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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

June 15, 2020

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Max Tracy

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Brian Pine

Jack Hanson

Franklin Paulino

Perri Freeman

Jane Stromberg

Sarah E Carpenter

Zoraya Hightower

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Eileen Blackwood

Jordan Redell

Olivia LaVecchia

Rich Goodwin

Lori Olberg



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Amy Bovee[CA1]

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

The meeting was called to order by Council President Tracy at 7:06 PM and led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:

- note agenda item 6.02 Public Hearing Regarding Common Area Fees for The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 is now agenda item 2.02 (per City Council President Tracy);
- note agenda item 6.03 Resolution: Allocation Method and Standards For Common Area Fee Formula, And Establishment Of Common Area Fees For The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 (Councilor Shannon) is now agenda item 2.03 (per City Council President Tracy);
- add to the consent agenda item 5.19 Communication: W. Vinson Pierce, III, Member, Parks and Recreation Commission, re: Resignation with the action to "waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy and send a letter of appreciation to W. Vinson Pierce, III thanking him for his time served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission";
- add to the consent agenda item 5.20 Communication: Patrick Murphy, re: Police Budget with the action to "waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file";
- add to the consent agenda item 5.21 Communication: Noah Detzer, Ward Four Inspector of Elections, re: Resignation with the action to "waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file";
- add to the consent agenda item 5.22 Communication: Khalid Almubarak, Ward Two, Inspector of Elections, re: Resignation with the action to "waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file";
- note budget packet for agenda item 6.06 Communication: Amy Jewell, Director, Administration, CSWD, re: Proposed FY 21 Budget;
- add Councilor Dieng as a co-sponsor to agenda item 6.07 Resolution: Supporting Fair & Direct Federal Emergency Aid To Reopen And Rebuild Local American Economies (Councilors Mason, Paul, Carpenter, Paulino, Shannon, Hanson)(per Councilor Dieng)
- remove from the deliberative agenda item 6.04 Ordinance: B.C.O. Streets and Sidewalks -- Excavation and Obstruction Permits -- Public Health emergencies; accommodating business (Department of Public Works, Ordinance Committee, 2nd Reading) and place it on the deliberative agenda as item 5.23

2. COMMUNICATION: CITY ATTORNEY BLACKWOOD, RE: UPDATE ON PENDING POLICE USE OF FORCE LITIGATION
**** EXPECTED EXECUTIVE SESSION****

2.01 Communication: City Attorney Blackwood, re: Update on pending police use of force litigation **expected executive



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session**

MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, that the City Council find the necessity to enter into executive session in order to discuss pending litigation and premature disclosure would put the City at a substantial disadvantage.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Freeman, to enter into executive session.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2.02 Public Hearing Regarding Common Area Fees For The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 **was agenda item 6.02**

There were no public comments during the public hearing for this item.

2.03 Resolution: Allocation Method and Standards For Common Area Fee Formula, And Establishment Of Common Area Fees For The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 (Councilor Shannon) **was agenda item 6.03**

brought the City Council back from executive session and resumed the meeting at 7:36 PM. He led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

3.01 Verbal Comments

- Aden Hadji asked if the City has plans to connect with New American families to hear their experiences on policing, and also asked that the City provide more translating resources for New American families when they interact with the police.
- Jabari Jones voiced support for the demands of the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance's (RJA) Operation Phoenix, which calls for an immediate restructuring of the entire public safety apparatus in the City of Burlington (including an immediate 30% reduction in uniformed officers), as well as demand that the City partner with people-of-color-led business and community in the implementation of a Cultural Empowerment Community Collective and establish an Office of Equal Opportunity, and to fund the Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (REIB) function to enable full operational capacity, and finally, to fire abusive officers Corrow, Campbell, and Bellavance.
- Beatrice Espanola spoke in support of the RJA's demands, noting that these demands are the bare minimum steps



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that can be taken to move toward abolition.

