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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

August 12, 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 [via telephone]

William “Chip” Mason – Ward 5 [via telephone]

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

John Vickery, Assessor



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Deanna Paluba, HR

Brian Lowe, IT

Lori Olberg, C/T

Amy Bovee, C/T

Chapin Spencer, DPW

Cindi Wight, Parks & Rec

VJ Comai, City Arborist

OTHERS PRESENT:

Vincent Pierce

Blane Bowlin

John Valente

Representatives from Urban Offsets

Ernie Carver

Lucy Gluck

Jim Sullivan

James Leas

Laurie Larson

Jean Kennedy

Will Hurd

Marguerite Adelman

Jackie Schultz

Marilyn Alix

Andrew Simon

Karen Montague

Charlie Messing

Jean Hopkins

Stan Hills

Jennifer Decker

Kai Forlie



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Charles Simpson
Janet Kahn
Joanne Hunt
Genevieve Jacobs
Laura Nace
Brynne Martin
Mark Benton
Natalie Brown
Shane Caruth
Brian Cina
J.F. Carter Newhauser
Beau Doucette

[Note: Minutes reflect order of the published agenda.]

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Council President Wright called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM on August 12, 2019.

1.01 Agenda

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

- **Note correction to Item 3.05 (CY2019 Sidewalk Program Contract)**
- **Note revised materials and Remove Item 3.26 (Downtown Parking and Transportation Management Agreement with BBA) and place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 4.12**
- **Note revisions to Item 3.29 (Quitclaim for 61 Tracy Drive)**
- **Remove Item 3.33 (Appoint E-911 Coordinator) and place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 4.11**
- **Remove Item 3.34 (Shelburne Street Roundabout) and place on 9/9/19 City Council Deliberative Agenda**
- **Note revisions and Remove Item 3.35 (Upgrades to PARCS) and place on Deliberative Agenda as Item 4.13**
- **Add Item 3.36 (Vermont Gas and George Parcel Easements)**
- **Add Item 3.37 (VLCT Annual Meeting and Voting Delegate)**



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- **Add Item 3.38 (CCRPC Memo on Downtown Parking & Transportation Management Plan)**
- **Add Item 3.39 (Improving Public Parking Experience)**
- **Add Item 3.40 CATMA Memo on Downtown Parking & Transportation Management Plan)**
- **Add Item 3.41 as revised (South Burlington Memo on E-LM Zoning Amendments)**
- **Add Item 3.42 (Comments from James Marc Leas)**
- **Note revised materials for Item 4.08 (Basing Nuclear Weapons at Airport)**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Following the Parks & Rec Annual Report (See Item 4.01), City Council was recessed at 7:28 PM to convene the City Council with Mayor Presiding meeting. The City Council meeting resumed at 7:33 PM.

2.0 PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum was opened at 7:34 PM.

COMMENTS

- Ernie Carver spoke against nuclear weapons and the F-35.
- Lucy Gluck spoke against nuclear capable weapons in Vermont and in support of the resolution.
- Jim Sullivan spoke of the UVM Transportation Center FY20 agreement with BBA and advancing parking goals in the city.
- James Leas spoke in support of the resolution against basing nuclear bomb planes in the city.
- Laurie Larson spoke against the F-35s.
- Julie Masuka read a statement by Rosanne Grecko against nuclear war and nuclear weapon delivery systems.
- Jean Kennedy spoke of nuclear sites and accidents in the US.
- Will Hurd urged passing a climate emergency declaration.
- Marguerite Adelman, Winooski resident, denounced nuclear weapons in Vermont.
- Jackie Schultz spoke against nuclear weapons at the airport.
- Marilyn Alix, Colchester, spoke against nuclear weapons in Vermont.
- Andrew Simon spoke in support of the resolution against nuclear basing at the airport.
- Karen Montague, Winooski, spoke against the F-35s.
- Charlie Messing showed a model of a "port-a-loo" that has a cost of \$150,000 while composting toilets can be purchased for \$1,000 each. Mr. Messing also spoke against the F-35s.
- Jean Hopkins spoke against the F-35s and in support of the resolution.
- Stan Hills spoke against the F-35 and support for the resolution.
- Jennifer Decker spoke in support of the resolution against nuclear systems.
- Kai Forlie spoke in support of the resolution against the F-35 and warned of biosolids contaminating the soil.
- Charles Simpson spoke against the F-35 and in support of the resolution.
- Janet Kahn spoke in support of the resolution and against the F-35s.
- Joanne Hunt spoke against the F-35s and in support of the resolution.
- Genevieve Jacobs spoke in support of the proposal against nuclear weapons and the F-35s, and preventing a menace.
- Laurie Nace spoke against carbon offsets, building more parking infrastructure, and the F-35s.
- Brynne Martin, South Burlington, spoke against the F-35s and infrastructure in support of fossil fuels and carbon



