



Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, October 7, 2019, 7:00 pm, Contois Auditorium, City Hall 10/7/2019

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

October 7, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Wright (Council President) – Ward 4

Perri Freeman – Central District

Franklin Paulino – North District

Joan Shannon – South District

Jack Hanson – East District

Sharon Foley Bushor – Ward 1

Max Tracy – Ward 2

Brian Pine – Ward 3

William "Chip" Mason – Ward 5

Karen Paul – Ward 6

Ali Dieng – Ward 7

Adam Roof – Ward 8

ADMINISTRATION: Mayor Weinberger

Beth Anderson, CAO

Rich Goodwin, DFO

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

Jordan Redell, Mayor's Office

Olivia LaVecchia, Mayor's Office

Deanna Paluba, HR



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Brian Lowe, IT

Lori Olberg, C/T

Amy Bovee, C/T

Chapin Spencer, DPW

Meagan Tuttle, Planning

Cindi Wight, Parks & Rec

John Vickery, Assessor

OTHERS PRESENT:

Annie Bourdon

Albert Petraca

Lea Terhune

John Bossange

Melinda Moulton

Larry Sudbay

Gene Bergman

Jean Hopkins

Carl Fowler

Andrea Todd

Rick Moulton

Brad Pettengill

Cindy Cook

Erika Redic

Allan Hunt

Patrick Murphy

Jessica Oski

Jack Deggett

Ritchie Berger

Donny & Julie Lafountain

Rick Sharp



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Jeff Comstock
Sydney Owen
Lisa Larocque
Trisha Gray
Kelly Devine
Regina Mahoney
Erdhardt Mahnke
Jonathan Farrell

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Council President Wright called the City Council meeting to order at 7:05 PM on October 7, 2019.

1.01 Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- Updated information on Item 5.22 (AmeriCorps Formula Grant)
- Remove Item 5.35 (Letter to Brookfield) and place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 6.10
- Additional information on Item 6.05 (Housing Policy Reforms)
- Revisions to information on Item 6.06 (Reinvestment into BT)
- Remove Item 5.24 (HTA Contract – Airport) and place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 6.09

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

2.0 SINGING BY RESIDENTS OF ETHAN ALLEN RESIDENCE

Postponed to the 10/28/19 meeting.

3.0 PRESENTATION: CarShare Vermont



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Annie Bourdon, Executive Director of CarShare Vermont, said the non-profit organization is celebrating its 10th year anniversary and currently serves 1,000 members with 17 cars. A majority of the members (65%) are Burlington residents. For every vehicle in service, 15 personally owned cars are eliminated because people are choosing the more affordable CarShare over owning their own vehicle. It is a major behavior change for people to choose CarShare over owning a car. CarShare can reduce car dependency. Ongoing goals with the program are more parking for CarShare vehicles closer to public transit and bike paths, more EV charging stations, and increasing membership. Mayor Weinberger has been a member of CarShare since the inception of the program in 2008.

Councilor Bushor asked about developers being involved in CarShare. CarShare Executive Director Bourdon said the organization does partner with developers to have cars on site and subsidize membership for residents.

Councilor Pine asked if CarShare could be mandatory if parking requirements are relaxed. CarShare Executive Director Bourdon said CarShare will help decrease parking and can have a car available to people. The goal is to increase the number of vehicles to 25 cars. CarShare is on campus, subsidized by the colleges.

Councilor Hanson asked about obstacles. CarShare Executive Director Bourdon said parking and placing vehicles where they can be utilized to facilitate long term behavior change.

Councilor Dieng asked why the wait for a change to electric cars. CarShare Executive Director Bourdon said there is collaboration with the city because as a non-profit it is difficult to make investment in infrastructure.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was opened at 7:30 PM.

