents, re: Redistricting – waive the reading and place it on file.

5.31 Communication: Brad Wiltfong, re: Disincentivize Driving by Encouraging Alternative and Public Transportation – waive the reading and place it on file.

5.32 Communication: Alex Farrell, Parks and Recreation Commission, Member, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy in Seven Days and send a letter of appreciation to Alex Farrell thanking him for his time served as a Member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated for items 5.01-5.32.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6. COMMUNICATION REGARDING CITYPLACE UPDATE **EXPECTED EXECUTIVE SESSION**

6.01 Communication: David White, Brian Pine, Tim Sampson, Esq., re: CityPlace Update **expected executive session**

Mayor Weinberger said that the City has spent the last week responding to comments from last week's executive session, as well as working with CityPlace to finalize documents related to an amendment. He said that the mutual goal between



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the City and CityPlace has not changed, and that they hope to bring a finalized document forth to the City Council for their consideration in the next several weeks.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of information concerning contract negotiations and attorney-client communications regarding CityPlace would clearly place the City at a substantial disadvantage with such negotiations.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that based upon that finding, the Council go into executive session to receive confidential attorney-client communications and updates on contract negotiations regarding CityPlace, 1 VSA §313(a)(1)(A) and (F), to include members of the Mayor's staff, CEDO Director Pine, David G. White, and Attorney Tim Sampson.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7.DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

7.01 Pablo Bose and Christine Hughes, re: Reparations Task Force Report (20 mins.)

Pablo Bose, a member of the task force, presented a summary of the Reparations Task Force Report and updates. He noted that the task force was convened in 2020 and was comprised of 5 members, and was charged with looking at Burlington's history with slavery, explore the question of slavery, and explore some of the different schools of thought on reparations across the country. He said that they engaged several consultants to look at several elements of this work. He said that they examined the history of slavery in Burlington, which generally came from census data, a document analysis on the history of slavery, and the role of racialized covenants. He said that they have not yet looked at models of reparation.

Christine Hughes, a member of the task force and member of the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance, provided brief updates as well. She encouraged voters to pass Proposition 2 to abolish slavery in the Vermont Constitution. She also noted that they need more members on the task force and welcomed volunteers to join. She encouraged the public to move away from the Vermont exceptionalism myth around slavery and systemic racism, and said that there needs to be a full understanding in order to make changes.

Councilor Hightower asked about finances and when the task force would need more resources. She noted that the task force said one of their activities is researching in the land records, and asked what the task force is looking for in those records. She expressed support for community engagement with the task force. Mr. Bose said that in terms of the land records, the task force is interested in racialized covenants and estimating how prevalent they may be in the City. He said that they have used around half of the funding that the City Council has allotted to them (and they have used it on



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consultants). He agreed that this work should be connected to community partners, educators, and community groups.

Councilor Dieng said that it sounds like the Council needs to appoint more members to the task force, and additionally, the new REIB Director would need to appoint members. He thanked the task force for its work, and noted that the task force would be speaking at the next REIB Committee meeting.

Councilor Bergman said that it would be helpful if the task force could let the Council know if they need more funding. He said he would be supportive of more community engagement and education.

Councilor Magee noted that the task force's report said that the task force will terminate 90 days after the report is issued. He said he wants to ensure that the task force's work is complete prior to termination. Ms. Hughes said that that clause is about the final report, not this current report.

MOTION by Councilor Dieng, SECOND by Councilor Bergman, to waive the reading and place the communication on file.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7.02 Lacey-Ann Smith, Community Outreach Supervisor, BPD, Steven Berbeco, Director, Mental Health Initiative, United Way, Scott Pavek, Substance Use Policy Analyst, CEDO, re: Mental Health Summit Synopsis and Report (20 mins.)

MOTION by Councilor Dieng, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, to postpone this item until the November 7, 2022 City Council meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7.03 Ordinance: Elections - Rank Choice Voting Implementation (Ordinance Committee)(1st reading) (10 mins.)

MOTION by Councilor Traverse, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to waive the reading, suspend the rules, and place into all stages of passage.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Traverse said that they have heard substantial testimony from the public about tabulating results**



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in ranked choice voting. He said that the software vendor in charge of tabulating the results has a number of options for doing so, and requires City Council input before proceeding. He said that they have consulted subject matter experts and developed the ordinance before the Council tonight.

- Councilor Carpenter asked if the decision tonight is binding and would be implemented. Councilor Traverse replied that there is a special election being held on December 6 that would require a methodology to be in place, but that because this change is coming through ordinance rather than the charter, the Council has some flexibility to make changes to the tabulation method if they need to.
- Councilor Barlow noted that the State is also using ranked choice voting and asked if the City would have to change their tabulation method if the State changes theirs. Acting City Attorney Sturtevant replied that it depends on the language the State uses and whether it is proscriptive or not.
- Councilor Shannon said that the City should align its tabulation methods with the State's, for practicality. She asked for clarification on the process and language around write-in voting.