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offsets.

- Mark Benton spoke in support of selling the carbon offsets and planting as many trees as possible.
- Natalie Brown spoke in support of the F-35 resolution and planting more trees and not building more capacity for cars.
- Shane Caruth, Williston, spoke against the F-35 system.
- Brian Cina spoke against a nuclear weapon delivery system in the state.
- J.F. Newhauser spoke about replacing more city councilors and the Mayor and Mayor's Office staff with people who represent the city.

There were no further comments from the public. Public Forum was closed at 8:34 PM.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

3.02 COMMUNICATION: Accountability List

3.03 COMMUNICATION: Board of Finance Meeting Dates

3.04 COMMUNICATION: 2019 Equitability Sharing Agreement and Certification

3.05 COMMUNICATION: CY2019 Sidewalk Program Contract

3.06 COMMUNICATION: Champlain Elementary Pedestrian Improvements Project

3.07 COMMUNICATION: BCA Event Planner Position and Assistant Event Coordinator Position

3.08 COMMUNICATION: Part-Time Custodian I Position (Parks & Rec Dept.)

3.09 COMMUNICATION: CEDP Community Justice Center Positions

3.10 COMMUNICATION: Contract Documents, Cured-in-Place Pipe Lining

3.11 COMMUNICATION: Single Axle Truck and Ambulance Purchase

3.12 COMMUNICATION: Historical Marker, Main St./St. Paul Street

3.13 REPORT: Board of Health FY2018 & FY2019

3.14 COMMUNICATION: Outdoor Seating, 156 St. Paul Street

3.15 COMMUNICATION: Liszt Historical Restoration, 131 Main Street

3.16 COMMUNICATION: Trees & Grounds Facility Contract

3.17 COMMUNICATION: Biosolids Management

3.18 COMMUNICATION: Airport Property Lease

3.19 COMMUNICATION: Rules for NPA USE of City Expense Funds

3.20 PERMIT RENEWAL: Indoor Entertainment, Swan Dojo, 19 Church Street



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- 3.21 PERMIT: Special Event, North Country Kettlebells, 688 Pine Street, 9/6/19
- 3.22 PERMIT: Special Event, South End, September 6-8, 2019
- 3.23 PERMIT: Special Event, Lake Champlain Chocolates, 8/15/19
- 3.24 COMMUNICATION: Public Records and Record Retention Coordinator Positions
- 3.25 COMMUNICATION: FIO Document(s)
- 3.26 RESOLUTION: Downtown Parking & Transportation Management Agreement with BBA (moved to agenda item 4.12)
- 3.27 RESOLUTION: Option Agreement/Ground Lease, BTV Hotel, LLC
- 3.28 RESOLUTION: Quitclaim Deed, 26 Nicklaus Circle, South Burlington
- 3.29 RESOLUTION: Quitclaim Deed, 61 Tracy Drive
- 3.30 RESOLUTION: Quitclaim Deed, 51 Cayuga Court
- 3.31 RESOLUTION: Quitclaim Deed, 39 Westward Drive
- 3.32 RESOLUTION: Quitclaim Deed, 235 Pleasant Avenue
- 3.33 RESOLUTION: E-911 Coordinator Appointment (moved to agenda Item 4.11)
- 3.34 RESOLUTION: Shelburne Street Roundabout Project (removed from agenda)
- 3.35 RESOLUTION: Upgrades to PARCS
- 3.36 COMMUNICATION: Easements with Vermont Gas and George Parcel
- 3.37 COMMUNICATION: VLCT Annual Meeting and Voting Delegate
- 3.38 COMMUNICATION: CCRPC re: Downtown Parking & Transportation Management Plan
- 3.39 COMMUNICATION: Improving Public Parking Experience
- 3.40 COMMUNICATION: CATMA re: Partnership Agreement with BBA & DPW
- 3.41 COMMUNICATION: South Burlington Memo on E-LM Zoning Amendments
- 3.42 COMMUNICATION: Comments to City Council from James Leas