- Zanebia Wilcox spoke about her experiences of being Black in Vermont, and stood by the demands of the RJA.
- Ariella Sturgis voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Fabiola Mujombah voiced solidarity with demands of the RJA, noting that racism is pervasive in healthcare, education, and the police department, and that the City needs a diversified workforce and antibias training.
- Stephanie Haney spoke in support of the RJA's demands and urged the City Council to do the same.
- Mayumi Cornell supported the demands for defunding of police so that people with mental health issues can be helped.
- PJ Tran voiced support for the demands of the RJA, noting that police carry an overwhelming amount of responsibilities and they are not adequately trained to handle all of them, and that the City can redirect these duties and funds into social services.
- Sabrina Comellas spoke in favor of the demands of the RJA.
- Emiliano Void voiced support for the RJA's demands, noting that sweeping changes are occurring across the country and that this community is hoping to find advocates here to carry that work forward.
- Rhiannon Wiley voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Richard Williams spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Iris Mann spoke in solidarity with Black Lives Matter movement, and noted that she stands with the demands of the RJA.
- Zoe Cunningham Cook voiced support for the RJA's demands, noting that defunding the police and reallocating the funds to other community supports would show that the City is prioritizing the dismantling of systemic racism.
- Infinite Culcleasure spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Aaron DaCosta spoke in favor of the RJA's demands and said that the City needs to do a better job of supporting the officers it keeps on its force.
- Ashley LaPorte supported the demands of the RJA and implored the City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Roze voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Vikas Mangipudi noted that the police are not designed and trained to respond to mental health emergencies and yet are the only department that is adequately funded and staffed to respond to emergent situations. He urged the City Council to invest in a public health response team to provide emergency response and follow-up during crisis situations.
- Jessica LaPorte supported the demands of the RJA and asked that the City Council pass a budget that puts funding toward social supports that nurture communities, not violent departments that patrol them.
- Catarina Campbell spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Estefania Puerta ask that budget not pass until the RJA's demands are not met.
- Henry Jamison spoke in solidarity with the demands of the RJA.
- Hailey Fenn spoke in support of defunding the Burlington Police Department, that the community is not made safer by the police, and that the City Council should not pass a budget until the demands of the RJA are met.
- Paul Fleckenstein spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Martha Carpenter echoed others' demands that the City Council not pass a budget until the RJA's demands are met.
- Emma Sopchak voiced support for the RJA's demands and stated that defunding the police is the most obvious first step to take in the larger fight to reconstruct how our institutions address racism.
- Joshua Decatur spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Amy Cronin spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Colby Yi voiced support for the demands of the RJA, noting that an increase in funding for the Burlington Boy's & Girls Club would help to serve as large population of Black and other children of color that would benefit greatly from their services.
- Kristian Brevik voiced support for the RJA's demands.



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- Lisa Cicchetti supported and reiterated the RJA demands.
- Lindsay Barbieri shared appreciation for all public forum speakers, particularly those of color and voicer support for the RJA's demands.
- Ian Lund noted that defunding the police would not leave the community unprotected, but would begin a journey toward progressive community care, and that the Burlington Police Department currently makes the City's constituents feel unsafe.
- Drusilla Roessle called for a reallocation of funds from police to social workers, domestic violence counselors, and substance abuse counselors, echoing the demands of the RJA.
- Eileen Lynch urged the City Council to accept RJA's proposals.
- Carter Neubieser spoke about the demand to decrease the number of police officers in Burlington and how it could potentially lead to unintended consequences. He also spoke about the need to create new emergency response systems for those who are trained appropriately for the many different situations.
- Daron Byerly noted that the police are an institution built on a classist and racist framework, and that incremental reform has not gone far enough in addressing this.
- Amanda Rivera spoke in favor of defunding the Burlington Police Department and that the community is not made safer by investment in police force.
- Karla Salazar spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Betsey McGavisk reiterated the demands of the RJA.
- Emily Kueppers spoke in support of demands of RJA.
- Hannah Brislin spoke about a decrease in the police workforce, stating that the Mayor's proposal is unacceptable and that the RJA's demands are not unreasonable.
- Michael Lawler reiterated the demands of the RJA and voiced his support for them.
- Kiah Morris urged the City Council to rethink this budget process, noting that the community has spoken clearly and with specificity around demands that need to be met, but are not being heeded. She urged them to heed the demands of the RJA.
- Llu Mulvaney-Stanak thanked everyone who is speaking tonight, stating that this is the peoples' time to be heard.
- Charles Winkleman expressed concern that the Mayor is prioritizing the police officers over the people of color who are abused and killed and who leave the community every year.
- Nell Carpenter said that the Mayor's actions to date have been racist, disrespectful, and divisive, and that he should listen to Black people and other people of color, whose demands are embodied by the RJA's Operation Phoenix.
- Colleen Winslow stated that the Burlington Police Department disproportionately uses force on black people, and that the City's police officers are no better than those around the country who are violent and racist. She urged the City Council to make an overt and visible commitment to racial justice by meeting the demands of the RJA.
- Brita Fisher spoke in support of the RJA's demands, noting that cops do not increase safety and that they actively endanger black lives.

MOTION by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to suspend the rules to complete the public forum.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to suspend rules, recess public forum, take up consent agenda, and then return to public forum and table all other items.

VOTE ON AMENDMENT: unanimous; motion carries.



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MOTION to AMEND by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to set a recess time of 12:00 AM and reconvene on June 16 at 5:30 PM.

VOTING ON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Stromberg – nay, Council President Tracy – nay (6 ayes, 6 nays); motion fails.

VOTING ON SHANNON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – aye, Council President Tracy – aye (unanimous); motion carries.

Public forum resumed at 11:08 PM.