COMMENTS

- Albert Petraca read a statement in support of removing the parade mural.
- John Bossange spoke of the beauty of the waterfront and bike path and against extending the railyard into this space and creating an industrial pit again.
- Melinda Moulton, Main Street Landing, said she is a rail advocate, but is against having another rail line on the waterfront.
- Larry Sudbay, owner of a condo in the Wing Building, spoke against another rail track at Union Station, One Main Street, which will be eight feet from the Wing Building with 21 tenants.
- Gene Bergman spoke about the Housing Policy resolution and low/moderate income people not being able to find housing they can afford. Mr. Bergman also spoke on eliminating parking minimums without requiring alternate transportation means and climate emergency.
- Jean Hopkins spoke in support of electric vehicles available through CarShare.
- Carl Fowler spoke in support of repairing the rail line from Burlington to Essex Junction to allow the Amtrak train to be serviced in St. Albans and avoid having a service facility on the waterfront.
- Andrea Todd invited city councilors to a learning journey in Montreal on infrastructure for bicycles.



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- Rick Moulton spoke of rail issues including upgrade of the seven miles of track to Essex Junction, overnighing the Amtrak train in Burlington, and the cost of extending the track past College Street onto state land.
- Brad Pettengill spoke against adding a rail line on the waterfront, noting Main Street Landing is Burlington's new cultural center.
- Cindy Cook spoke of the proposed Housing Policy reforms and unintended consequences with short term rentals, pointing out that property owners with short term rentals depend on the income in order to continue being able to own their homes.
- Erika Redic spoke of the impacts of the initiatives from the housing summit and urged City Council to vote against the reforms.
- Allen Hunt spoke of spot zoning in Ward 5 and the process or lack thereof on how certain properties were included in the Form District 5 boundaries change.
- Patrick Murphy spoke in support of car sharing and reducing parking requirements.
- Jessica Oski spoke in support of CarShare VT and attaining climate goals.
- Jack Deggett spoke of the removal of the Church Street mural.
- Richie Berger spoke about the second rail track for Amtrak and tearing up the bike path, urging City Council to say "no" to VTrans on the matter.
- Donny and Julie Lafountain spoke in support of CarShare VT.
- Rick Sharp spoke against the rail siding in front of Union Station and urged seeking alternatives.
- Jeff Comstock spoke of the proposal for non-citizen voting as political pandering that should not be supported.
- Cindi Wight, Parks & Rec, publicly thanked John Bossange for eight years of services on the Parks & Rec Commission and his continued service on the Parks Foundation.
- Sydney Owen spoke against the mural and urged removal.
- Lisa Larocque spoke in support of removal of the mural.
- Trisha Gray spoke of the Housing Policy reforms and short term rentals being treated as residential rentals that must comply with state and local requirements.
- Kelly Devine spoke of the housing initiatives to expand the housing base and meet the need in the city, and having robust discussion on parking minimums, accessory dwellings units, and impact of short term rentals on the housing market.
- Regina Mahoney spoke in support of the housing resolution, accessory units, and the Housing Trust Fund which is in the direction of Smart Growth and increasing the number of homes. Short term rentals should have more discussion.
- Erdhardt Mahnke spoke in support of the housing summit initiatives and the Housing Trust Fund, but there is concern about short term rentals.

There were no further comments from the public. Public Forum was closed at 8:31 PM.

5.0 CONSENT AGENDA

- 5.01 PROCEDURAL: Amend/Adopt Consent Agenda and Take Action(s) as Indicated
- 5.02 COMMUNICATION: Accountability List
- 5.03 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Local Control, 6/3/19
- 5.04 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 6/3/19
- 5.05 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 6/17/19
- 5.06 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Mayor Presiding, 6/24/19