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to waive the reading, adopt the consent agenda and take the action indicated.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Bushor reported the Board of Finance discussed biosolids going to the landfill and that CSWD is looking at new technology.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.





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The City Council meeting was recessed at 8:35 PM to convene the Local Control Commission. The City Council meeting resumed at 8:55 PM.

4.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

4.01 Report: Parks & Rec Commission Annual Report

Vincent Pierce, Chair of the Parks & Rec Commission, and Parks and Rec Director Wight spoke positively of the commission members and monthly meetings that are held around the city to provide more accessibility for the public. The annual report lists issues dealing with items such as e-bikes on the bike path and the City Hall Park renovation.

Councilor Bushor acknowledged the dedication of the people who volunteer on behalf of the community, spoke in support of the report format which notes the issue and the outcome, and having more than one student representative on the commission for input on parks.

Councilor Tracy asked when the public bathrooms will be in place at the marina and water front promenade. Parks & Rec Director Wight said she will get back to City Council on the bathrooms on the promenade, but the building on the marina is expected to be done by the end of September (the building will have bathrooms).

Councilor Dieng mentioned the need for good attendance at the commission meetings and asked about enforcement of the speed limit on the bikeway. Park & Rec Director Wight said it is hoped the bike riders will follow the guideline of 15 mph. People on e-bikes are not the ones speeding on the bike path. Councilor Dieng asked for a report on the number of people using the services of the Rec Dept., both residents and non-residents, and a report on enforcement of speeding on the bike path.

Lori Olberg was recognized for providing guidance with the format of the commission annual report.

4.02 Presentation: Reappraisal Project by Tyler Technologies, Inc.

City Assessor Vickery and Blane Bowlin, and John Valente with Tyler Technologies reviewed the process to be followed with the next reappraisal. The last reappraisal was done in 2006. In 2018 the state said it is time to bring properties to current market value. The appraisal process for residential and commercial properties includes collecting and analyzing data, doing valuation and review, holding public hearings, and appeals.

Councilor Dieng asked how the assessment is done. City Assessor Vickery said data in the records will be used and verified by a site visit if there are questions about the property. The city will know of changes to the property because property owners must get a permit to do any improvements.



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4.03 CCRPC Alt term expires 6/30/21

MOTION by Councilor Hanson to nominate Jenna Pugliese as the alternate representative for Burlington on CCRPC.

Councilor Bushor expressed concern about the individual having expertise on the city.

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to re-advertise the position.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Hanson said the nominee is qualified to serve in the position.

VOTING on re-advertising: 3 ayes, 7 nays (Councilor Paulino, Councilor Roof, Councilor Paul, Councilor Tracy, Councilor Dieng, Councilor Freeman, Councilor Hanson) [Councilors Mason and Pine not present for vote]; motion did not carry.

VOTING on nominee: 8 ayes, 2 nays (Councilor Shannon, Councilor Bushor); motion carried.