- Christie Nold echoed the demands set forth by the RJA.
- Mari Cordes supported the demands of the RJA, noting that white people will never have an understand of the lived experience of the BIPOC community, whose voices need to stop being obstructed. She further noted that the City Council must fund relationship-building led by the BIPOC community.
- Eliza Spalding supported and reiterated the demands of the RJA, urging the City Council not to pass a budget until the demands are met.
- Marie Laliere spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Amanda Rohdenburg spoke in support of the RJA's demands and also urged Mayor Weinberger to reengage with the RJA in negotiations in good faith.
- Amelia Royce called on Burlington to rise and restructure public safety, echoing the demands of the RJA.
- Kate Bailey called on City Council to adopt each of the demands presented by the RJA.
- KC Carpenter spoke about what it could look like for community to be adequately resourced, such as ample supplies for teachers, harm-reduction services for residents with substance use disorders, and everyone having a safe home.
- Phoebe Gunther-Mohr spoke about disproportionate number of Black people in prison in Vermont, and spoke in support of the RJA's demands to restructure public safety and invest in communities of color.
- Jacob Weiss voiced support for RJA demands.
- Eva Espenshade voiced support for the demands of the RJA, stating that now is the best opportunity we have to listen to all Black Vermonters and Vermonters of color.
- Emi Dykes spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Erin Barnaby called for rejecting the proposed budget.
- Danielle Shaw amplified the demands of the RJA and thanked the black organizers and organizers of color for their work on this issue.
- Marian Ziminsky spoke about systemic racism in the country, the health disparities suffered by blacks and people of color, and the need to unlearn racist behaviors and be better allies. She noted that a good starting point is this budget and the demands of the RJA.
- Rosalie Sharp supported the RJA demands, noting that this is our chance to use our racial privilege to dismantle a system of oppression.
- Sam Bliss voiced support for the demands of the RJA, stating that cops do not belong in schools and that defunding



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the police is effective.

- Gabby Robbins voiced support for the RJA demands to restructure public safety, adding that it is shameful of the Mayor to reframe or ignore aspects of these demands.
- Rachel Seigel voiced support for the demands of the RJA, and expressed concern that the Mayor is listening to the public and conducting the business of the City as an either/or decision, where it could be more of a collaboration.
- Sam Epstein supported and reiterated the demands of the RJA.
- Gina voiced support for the RJA demands and expressed gratitude to everyone of color who have led and organized this. She stated that it is infuriating that 3 abusive police officers are still being paid with taxpayer dollars. She added that the Burlington Police Union stated that any cut in funding would be a risk to public safety, but the real danger to public safety is systemic racism and police brutality.
- Liley Harvey urged the City Council to consider the needs of everyone who has waited to speak.
- Bella Palmieri voiced support for the RJA demands, noting that they were developed by subject matter experts in this field and community and should be heeded by the Mayor as such.
- Molly Schneider stated that the Mayor does not hear or understand his constituents on this topic, and that he is responsible for delaying progress on defunding the police. She voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Grace Fiel supported the demands of the RJA and acknowledged the labor of Black people and people of color on this issue, further stating that the budget must not pass until these demands are met. She added that communities are not more safe with more police, but more safe with access to more resources.
- William Middleton insisted that the Mayor defer to the demands of the RJA in this budget, and that the City Council not pass it until the demands are met.
- Chelsea Nafteberg thanked other members of the community for speaking during public forum. She spoke of coming from more urban cities and her exposure to systemic and violent racism. She spoke in favor of the demands of the RJA, and not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Christine Hill spoke in support of RJA demands, noting that though Burlington has frequently set a national example in putting funding toward social services, it is no different in its treatment of Black people in the community. She added that the police will not help change the culture and system that created racial disparities.
- Oscar Flemer echoed demands on RJA and focused on firing of abusive officers Corrow, Campbell, and Bellavance.
- Colby Taylor stated that Vermont has had reputation of being a progressive state but that it has the same police force rooted in white supremacy that exists all across the country, adding that there is no progress until white supremacy is dismantled, and supporting the RJA demands are the bare minimum of action that can be taken to do this.
- Blanche Montessi supported and amplified the demands of the RJA, saying that prisons and police force make sure that changes to white supremacy does not come, and that it is a courageous act to put what constituents are saying into action and honor their statements.
- Emma Schoenberg supported the demands of the RJA.
- Julie Montero supported the demands of the RJA and said that the current systems are not meeting the needs of the community but are making it worst by perpetuating deeper unmet need, and that true community-based, empowering social services could address this.
- Dylan Mirafox supported the demands of the RJA, noting an unprecedented increase in the police budget since 2011.
- Joy Cohen supported the demands of the RJA, stating that tax dollars are currently being spent to protect certain segments of society while neglecting others.
- Cheryl Green spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Megan Browning supported the demands of the RJA and implored the Council not to pass a budget until the demands are met.
- Denise Casey asked that the Mayor and City Council make a commitment to eradicate systemic racism by not passing a budget until the demands of the RJA are met.