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- 5.07 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Local Control, 6/24/19
- 5.08 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 6/24/19
- 5.09 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 7/15/19
- 5.10 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Mayor Presiding, 8/12/19
- 5.11 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Local Control, 8/12/19
- 5.12 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 8/12/19
- 5.13 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Local Control, 8/26/19
- 5.14 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 8/26/19
- 5.15 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, City Council, 9/9/19
- 5.16 COMMUNICATION: Sweep Report 8/31/19
- 5.17 COMMUNICATION: Disarm Cops, Josh Biggs
- 5.18 COMMUNICATION: F-35 Basing Environmental Impact, Robert Thiefels
- 5.19 COMMUNICATION: Remarks to City Council, James Leas, 9/23/19
- 5.20 COMMUNICATION: Ira Allen School Building, Martha Lang
- 5.21 COMMUNICATION: Unauthorized Negotiations School Sale, Martha Lang
- 5.22 COMMUNICATION: AmeriCorps Formula Grant
- 5.23 COMMUNICATION: Mirabelles Property Lease, Airport
- 5.24 COMMUNICATION: HTA Contract, Airport (Place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 6.09)
- 5.25 COMMUNICATION: Krisha Construction, Inc. Contract, Airport
- 5.26 COMMUNICATION: Jacobs Engineering Group, Airport
- 5.27 COMMUNICATION: Senior Capital Project Accountant Position
- 5.28 COMMUNICATION: Office Assistant II Position, Community Justice Center
- 5.29 COMMUNICATION: Notice of Decision: Good Fast Food Trust License Recommendations
- 5.30 COMMUNICATION: Openings, Burlington City Commissions/Boards
- 5.31 COMMUNICATION: Public Restroom Procurement
- 5.32 COMMUNICATION: Minutes, Board of Finance, July through December 2018
- 5.33 COMMUNICATION: Investment Summary



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5.34 COMMUNICATION: Conservation Legacy Fund Disbursement Request, Arms Forest

5.35 COMMUNICATION: Letter to Brookfield, 9/27/19

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to adopt the consent agenda, Items 5.01 – 5.35, and take the action indicated. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Council President Wright recessed the City Council meeting at 8:31 PM to convene the Full Board of Abatement meeting. The City Council meeting resumed at 8:33 PM.

6.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

6.01 Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit (one day): Church Street Marketplace

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Paulino, to grant a one day Special Event outdoor Entertainment Permit for Church Street Marketplace District in front of Outdoor Gear Exchange, 37 Church Street between Bank and Cherry Street, on 10/17/19 for a film screening. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

6.02 Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit (24 hours): Flynn Center for the Performing Arts

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to grant a Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit for 24 hours to Flynn Center for Performing Arts, Church Street by the City Hall fountains, on 10/24/19 to 10/25/19 for PROTEST SONG by violinist with no amplified music 2 AM to 7 AM. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

6.03 Public Hearing: ZA#20-01 District 5 Boundaries

The public hearing was opened at 8:35 PM.

COMMENTS

Jonathan Farrell, COTS, 187-189 Church Street, requested having the parcel included in the district boundaries.

There were no further comments.

The public hearing was closed at 8:36 PM.

6.04 Ordinance: ZA#20-01 District 5 Boundaries



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MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the ordinance on FD5 Boundaries.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Mason explained the evaluation of properties to be included in Form District 5.
- Senior Planner Tuttle explained the discussion by the Planning Commission on the parcels in FD5 and the plan to discuss parcels in a Form District 4.
- Councilor Shannon said the Planning Department and Ordinance Committee have been responsive to the concerns expressed by the neighborhoods. The COTS building/Wilson Hotel is included in the district.
- Councilor Pine said in the south end there are sites that do not appear suitable for inclusion. Senior Planner Tuttle said all the parcels were included originally, but based on feedback on encroachment of commercial businesses they were removed.
- Councilor Bushor said zoning is fluid. Residents were aware of the changes and had opportunity to request a change.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