Jenna Pugliese is appointed as the alternate to the CCRPC for a term that expires 6/30/21

4.04 Fence Viewer

MOTION by Councilor Hanson to nominate Shay Totten. There were no other nominations. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

4.05 Green Mountain Transit Board Alternate term expires 6/30/22

MOTION by Councilor Hanson to nominate Megan Polyte. There were no other nominations. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

Megan Polyte is appointed alternate to the GMT Board for a term that expires 6/30/22.

4.06 Indoor Entertainment Permit Application 2019-2020: Burly Axe, 294 North Winooski Ave.

MOTION by Councilor Roof, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to postpone action until 8/26/19 pending further information. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

4.07 Urban Offsets Tree Program



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MOTION by Councilor Paul, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution to enter into a contract with Urban Offsets and to create a reserve fund for revenue generated by the sale of carbon offsets to support the city's Tree and Conservation Programming.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Paul stated the Board of Finance approved the resolution. This is to find alternate revenues beyond the property tax and establish a reserve fund to do urban tree plantings. There is no guarantee the offsets will sell.
- Councilor Hanson argued the offsets will not result in more trees being planted and will decreasing carbon for another company when Burlington has not achieved its own carbon goals.
- Councilor Bushor noted there are restrictions on the sale of the carbon offsets.
- The representatives from Urban Offsets explained the carbon offsets and how they are environmentally beneficial. There is also a guarantee to buyback the offsets if they go bad.
- Councilor Roof asked about the types of firms doing the buying. The representatives from Urban Offsets said E-corps, universities, public entities, Duke University, and Major League Soccer is a short list of buyers. Urban Offsets uses NAICS code to identify buyers.
- City Arborist Comai said staff is working to replace just the ash trees in the city that will be lost to the ash borer beetle and the cost is beyond the budget so any extra funding will help.
- Mayor Weinberger said the city is trying to sustain an historically high amount of tree planting in the community and do so without adding to the tax burden and to strengthen the price on carbon.
- Councilor Freeman said considerable investment will be needed in transition strategies that require significant public spending to address the climate crisis. Duke and other companies buying carbon credits should be making the investment on their own. The city does need to find new revenue to address climate change and one step is Duke pricing their pollution to fund tree planting in Burlington.
- Councilor Hanson agreed the investment needs to be increased. Burlington has a goal of net zero like Duke.

VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Mason (via telephone) – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – nay, Council President Wright – aye (7 ayes, 4 nays) [Councilor Pine not present for vote]; motion carried.

4.08 Nuclear Weapon Delivery Systems on VTANG Base – Councilors Hanson, Freeman, Tracy, Pine

MOTION by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, to approve the resolution as revised on opposing basing any nuclear weapon delivery systems on the Vermont Air National Guard base at Burlington Airport.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Hanson read a statement on the focus of the resolution being upgrades to the F-35 planes to make them nuclear capable and Burlington Airport hosting nuclear weaponry.
- Councilor Shannon stated the threat of nuclear war is real, but City Council does not control basing of the F-35 planes. According to Senator Sanders Office (letter of 2/14/19) there are no plans to deploy nuclear weapons from Burlington. The F-35 is not a bomber. If the F-35 becomes nuclear capable not all planes will carry. The F-15, F-16, and F-18 airplanes were all nuclear capable. The F-16s based in Burlington did not carry nuclear weapons, and there is no reason to assume the F-35s will do so. Military bases using nuclear weapons must go through an extensive certification process, and that is extremely unlikely since Burlington Airport is a dual civilian/military installation.



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Councilor Freeman called for a recess. The meeting was recessed for five minutes. When the meeting resumed Councilor Shannon facilitated so Council President Wright could offer an amendment to the resolution.