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- Wiley Reading supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the demands are very reasonable and money could be spent on services that make the community safer than the police.
- Emma Gifford-Butler supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the police functions to preserve white capital.
- Sarah Ricketson agreed with the RJA's demands as well as their recognition of systemic racism as a public health crisis.
- Brennan Lynch echoed the demands of the VT RJA.
- Galandriel Richmond spoke in favor of RJA's demands.
- Katelyn Curve supported the demands of the RJA, adding that the majority of crimes in Burlington would be better handled by social workers and drug counselors.
- Trav Freier reiterated support for the demands of the RJA.
- Emma Reddin supported the demands of the RJA.
- Sydney Hinkley supported the demands of the RJA and asked that data from the City's equity report be released.
- Tom R voiced his support for the demands of the RJA.
- Eve Dolkart stated that the system in Burlington and across the United States has perpetuated white supremacy, and we must redistribute funding, and asked that a budget not be passed until the demands of the RJA are met.
- Liv Numa spoke in support of RJA's demands to defund the Burlington Police Department.
- Lucy Richmond spoke in support of demands of RJA and asked Miro Weinberger to step up and listen to the demands of the RJA.
- James Martucci amplified all voices that have already spoken and thanked the City Council for engaging with their constituents and for having open dialogue with the public.
- Leda Nutting voiced concern about police brutality and incarceration in Vermont and across the US, and our failure to address racism. She added that Vermont has one of lowest incarceration rates in country, but has one of the highest incarceration rates of Black people in the U.S. She further voiced her support for the RJA's demands.
- Rachel Cadwallier-Staub stated that the RJA's demands are reasonable and are the right start, and that the changes will benefit Burlington and the Vermont community.
- Devon Russell voiced support for the RJA's demands.

MOTION by Councilor Carpenter, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, to recess the City Council meeting at 2:30 AM and reconvene on June 16 at 5:30 PM, add no new speakers to the public forum queue, and set a recess time of 12:00 AM for the second night of public forum.

VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – aye, Council President Tracy – aye (11 ayes, 1 nay); motion carries.

- Sarah Alexander voiced support for the RJA's demands, stating that all policing is predicated on violence toward Black and Brown people.
- Lindsey Brenner echoed demands of RJA spoken by community members before her, noting that in 2012, Camden, New Jersey voted to completely disband their police department, and they practice community-oriented policing with an emphasis on de-escalation with deadly force as a last option.
- May Collette thanked members of RJA to organize and develop the demands that have been spoken of at this meeting, and voiced support for the demands they have put forth and implored the City Council to meet these demands.





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- Jack Piesch spoke about his disappointment that the Mayor is no longer on the call. He challenged City Council to use their imagination to think of what reallocated funds could be put towards.
- Jesse Warren stated that the US military budget is 15% of government spending and that Burlington's police budget is 22%. He added that cuts would bring Burlington down to be in line with US military spending as share of total government spending.
- Jessie Gustafson spoke in solidarity with demands of the RJA.
- Samantha Hurt supported and reiterated the demands of the RJA.
- Sylvia Lane spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Lauren Aiken stated that this is a miraculous moment in time, where it is possible right now for major cities in the US to envision a reality where a militarized force don't police our most marginalized.
- Gina Pandolfo spoke in support of RJA and their demands through Operation Phoenix and urged City Council not to pass a budget until these demands are met.
- Nick Mavadones voiced support for the RJA's demands to restructure public safety, adding that reform is not enough in the face of genocide.
- Matt Kimball said he was disappointed that the Mayor is no longer on the phone call.
- Ace Carlton spoke in support of RJA demands to fund resources to build up communities of color and defund the police, stating that the budget is an ethical and moral statement, and that the Mayor's proposed budget is an example of white supremacy.
- Julianna Bannock said she was disappointed that the Mayor is no longer on the line and spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.

The City Council meeting recessed at 2:34 AM [on June 16th].

The City Council meeting resumed at 5:30 PM [on June 16th].

Mayor Weinberger spoke about some of the comments heard the previous night during public forum. He disputed the statement that he has not been communicating with the Racial Justice Alliance. He also spoke about being moved by the tragic events of the past several months, both in terms of higher mortality rates due to COVID-19 and the violence toward people of color by the police. He stated that he and Mark Hughes had a 45 minute phone call this evening, and that he anticipates meeting again with the RJA in the next several days. He finally stated that he will not be able to attend the entirety of the public forum tonight, but added that he has a sense of optimism that Burlington can get something big done here, because of what the RJA and constituents have created in terms of an opportunity for change.

City Council President Tracy called for a moment of silence to contemplate recent events and the call for racial justice.