6.05 Housing Policy Reforms – Councilors Mason, Paul, Dieng, Roof, Paulino

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Paul, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution on the Housing Policy reforms as drafted.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Mason reviewed the proposal, noting there will be significant public process before adoption of any proposals.
- Mayor Weinberger recognized the multi-department team effort to bring the issues forward. The proposal will provide more housing affordable to Burlingtonians. Progress has been made with over 500 permanently affordable homes in Burlington and continued outreach to add more. Improvements have been made with code enforcement efforts and to protect tenants in rental housing. Progress has been made in how the market creates more affordable housing which created over 600 new market rate apartments and targeted the vacancy rate and rental rates. All the issues of the housing crisis are not addressed with the proposals, but work is progressing on the critical elements.
- Senior Planner Tuttle reviewed the proposals for housing policy reform including update of energy efficiency standards in rentals, making it easier to build accessory dwelling units, having regulations for short term rentals, reforming requirements for new parking, supporting contribution to the Housing Trust Fund, and recommendations on building inspections.
- Councilor Shannon expressed concern about eliminated the parking requirement for accessory dwelling units and urged considering other options (tandem parking). Also, short term rentals in some cases should not be allowed so there is more housing for people who live in Burlington rather than tourists. Eliminating the minimum number of parking spaces for new development downtown should be reviewed because eliminating the parking many not necessarily decrease the carbon footprint and puts stress on the community.

AMENDMENT by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, to edit Line 26 by inserting “, and the city is committed to increasing awareness of this information and making it more accessible and user friendly” after the word “rating”.



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DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT (Line 26):

- Councilor Hanson said the current text is difficult to understand.
- Councilor Paul explained the 5-star system for tenants to have a tool to evaluate properties. All properties have been evaluated and the information will be posted online. The 5-star system has and is actively being worked on.
- Councilor Roof said a free app is being developed on rental properties.

VOTING on amendment to Line 26: unanimous; motion carried.

AMENDMENT by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Tracy, to edit Line 129 by inserting: D) Revising parking maximums so as to prevent an overbuilding of parking that would undermine the goals of the policy change."

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT (Line 129):

- Councilor Hanson said the intent is to prevent overbuilding and promote alternatives such as car share, biking, walking.

VOTING on amendment to Line 129: 10 ayes, 2 nays (Councilors Paulino, Shannon); motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:

- Councilor Dieng asked about the resources allocated for homelessness and why this is not included in the proposals. Mayor Weinberger said the Housing Trust Fund is being expanded which will allow investing in local resources in helping homelessness. Funds have been used to expand the operation of the warming shelter and to support a low barrier shelter. Homelessness numbers are down from a peak a few years ago due to policy changes the city supported or has been a part of, most notably the Housing First model. Councilor Dieng commented chronic homelessness is on the rise while homelessness is going down.
- Councilor Tracy expressed concern about parking (needs balancing out), dwelling units (short term rentals need more discussion), and the Housing Trust Fund (progressive taxation).
- Mayor Weinberger said a funding mechanism needs to be created to restore the base level of the Housing Trust Fund and expand this over time. Ways to supplement the Fund with new revenue sources are being investigated via inclusionary zoning and short term rentals.

AMENDMENT by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Pine to edit Line 146 by adding "and two cents per \$100 of assessed property value" after "one and a half cents per \$100 of assessed property value".

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT:

- Councilor Freeman urged looking for other revenue streams now.

VOTING on amendment to Line 146: unanimous; motion carried.

AMENDMENT by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to add prior to Line 138: "E) Creating other possible regulatory mechanisms including transportation demand management requirements to ensure additional investment in alternative transportation.", and strike Lines 138 and 139.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT:

- Mayor Weinberger said transportation demand management plans can be helpful for new development. Substantial staff time is required. The resolution removes parking minimums and begins the lengthy



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statutory process to put in place an alternate transportation impact fee as a way to achieve the goal of alternative transportation.

- Councilor Tracy said City Council should be informed of the challenges of putting alternative transportation in place.
- Councilor Hanson said transportation demand management is a proven tool that City Council should hear more about.
- Councilor Roof said nothing precludes discussion of the issue. The Administration is asked to send the information to the Community Development Committee.
- Councilor Mason said there will be a report on January 1st so the amendment is not necessary. Discussion can be held then.
- Councilor Freeman said if there is a regulatory framework to require parking then it should not be too difficult for transportation demand management. More information is needed. The language is clear on eliminating parking and the amendment puts teeth into transportation demand management so developers are not given a handout.
- Councilor Bushor said the language in the resolution does not bind the city.
- Councilor Shannon pointed out the resolution is exploratory and a referral to the committee before coming back to City Council for action. Transportation demand management is in the resolution already.