AMENDMENT by Council President Wright, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to add language to the resolution to say:

- **City Council recognizes the Vermont Air National Guard Fighter Wing 158 will receive the F-35 A3F jets, and understands strong opposition to a nuclear mission will have no impact on the F-35s coming in September. City Council wishes the Air National Guard a successful mission and safe flights when the planes are flown, understands the importance of noise mitigation and requests a report on these efforts from the Director of Aviation at the first meeting in October. A statement against a nuclear mission can be made, but it is understood passing the resolution will not stop the F-35s. The F-35 has been approved. The Secretary of the Air Force was asked to replace the F-35s and declined. People must not be misled to think the resolution will stop the F-35s. The Vermont Senate resolution against nuclear weapons also had no impact on the arrival of the F-35 jets.**

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT (by Wright):

- **Councilor Dieng opined the amendment changes the substance of the resolution. The capacity to add nuclear systems to the F-35 is there. Any airplane with that capability should not be at Burlington Airport. The Aviation Director can give a report on the noise mitigation effort without the resolution.**
- **Councilor Paulino asked about postponing action on the amendment to the next meeting so a separate resolution can be drafted. City Attorney Blackwood said an amendment cannot be postponed.**

AMENDMENT by Councilor Paulino, SECOND by Council President Wright, to insert "We do hope the resolution will eliminate the nuclear capability of the F-35A jets." to the resolution.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT (by Paulino):

- **Council President Wright reiterated according to the Vermont Air National Guard there will be no nuclear capability for the F-35s.**
- **Councilor Bushor suggested stating nuclear capability should not be allowed rather than having a blanket statement.**

MOTION by Council President Wright, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to suspend the rules at 10:30 PM to complete Item 4.08 (Nuclear Weapon Delivery Systems), Item 4.12 (Downtown Parking and Transportation Management), and Item 4.13 (PARCS). VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

VOTING on amendment by Councilor Paulino to add statement on eliminating nuclear capability on the F-35s (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Pine – nay, Councilor roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – Nay, Council President Wright – aye (7 ayes, 5 nays); motion carried.



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AMENDMENT by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to make the amendment by Council President Wright a separate resolution.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT:

- Council President Wright expressed agreement with the comments from Councilor Bushor about not being able to create resolutions on the fly which is a slippery slope.
- Councilor Paulino spoke in support of dividing the question to avoid complicating the issue of nuclear capability or delivery systems in Vermont.
- Councilor Hanson said the language in the amendment warps the intention of the original resolution and should be considered separately.
- Councilor Roof stressed the discussion is about the F-35s. Councilors can either support the amendment or not.
- Councilor Freeman stated there should be clarity on what is being done. The question should be divided.
- Councilor Paul said there is no disagreement with the facts in the amendment by Council President Wright, but it is not certain the amendment is in the spirit of the resolution. Councilor Paul questioned why making the amendment a separate resolution is allowable in this instance when in a previous instance it was not.
- Council President Wright pointed out the amendment stands with the main point about nuclear capability. Nuclear mission is directly tied to nuclear capability and there is no nuclear mission. That is the fact. Allowing separation of the question is a mistake. The amendment adds clear facts. The F-35s cannot be stopped and the public should not be misled otherwise.
- Councilor Dieng opined the amendment changes the substance of the resolution.
- City Attorney Blackwood advised the amendment can stand alone as a resolution, but the decision is by the Chair of the meeting and that decision can be appealed.
- Councilor Shannon stated the issue of creating a resolution on the fly is important to how City Council functions and works together on a regular basis. As Acting Chair, Councilor Shannon ruled the motion to make the amendment a separate resolution out of order.

APPEAL by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, of out of order ruling by the Acting Chair.

DISCUSSION OF APPEAL:

- Councilor Freeman expressed concern about the rhetoric of not doing this before because that does not mean *Roberts Rules of Order* is not being followed.
- Councilor Bushor reiterated creating a resolution on the spot is a dangerous path to take.

CALL THE QUESTION by Council President Wright. There was no second. Discussion continued.

- Councilor Hanson said there are circumstances where there is a resolution and a separate amendment to the resolution, but the advice of legal counsel on the matter should be followed.
- Councilor Shannon confirmed the Chair's decision was based on guidance from the Council's parliamentarian.
- Councilor Paul said a bad precedent is set by trying to overrule the Chair unless the Chair's ruling is egregious.