MOTION by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, to call the City Council back from recess and continue public forum on June 18 at 5:30 PM.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Paul, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, that the City Council reconvene on June 17 at 5:30 PM and continue to no later than midnight.



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MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Mason, to only include Burlington residents in the public forum.

VOTING ON AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Freeman – nay, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Hightower – nay, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Pine – nay, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – nay, Council President Tracy – nay (3 ayes, 9 nays); motion fails.

MOTION TO CALL THE QUESTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Paul.

VOTING ON CALLING THE QUESTION (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – nay, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – nay, Council President Tracy – aye (10 ayes, 2 nays); motion carries.

VOTING ON MOTION AS AMENDED (by roll call): Councilor Carpenter – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Hightower – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Stromberg – nay, Council President Tracy – aye (10 ayes, 2 nays); motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- Kiran Waqar voiced support for recommendations for RJA and urged the City Council not to pass a budget until they are met.
- Connor Chilson spoke in support of VT RJA.
- Jesse Milligan expressed thanks to the RJA for putting forth demands that are reasonable and necessary, adding that enacting these demands can help Burlington address and dismantle the system of white supremacy in the City.
- Leanne Shulman stated that people in the Burlington community need to feel safe and that the RJA has expertise, urging City Councilmembers to trust what they are saying.
- Erinn Simon voiced support for the RJA demands and supporting Burlington's communities of color.
- Fern Aguda-Brown stood with RJA to make Burlington safer for its black and brown neighbors.
- Vincent Marksohn asked that all budgets brought to a vote be rejected until a budget that satisfies Burlington's moral demands is met.
- Mitchell Manacek voiced solidarity for the RJA demands.





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- Shannon Jerolmon spoke in support of the RJA demands, stating that the time is now to address the systems that prop up white supremacy and put people of color in danger.
- L.E. Faricy spoke in support of RJA, and that supporting their demands will help address health disparities in communities of color, especially for youth.
- Sonya Buglion-Gluck spoke in support of RJA demands adding that many people are directly impacted by the racist structures that are perpetuating inequitable outcomes in the Burlington community.
- Colin Hunt supported the RJA demands, noting that it is important to hold the police department accountable and fire violent and harmful officers.
- Holly Hill stood in support with the RJA demands to defund the Burlington Police Department, and urged the City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Marcie Gallagher supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the safest cities are those with the most resources for their communities, not those with the most cops.
- Alison Putnam supported the demands of the RJA.
- Nick Bohlen stood with the demands of RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department.
- Rowan Regamey urged the Mayor to accept the RJA demands and demonstrate that he is listening to his constituents.
- Richard Brach voiced support for the demands of the RJA, and urged City Council not to pass a budget until the demands are met.
- Molly Scaife noted the negative impacts in the community from the lack of community resources, especially for the BIPOC community. She echoed and supported the demands of the RJA.
- Nikkole Turgeon echoed support for the RJA demands.
- Julie Masuga supported the demands of the RJA.
- Brittany Langdon voiced support for the RJA demands, and spoke in support of community support services for community needs, rather than using the police for everything.
- Serena MK spoke in support of the RJA, and urged City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Walter Keady stated that the current administration does not need to work hard to develop recommendations for a path forward, as the RJA demands do that and lay a clear path for how to proceed. He supported these demands.
- Pat Buono supported the RJA demands.
- Maria Carvalho Sandoval spoke in support of the RJA demands, which would Invest in families of color and send message to BIPOC children in Vermont that they are cared for and loved.
- Robert Rice spoke about instances of violence carried out by officers, who should be fired. He added that the demands put forward by the RJA are reasonable and are the bare minimum of what should be done.
- Zia DeSantis stated that rural Vermonters support the agenda of the RJA in Burlington, stating that prisons exist to punish and to provide legalized slave labor, and that police aren't preventing crime, but are perpetuating it by violently disrupting communities.
- Elizabeth Lynch spoke about the pathological diseases that stem from systemic racism and spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Lucia Gagliardone spoke in support of the RJA and finds the current Mayor's behavior unacceptable.
- Olivia Gamsu amplified demands of the RJA, stating that sensitivity training and reforms will not lead to the changes we need to address a system that is inherently racist.
- Margaret Wimberger strongly supported the demands of the RJA, and urged City Council to take them very seriously.
- Bradley Nicholson voiced support for the RJA demands, stating that they are reasonable and should be met immediately and with the expectation that they are a first step in an ongoing effort to create a safe and prosperous community in Burlington.
- Christine Babcock supported the demands of the RJA and stated that it is imperative that City Council hear the voices of their constituents and feel the true power of the problem at hand.