VOTING on amendment to Line 138: 7 ayes, 5 nays (Councilors Wright, Shannon, Mason, Dieng, Roof); motion carried.

CONTINUED DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:

- Councilor Paul said there are items in the resolution that need further conversation. The specifics from the committee can be debated.
- Councilor Hanson asked if the parking reduction is in the zone or along the thoroughfare. Senior Planner Tuttle said properties wholly within the zoning district and those within 100' of a major thoroughfare are included.
- Councilor Pine said the resolution is critical to advance the housing recommendations for the community and support the goals of the city.

VOTING on resolution as amended: unanimous; motion carried.

6.06 Reinvestment in Burlington Telecom - Councilors Wright, Bushor

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, **SECOND** by Councilor Hanson, to waive the reading and adopt the revised resolution on reinvestment in BT.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bushor said the resolution gives a history of potential use of BT proceeds.

AMENDMENT by Councilor Mason, **SECOND** by Councilor Paulino, to delete "and" from Line 61 and add "and" at the end of Line 64 and a Resolve clause to say "Exploring other uses of the sales proceeds in the event City Council elects not to reinvest any portion in Champlain Broadband."

DISCUSSION of amendment (add resolve clause):

- Councilor Mason said the rollover is optional and the rollover can be all or a portion.



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VOTING on amendment to add a resolve clause: 11 ayes, one nay (Councilor Dieng); motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:

- Councilor Shannon said it is not clear what the resolution is accomplishing that is not already happening.
- Councilor Bushor said the resolution was drafted before additional information from the City Attorney was received. The public should have the information.
- Councilor Paulino opposed reinvesting funds in BT when there are other capital improvements and safer investments that can be done.

Councilor Mason facilitated the meeting to allow Council President Wright to comment.

- Councilor President Wright said there is no reason to oppose getting as much information as possible before making a decision. The voters would want to know if there is potential for significant dividends with reinvestment in BT. The decision should be based on the facts.
- Councilor Dieng said there are other opportunities for the money than reinvesting in BT.
- Councilor Shannon said there is a process already in place and City Council will receive the information so the resolution is not necessary.
- Councilor Bushor recalled the money put into BT was spent for infrastructure for the system to supply more than just Burlington. Schurz and Champlain Broadband do not have the same restrictions that BT had. The information will help understand the risk of reinvestment.
- Councilor Dieng urged standing on principle and on the previous vote.
- Councilor President Wright reiterated there is gain in getting all the information and doing due diligence.
- Councilor Paul said the resolution does not preclude getting more information if wanted and the amendment says other uses of the proceeds will be explored.
- Councilor Freeman spoke in support of having open access to information.
- Councilor Mason said the city no longer has an ownership interest after the sale of BT.
- City Attorney Blackwood said the resolution is looking at return on the reinvestment.

VOTING ON RESOLUTION AS AMENDED: 9 ayes, 3 nays (Councilors Paulino, Shannon, Dieng); motion carried.

Council President Wright resumed facilitation of the meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, **SECOND** by Councilor Pine, to suspend the rules at 10:30 PM to only complete the Deliberative Agenda through Item 6.09. **VOTING;** unanimous; motion carried.

6.07 Expanding Voting Rights in Municipal Elections – Councilor Roof

MOTION by Councilor Roof, **SECOND** by Councilor Paul, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution on expanding voting rights in municipal elections.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Roof said the goal of the city's 2014 Diversity & Equity Strategic Plan is to create a more inclusive



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and engaged community. As of 2014 over 3,000 Burlington residents were ineligible to vote due to their status as refugees. Opening opportunity to vote on local issues helps lower barriers to the democratic process. It is a complicated issue which the state legislature will be discussing as well.