MOTION by Councilor Traverse, SECOND by Councilor Shannon, to divide the question between waiving the reading and suspending the rules, and placing the ordinance in all stages of passage.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING (to suspend the rules): unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION AMEND by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to amend Line 38 to strike "that have not been verified" and to amend Line 29 to replace "continuing" with "active" and to amend Line 30 to replace "continuing" with "active".

VOTING (ON AMENDMENT): unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING (ON ORDINANCE AS AMENDED): unanimous; motion carries.

7.04 Resolution: Creating a Homeshare Vermont Pilot Incentive Program (CDNR Committee)(10 mins.)

City Council President Paul recused herself from this agenda item and passed the gavel to Councilor Traverse.

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Hightower said that this item came to CDNR from the Burlington Aging Council's Subcommittee on Housing and that it would be a pilot program through HomeShare Vermont where one person offers a



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private bedroom and shared common area in exchange for rent and/or help around the house. She noted that this would recommend that the Housing Trust Fund allocate \$30,000 in funding to provide this pilot for up to 30 Burlington homeowners.

- Councilor Carpenter said that there is high demand for this program in Burlington but there has been low uptake of the program here.
- Kirby Dunn of HomeShare Vermont said that they are hoping to encourage more people to share their homes through this incentive program.
- Councilor Shannon expressed support for this program. She asked about next steps for allocating Housing Trust Fund funding. Councilor Hightower said that the Housing Trust Fund Committee meets once a year and they allocate the funding after opening a request for applications.
- Councilor Dieng asked how this incentive program would be evaluated. Councilor Hightower replied that this is a pilot program that will last for one year and HomeShare Vermont and the Housing Trust Fund will evaluate whether this was an effective program.
- Mayor Weinberger said that the Housing Trust Fund is well-positioned to invest in this type of proposal. He noted that the annual allocation to the Fund has increased to around \$500,000 per year.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries (Councilor Paul recused).

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

8.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Shannon noted that the Parks, Arts, and Culture Committee met last week and discussed safety in Burlington's parks. She noted that recommended solutions include cameras in problem-sensitive areas, closing the parks at night, citizen patrols, having a neighborhood clean-up day, more oversight of parks from park rangers, CSOs and CSLs, and having gates at the parks.

Councilor Barlow said that the Transportation, Energy, and Utilities Committee will meet tomorrow at 5:00 PM and will hear an update on North Winooski Avenue and the Shelburne Street Roundabout.

Councilor Bergman said that the Charter Change Committee will meet on November 3 and will review the All resident Voting in Local Elections proposal.

Councilor Hightower said that Community Development and Neighborhood Revitalization Committee is meeting tomorrow at 5:00 PM, and will have an update on the current status of houselessness in the community and will review the camping ordinance.

Councilor Magee said that the Public Safety Committee will meet on November 2 at 5:00 PM.



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Councilor Dieng said that the Racial Equity Inclusion , and Belonging Committee will meet on November 15.

9. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

9.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Shannon said that a gas line was hit on Pine Street while repairing a water main and that the Lakeside neighborhood does not currently have gas, but that should be restored in the next day.

Councilor Hightower acknowledged the resignation of Ali House from the City Council and thanked her for her time on the Council.

Councilor Bergman said that several meetings ago he asked for a status report on the effectiveness of the short term rental ordinance, and is making the same request again to the Mayor.

Councilor Dieng thanked the Mayor on behalf of the Vermont New American Advisory Council for the proposal to address safety issues facing the New American community.

Councilor Carpenter expressed support for the high school bond vote and urged others to show their support for the high school by voting on it.

10. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

10.01 Verbal Reports

City Council President Paul noted that the Council needs to make an appointment to the Reparations Task Force and that she welcomes recommendations. She also noted that Gina Carrera, a Burlington artist, died suddenly last week and expressed condolences for the community's loss.

11. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

11.01 Verbal Reports

Mayor Weinberger thanked the community for volunteering at the Elmwood Emergency Shelter site over the last several weekends. He additionally congratulated CEDO for its work to bring the shelter to fruition over the last year.

He noted the approval of a new non-profit pandemic response program and that the City will open the application process



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for those grants tomorrow.

He then spoke about the Halloween bike ride that will occur this Sunday from 1:30 to 4:00 PM.

12. ADJOURNMENT

12.01 Motion to Adjourn

MOTION by Councilor Dieng, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The City Council meeting adjourned without objection at 10:10 PM.

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