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- Annie Smigelsky echoed support for the RJA's demands, noting that there are organizations other than the police department that need Burlington's help and support, and these are where the City should be allocating funds in order to ensure that Burlington is a healthy and safe community for all.
- Dayna Stimson stated that this is an opportunity for City Council and Burlington to be on the right side of history, and urged them not to pass a budget until the demands of the RJA are met.
- Mackenzie Murray voiced support for the RJA demands, citing a significant need to increase support for social services in the community.
- Allie Sullivan voiced support for the RJA demands, especially as COVID-19 is disproportionately hurting the most marginalized in the community.
- Sierra Urich stated that the RJA's demands and plan tell the City exactly what needs to be done on this issue.
- Nathan Lantieri spoke in support of RJA's demands.
- Alyssa Chen urged city to pass moral budget that actively fights racism, saying that the RJA wants to cut uniformed officers by 30% and that the Mayor's current proposed budget only calls for a 9% cut and only a 1.6% increased investment of those savings into community funding.
- Sophie Cassel commented on recent Use of Force directive from Police Commission, which directly informs what we say when we mean that we're changing our police force. She voiced support for the RJA's demands.
- Greg Faxon supported demands of RJA, remarking that most of the Mayor's proposed Burlington Police Department cut is a COVID-related austerity cut, not a reinvestment.
- Emma Huvos supported the demands of RJA, adding that it is the bare minimum first step that could reinvest in programs that empower and protect the Burlington community.
- Libby Camp voiced support for the RJA demands, noting that the Mayor's proposal would reinvest the meager savings into the Howard Center, of which former chief del Pozo is on the board.
- Skylar Wolfe emphasized that RJA demands are reasonable and would help to meet the needs of many of the survivors of violence in the community.
- Kat Wohlers supported the RJA demands, and urged the City to actually use the savings from defunding the police for community supports instead of as austerity cuts.
- Mika Moore supported RJA demands.
- Michelle O'Donnell supported the RJA demands and urged City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Drew Brooks echoed support for the RJA demands, stating that now is the time to dismantle systems that were built for white supremacy, which is ever-present in Vermont life, and that now is the time to funnel more funding into social and community supports.
- Jacob Ari Mushlin said City Council should listen to its constituents and support the demands of the RJA.
- Tatum Oleskiewicz spoke in solidarity with RJA, on behalf of the lives of Black children taken by police violence.
- Amy Malinowski spoke in support of RJA demands and urged City Council not to pass a budget until these demands and needs are met.
- Alie Sarhanis spoke to support demands of RJA.
- Lydia Kern spoke in support of RJA demands, adding that the business of the people needs to be conducted before the business of the City, and that Burlington is a community, not a business.
- Jack Goldman stated that defunding the police will hopefully stop the violence and microaggressions of Black trans women, and stood with the RJA demands.
- Ella Causer recommended that Councilmembers research the work done by the Peace & Justice Center and the Racial Justice Alliance, and that they need to be educating themselves in order to support the community.
- Heather Riemer supported the demands of the RJA.
- Eliza Kissam spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Francesca Blanchard stated that the City should divest from the Burlington Police Department and reallocate to other supports in the community.



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- Nick Mitchell noted that the Mayor has had so many chances to redeem himself when it comes to reforming the police department, but he has not done anything, and that he supported the RJA and their demands.
- Dakin (Kara Torres) voiced support for the demands of the RJA, and that the City needs to hire experts in areas that Burlington want to nurture in the community. She added that police unions should not be able to negotiate contracts that render them untouchable.
- Max Van Cooper noted that Vermont has the lowest incarceration rate in country but highest incarceration rate of Black people, and that the community isn't safe until its BIPOC community and neighbors are safe. He voiced support for the RJA demands.
- Electra Shaw supported the demands of the RJA.
- Naomi Peduzzi stated that investing in community care and social services will make the community more safe, and echoed support for the demands of the RJA.
- Robin Rice supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the police are not equipped to address the causes of homelessness, drug addiction, sexual assault, mental illness, or poverty.
- Eliza Fehr said that she stands with demands of the RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department, and that the Mayor's proposed budget upholds white supremacy in Vermont.
- Hannah McCasland supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the budget should reflect the needs and demands of the community.
- Cole Zweber echoed the demands of the RJA, and supported the voices that spoke before them in the public forum.
- Jacquelyn Potter supported the demands of the RJA.
- Lillian Vinson supported the demands of the RJA, adding that Burlington cannot let the officers who are complicit in violence to continue to support white supremacy and be supported by the City.
- Grace Horelick supported the demands of the RJA, adding that addressing the City's budget with these demands are the first steps to dismantle racism in our City.
- Madeline Pomictier spoke in favor of RJA demands to defund the Burlington Police Department.
- Caitlin La Dolce stood with demands of the RJA to defund the police and reallocate funding for community supports.
- Erin Cullen spoke to support demands posed by VT RJA, stating that racism is a public health crisis and Burlington needs to prioritize addressing it. She added that COVID-19 has shown the community that it can handle changes on a massive scale, and that the City needs to make changes to redirect funds from the police department to other social and community supports.
- Marlee Hernandez supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the money saved should be invested in communities of color.
- Josh Solomon said that he is a believer in the incremental approach to sustainable change, but that we do not have the privilege of acting slowly to address the deep-rooted racism in our system. He stood with the demands of the RJA and called for a full restructuring of public safety.
- Molly Heller voiced support for the demands of the VT RJA.
- Brian Shevrin supported the demands of the RJA, stating that Burlington must reinvest in communities of color and non-violent social services, and follow example of San Francisco, which no longer uses officers to respond to non-violent calls.
- Sabina Parker stood in support of the demands of the RJA, stating that they are the experts in addressing systemic racism and should be listened to.
- Grant T Taylor spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Jessica Wymer spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Aidan Warhall spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Elissa Galvez stated her disappointment that the Mayor is not here to attend public forum, which is the business of the City and spoke in support of RJA demands.
- Will Lambec spoke on behalf of Migrant Justice, which is a member of the RJA, and that Migrant Justice stands