- Councilor Paulino spoke in support of legal immigration and the resolution.
- Councilor Shannon recalled the public opposed a similar vote five years ago, but it is worth discussing again. The legal complications of granting the power to vote to non-citizens should be discussed.
- Councilor Hanson said people in the community who pay taxes, have children in the schools, own businesses and are part of the community deserve a say over the policies that influence their lives.
- Councilor Bushor said the community is far more diverse now and more people want to have meaningful engagement.
- Councilor Freeman said given the injustices historically around governing it seems odd now to decide who has the right to the land and to make decisions.
- Councilor Dieng said he became a U.S. citizen and looked forward to becoming a citizen in order to vote. Voting is scared. There are immigrants who are citizens and most do not vote. That is where the focus should be as well as helping people on a pathway to citizenship and their right as a citizen to vote. The resolution is in contradiction to S.110 in the state senate which says different information about community members should not be held. There should be one list of qualified voters who should show up and vote. The critical foundation of the democracy should be strengthened and the people engaged to move forward on the pathway to citizenship, community engagement, one ballot item, one list of voters.
- Councilor Pine said to have an open democracy and stronger community for more people then break down barriers and make the people part of the community so they feel welcome and become more engaged.
- Councilor Roof said 40 states between 1776-1920 allowed non-citizens to vote so this is not unprecedented. There has been an ongoing evolution of conversation.
- Councilor Dieng asked about the difference between the current resolution and the resolution five years ago. Council President Wright said the prior resolution had questions on voting and serving on local boards and commissions. Both questions failed.

VOTING: 10 ayes, 2 nays (Council President Wright, Councilor Dieng); motion carried.

6.08 Questions from Special Committee to Review Policing Policies

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to authorize the Special Committee to Review Policing Practices to spend up to the authorized budget for the purpose of securing one or more trusted and independent third parties to support the review and recommendation process.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Shannon said the question is authorization to hire one or more consultants as desired with the \$50,000 available to the committee. The committee is not requesting a change in the mission of the funds.
- Councilor Paulino recalled the \$50,000 was for one 3rd party consultant to revise the Use of Force Policy. City Attorney Blackwood said the committee interprets the mission more broadly. The signed resolution forming the committee and the minutes of the committee meeting confirm the funding is to be used for a broad number of issues.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.



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6.09 HTA Contract – Airport

MOTION by Councilor Paul, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to authorize the Aviation Director to execute a contract with Hoyle Tanner & Associates (HTA) in the amount of up to \$382,321 with a 15% contingency of \$57,348 for a total authorization of up to \$439,669 for the design, permitting and bidding services for the construction of the Terminal Apron South Phase 7 and Glycol Treatment Project subject to final review and approval by the City Attorney, and further, to approve a budget amendment to the FY20 Burlington Airport Budget for the Terminal Apron South Phase 7 and Glycol Treatment Project by increasing/decreasing the following accounts: 420-35-700 9500_110 Capital Expenditures \$39,669; 420-35-700 4875_125 Federal Grant Revenue \$35,702; 420-35-700 4990_400 Interfund Transfer Proceeds (local share) \$3,967.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Hanson said City Council has twice declared a climate emergency so it is time to start questioning what are typically normal decisions. The contract is expanding the airport and airport operations with more planes and flights when the focus should be on mitigating environmental impacts.
- Councilor Paul said normally the entire airport administration team would be present to offer information, but Councilor Hanson made it clear he would not have questions. Overnighting planes is a way of expanding air service, and if that is not done then people will find ways to go long distances that preclude using electric vehicles. The leadership at the airport supports rail service and does not see rail as a competitor. With larger planes available then people do not have to drive long distances to get to an airport for a plane to their destination. It does not decrease the carbon footprint by making people travel farther to get to their destination. There is an online brochure on how the airport has been a leader in energy efficiency and having a sustainable airport. The solar panels on the garage were installed for \$1.5 million in 2015 and will generate a savings of \$3.5 million over the following three decades – a good example of investment in an outcome all wanted.
- Councilor Freeman said behavior must be changed and travel reduced. Aviation should not be expanded.

VOTING: 9 ayes, 3 nays (Councilors Freeman, Hanson, Tracy); motion carried.

6.10 Letter to Brookfield

Postponed to 10/28/19 meeting.

7.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

8.0 CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

No report.

9.0 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES



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No report.

10.0 MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

No report.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to adjourn the meeting. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 11:07 PM.

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