Councilor Freeman called for a recess. Councilor Shannon as Chair would not allow a recess due to the late hour with remaining business on the agenda.

- City Attorney Blackwood said according to *Roberts Rules* on dividing the question a vote on the amendment



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is needed before the vote on dividing the question.

- **Councilor Freeman withdrew the motion to appeal.**

VOTING on amendment by Council President Wright (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – nay, Council President Wright – aye (7 ayes, 4 nays)[Councilor Pine not present for vote]; motion carried.

MOTION by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to divide the question and pull the amendment.

VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Roof – nay, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Tracy – aye, Council President Wright – nay (7 ayes, 4 nays)[Councilor Pine not present for vote]; motion carried.

VOTING on the resolution excluding the two resolve clauses proposed by Council President Wright (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – aye, Council President Wright – aye (11 ayes, 0 nays)[Councilor Pine not present for vote].

A brief recess was held.

VOTING on amendments by Council President Wright (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – nay, Council President Wright – aye (7 ayes, 4 nays)[Councilor Pine not present for vote]; motion carried.

Council President Wright resumed facilitation of the meeting.

4.09 Ordinance: Fletcher Free Library Rules of Conduct

Postponed.

4.10 Amendment to Rules and Regulations of City Council

Postponed.

4.11 Appointment of E911 Coordinator



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Postponed.

4.12 BBA & Downtown Parking and Transportation Management Division – Board of Finance

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution to approve the Second Amendment with Burlington Business Association regarding the Downtown Parking and Transportation Management Division.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bushor explained the agreement and state of work with the Burlington Business Association (BBA). The Board of Finance recommended approval. Councilor Pine was not present at the Board of Finance meeting.
- Councilor Hanson said there are some issues with multi-model transportation and alternative transportation. The automobile has been prioritized and the priority should be making it easier to navigate the city in all forms of transportation.
- Councilor Roof pointed out the pragmatic and strategic approach to improve parking infrastructure which will lead to less emissions in the city.
- Councilor Paulino observed lots of care and thought was put into the parking system. Knowing where parking is available and being able to pay in an efficient manner is good.
- Councilor Dieng said the parking plan is for visitors to the city, not necessarily the residents.
- Councilor Bushor stated the plan looks to support the vitality of the downtown, great customer service, and a sustainable system.
- Councilor Shannon said the number of parking spaces is not increasing. In fact, the number could even decrease due to the parklets. The plan manages parking so people burn less fossil fuel trying to find parking.
- Mayor Weinberger said it is unfair to say the plan is just about the convenience of drivers. The plan attempts to resolve inefficiencies and people gaming the system.

VOTING: 8 ayes, 2 nays (Councilor Freeman, Councilor Hanson)[Councilors Mason and Pine not present for the vote]; motion carried.

4.13 Upgrades to PARCS and Addendum to PARCS Vendor Contracts – Board of Finance

MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to waive the reading and approve the resolution for upgrades to the Parking Access and Revenue Control System (PARCS) and an addendum to PARCS vendor contracts.

DISCUSSION:

- Councilor Bushor said the Board of Finance unanimously supported the resolution. Councilor Pine was not present at the Board of Finance meeting. The upgrades are to the system already in place at no additional cost.
- DPW staff noted typos in the staff memo and contract with T2 have been corrected. The software will allow greater flexibility in how to manage the garages and solve problems. The existing software will be obsolete in five years. The Police Department has the same platform and is very satisfied.
- Councilor Hanson spoke in support of investment in alternatives to the car.



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- **Councilor Dieng asked about the revenue from parking and what will be done with the old system. DPW Director Spencer said on-street meter revenue is \$2.3 million/year and garage/lot revenue is \$2.5 million/year. Regarding the system, just the software is being purchased. The hardware remains. The price of support is guaranteed for five years.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

5.0 COMMITTEE REPORTS

No report.

6.0 CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

No report.

7.0 CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

No report.

8.0 MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

No report.

9.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The City Council meeting was adjourned at 11:57 PM.

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