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behind the RJA demands 100%.

- Jill Rudge asked the City Council to demonstrate that they are listening to their constituents by taking action to support the demands of the RJA and not pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Emma Gonzalez said divesting from the police and reinvesting in communities of color is a good first step toward reparations, and urged the Council to support the demands of the RJA.
- Joe McGee supported the RJA's demands.
- Chris Barlow supported the demands of the RJA, stating that failure to act on these demands is an act of white supremacy.
- Marcia Johnson thanked everyone who has spoken prior to this on public forum and supported the demands of the RJA.
- Andrew B. Crawford stated that the foundation of the United States is built on white supremacy, that undoing this legacy is necessary and long overdue, and supported the demands of the RJA.
- Erika Johnson stated that the RJA has made a strong case for their demands and have mobilized many people and have used expertise and the science behind it. She added that Burlington has not approached this conversation in good faith, and has proposed budget that does not meet these demands. She asked Councilors to please not pass budget until the demands of the RJA are met.
- Maisie Wormser spoke about implementing the cultural empowerment demands of the RJA, specifically to partner with people of color led business in the community to implement cultural empowerment community collective (CECC) and establishing an office of equal opportunity.
- Becky Laird implored the Mayor to follow lead of the RJA and meet their demands.
- Mary Lacy supported the demands of the RJA, adding that too little of the Burlington general fund budget is allocated to social supports.
- Allison Brown voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Eli Kriv spoke in support of the RJA.
- Lachlan Ziegler stood with the demands of the RJA, adding that the Burlington Police Department is a small part of greater systemic problem of supporting mass incarceration and perpetuating modern-day slavery through prison labor.
- Julia West echoed demands of RJA, and pointed out that those demands represent a compromise already.
- Laura Williams stated that reforming police is not enough, and that the City needs to create new systems that make the entire community safer.
- Christopher Futty stated that he was disappointed in the Mayor for not being here, and urged the City Council to not pass budget until the RJA demands are met.
- Megan Foster voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Helen Asimina stood with the demands of the Vermont RJA, stating that inaction is not neutral and that by not actively changing the system, communities of color are being harmed.
- Abbie G Morin stated that it is proven that social services work to strengthen communities and spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Rob Rives noted that changes similar to the RJA demands are occurring in San Francisco and Minneapolis and urged City Council not to pass a budget until the demands of the RJA have been met.
- Callie Flynn voiced support for the RJA demands and said not to pass a budget until they are met.
- Hailey Ronconi stated that now is the time for Burlington to lead in terms of transformation, where all in the community are protected and given the opportunity to prosper, and that she supports the demands of the RJA.
- Ellie Seitz spoke in support of demands of RJA, stating that there is no liberty and justice for all until there is liberty and justice for Black Vermonters.
- Sarah Hooghuis said that Mayor Weinberger is not listening to the community and responding to change, and that his proposed budget maintains the status quo. She said that the community needs to support the demands of the RJA.





