



City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting - Monday, September 21, 2015 - Contois Auditorium, City Hall 9/21/2015

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

BURLINGTON BOARD OF ABATEMENT

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

September 21, 2015

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Knodell (Council President) – Central District

Selene Colburn – East District

Joan Shannon – South District

David Hartnett – North District

Sharon Foley Bushor – Ward 1

Max Tracy – Ward 2

Sara Giannoni – Ward 3

Kurt Wright – Ward 4

William “Chip” Mason – Ward 5

Karen Paul – Ward 6

Tom Ayres – Ward 7

Adam Roof – Ward 8

ADMINISTRATION: Miro Weinberger, Mayor

Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

Bob Rusten, CAO

Rich Goodwin, ACAO



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Brian Lowe, Special Projects Coordinator Mayor's Office

Jen Kaulius, Executive Secretary Mayor's Office

Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary Clerk/Treasurer Office

Chapin Spencer, Public Works Director

Seth Lasker, Fire Chief

Ken Nolan, BED

Jesse Bridges, Parks & Rec

John Vickery, City Assessor

Martha Keenan, DPW

Marcy Esbjerg, CEDO

OTHERS PRESENT: Jacob Perkinson, Fire Commission

John Bossange, Parks & Rec Commission

Nancy Kaplan, Parks & Rec Commission

Colin Robinson, CCRPC Appointee

Ron Ruloff, Cathedral Square

Michael Mahoney, Vermont Air National Guard

John St. Francis, Cherry Street

Bob McGowan, Alder Lane

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 9:07 PM on September 21, 2015. 1.01 Agenda

MOTION by Councilor Knodell, SECOND by Councilor Shannon, to approve the agenda as presented.
VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

2.01 PROCEDURAL: Amend/Adopt Consent Agenda and Take Action(s) as Indicated



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2.02 COMMUNICATION: List of Requests

2.03 ABATE REQUEST: Miller North Properties, 2-4 North Winooski Ave.

2.04 ABATE REQUEST: Miller Properties, 71 Church Street

2.05 ABATE REQUEST: Bigger Boat, LLC, 37 Church Street

2.06 ABATE REQUEST: Linnea Taylor, 7 Northshore Drive

2.07 ABATE REQUEST: Joel Miller, 84 Deforest Heights

MOTION by Councilor Knodell, SECOND by Councilor Shannon, to accept the consent agenda (Items 2.01-2.07), waive the reading, accept the communications, take the action(s) indicated and place the item(s) on file. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

3.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

3.01 Request for Abatement of Taxes: Sherril Musty, 85 Crescent Road

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Shannon, to abate the penalties and interest that accrued as a result of Ms. Musty paying according to the arrangement recommended by the committee recommendation implicitly approved by the full board when it was taken up to avoid a manifest injustice based on Ms. Musty's adherence to the arrangement and to acknowledge as long as Ms. Musty pays the amount agreed to by the committee that no penalties or interest for incomplete payments will be assessed and to the extent required by law the charges shall be abated as they accrue.

DISCUSSION: Councilor Mason explained the subcommittee made the recommendation that in essence enabled Ms. Musty to keep her house and pay in accordance with a payment schedule with the bulk being repaid upon resale of the property. The full recommendation was not reflected in what City Council approved so the Treasurer's Office was assessing Ms. Musty penalties and interest. The motion is an attempt to make the situation right.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.

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