



Board of Finance

10/13/2015

MINUTES SUBJECT TO CORRECTION BY BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE. CHANGES, IF ANY, WILL BE RECORDED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD.

BURLINGTON BOARD OF FINANCE

CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 13, 2015

APPROVED – 11/9/15

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Miro Weinberger

Jane Knodell

Karen Paul

Sharon Bushor

Kurt Wright

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Rusten, CAO

Rich Goodwin, Assistant CAO

Jenifer Kaulius, Mayor's Office

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

Peter Owen, CEDO

Marcy Krumbine Esjberg, CEDO

Jessie Bridges, Parks & Rec

Max Tracy, City Councilor

Adam Roof, City Councilor

Sara Giannoni, City Councilor

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 6:04 PM.



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1.01 Agenda

MOTION Jane Knodell, SECOND by Sharon Bushor, to approve the agenda with the addition of Item 3.03 - Stability Bonds. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

There were no comments from the public.

3.0 APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

3.01 Authorize Bike Path Rehabilitation and Waterfront Park Construction Contract Addendum #4

MOTION by Sharon Bushor, SECOND by Kurt Wright, to approve and recommend to City Council for approval authorization for the Bike Path Rehabilitation and Waterfront Park Construction Contract Addendum #4. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

3.02 Authorize 2013-2015 HOME Action Plan Amendments

MOTION by Jane Knodell, SECOND by Kurt Wright, to approve and recommend to City Council for approval the authorization for the 2013-2015 HOME Action Plan amendments.

DISCUSSION: Sharon Bushor said the information was confusing with regard to the financials. Marcy Krumbine Esjberg explained in order to expend unspent money in FY13 for the project (\$199,000) the money must be moved to the current fiscal year and added to the amount already set aside (\$21,000). Sharon Bushor calculated the amount requested is \$220,000 and the total project is \$420,000 of which \$200,000 was received in 2014. Marcy Krumbine Esjberg noted the funds will close out the commitment to the project at this time, but not close out the project. There were no further comments.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

3.03 Stability Bonds

MOTION by Jane Knodell, SECOND by Kurt Wright, to amend the action taken at the October 5, 2015 Board of Finance meeting with regard to the stability bonds to read: "accepting the report" rather than "approving the report".

DISCUSSION: Mayor Weinberger said the Administration has no objection to changing the Board action from 'recommendation for approval' to 'recommendation for acceptance' which the City Attorney felt was more consistent with general practice on the kind of communication not requiring any action for approval (rather just action for acceptance). Jane Knodell mentioned her memo and expressed appreciation for the ongoing dialogue, noting the issue will be revisited next year. There were no further comments.



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VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

4.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION

4.01 Discuss Tentative Labor Contracts

Mayor Weinberger reported negotiations on labor contracts have been ongoing for some time with all four bargaining units. Two negotiations have advanced enough to discuss with the Board of Finance and other members of City Council in attendance. City Attorney Blackwood advised the contracts with AFSCME and the Burlington Firefighters Association have been ratified by both unions and are ready for approval by City Council however review by the Board of Finance along with the councilors present in Executive Session would be good to see if there are any questions that would affect the contracts or final outcomes.

MOTION by Jane Knodell, SECOND by Sharon Bushor, to find that premature disclosure of negotiations involving the AFSCME and Burlington Firefighters Association contracts would place the city at substantial disadvantage. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Jane Knodell, SECOND by Sharon Bushor, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and to invite the Mayor, members of the Mayor's staff, all city councilors present, the City Attorney, City CAO, and HR Director. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Prior to convening Executive Session the following action was taken:

Councilor President Knodell called to order a work session of City Council at 6:12 PM.

MOTION by Council Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Paul, to adopt the agenda as presented. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Tracy, to find that premature disclosure of negotiations involving the AFSCME and Burlington Firefighters Association contracts would place the city at substantial disadvantage. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations and to invite the Mayor, members of the Mayor's staff, the City Attorney, City CAO, and HR Director. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.



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Executive Session was convened at 6:14 PM.

5.0 APPROVAL/RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL

5.01 Ratify Tentative Agreement and Authorize Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Burlington and AFSCME

On agenda for the 10/13/15 City Council meeting.

5.02 Ratify Tentative Agreement and Authorize Execution of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Burlington and the Burlington Firefighters Association

On agenda for the 10/13/15 City Council meeting.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection the meetings were adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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