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- Michael Hennessey spoke in support of the RJA demands, adding that violence could be mitigated by moving away from police being the primary enforcement mechanism in the community.
- Kate German spoke in support of the RJA demands, and urged City Council not to pass a budget until they are met.
- Loren Deron voiced solidarity with the demands of the RJA.
- Emmie Headrick urged City Council not to pass a budget until it encompasses the demands of the RJA, adding that the actions of Mayor clearly show where his priorities lie, and that is not in support of the community of Burlington.
- Nick Cavanaugh stated that the RJA has been generous and brave in their offering of a way forward through this problem and to please listen to the voices of Burlington's Black community members.
- Chris Murphy said he supports the demands of the RJA. He added that he cannot imagine how Black people are navigating the mental health system in Burlington, as community supports are clearly struggling to find adequate funding.
- Jonathan Davis stated that Vermont is racist and that he is disgusted that the state is complicit in this violent racist system. He urged the City Council to listen to the views of the oppressed, and to support the demands of the RJA.
- Briana Hauser echoed the demands of the RJA, which were developed through the hard work of Burlington's BIPOC community, and urged City Council to listen to these demands and not pass a budget until they are met.
- Chloe Egan supported the demands of RJA, which is a starting point for change as a result of this movement.
- Avery Muzikar supported the demands of the RJA to reallocate funding from the Burlington Police Department to the community, and called on the City Council and Mayor to make substantive, serious changes as called for by the community, and to reconsider this budget.
- Kathryn Gosselin stood with the demands of the RJA and said that elected officials are not listening to their constituents.
- Laura Mistretta spoke in support of the demands put forth by the RJA, saying that this should be an easy choice for those who are in public service to make their communities better. She demanded a city budget that values Black lives.
- Olivia Stern stood with the RJA's demands, stating that systemic racism requires systemic change, and that listening to and responding to the needs of the community are the responsibility and the job of the City Council.
- Caroline Rainville thanked everyone who is speaking in this public forum, adding her support for the demands of the RJA and that a budget should not be passed until they are met.
- Kris Fiore said that the City needs to invest in programs that provide refuge, assistance, and support, and echoed the demands of the RJA.
- Sarah Caliendo stood in solidarity with demands of the RJA, adding that Burlington is not exempt from racial issues that permeate this country. She added that defunding the police is a new concept for her, but that reallocating those funds to social services as outlined by the RJA will be a more effective way of protecting the community.
- Jeannie Bartlett supported the vision and strategies of the RJA, and implored City Council to not pass budget until the demands are met. She also said that changes need to be made to the police union because the City needs to be able to fire and hold its officers accountable.
- Caroline Hauser supported the demands of the RJA.
- Madison Laflamme: supported the RJA demands, stating that they have laid out a way to move forward, and this solution has been handed to the City.
- Jessica Savage supported the demands of the RJA.
- Rex Dazzle said that the Mayor needs to show his constituents that he wants to listen and respond to their wants and needs, and reiterated the demands of the RJA.
- Hannah Yates supported the demands of the RJA, adding that these demands are the bare minimum and are reasonable to meet.
- Cecilia Giardanos supported the demands of the RJA, adding that a budget should not be passed until they are met.
- Shae Rowlandson supported the demands of RJA to reallocate funding to where it is needed in the community.
- Tom Proctor said that the message of Burlington's people has been strong, and Mayor's response has been weak,



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adding that the Mayor is abdicating the duties of the Mayor by leaving the meetings last night and tonight. He voiced his support for the demands of the RJA.

- Aleya Feinberg supported the demands of the RJA, which are reasonable. She added that it is very inappropriate for the Mayor to assume that he knows better than the BIPOC community about these demands and finding solutions.
- Dan Kirk spoke about police presence in schools, saying that students of color are disproportionately likely to be arrested at school than others. He implored the Council to work with the RJA to implement their demands, which will help this.
- Tim Woos supported the demands of the RJA.

The City Council meeting recessed at 12:00 AM [on June 17th].

The City Council meeting resumed at 5:30 PM [on June 17th].

MOTION by Councilor Paul, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to continue the meeting tomorrow, Thursday June 18 at 5:30pm until the last speaker has been heard from.

VOTING: unanimous (Councilor Freeman not present for vote); motion carries.

COMMENTS:

- Louis D Sightler spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Lauren Hood spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Emma Spett spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Alan Turnbull spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Nicole Seligson supported the demands of the RJA and urged City Council not to pass budget until demands are met.
- Max Green spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Krista Harder spoke in favor of the RJA's demands to defund the Burlington Police Department.
- Jodi Whalen spoke in favor of the RJA's demands, adding that the City has the ability to undertake difficult tasks, as seen in its response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She asked that this same focus and effort be directed toward defunding the police department and redistributing that funding for community supports.
- Leif Taranta spoke in support of the RJA and thanked them for their input and wisdom.
- Emily Bens spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Audrey Clayton expressed solidarity with the RJA's demands and stated that policing in this country began as forces to maintain control over Black people and that the system needs to be completely dismantled and abolished.
- Jameson Hurd supported the RJA's demands, stating that they are reasonable and concrete and actionable.
- Laura Engelken spoke in favor of demands of the RJA, saying that the proposals put forth by the RJA are reasonable, resourceful, and reflects the progressive values the City of Burlington purports to uphold.
- Ze'eva Chasan stated that he is here to support demands of RJA, saying that the police as a system were constructed



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relatively recently, and were formed to control Black bodies before, during, and after slavery in the United States.

- Matthew Skelly spoke in support of the RJA demands and urged City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Zach Harrington demanded that budget be restructured as a start to making Burlington a more racially just city, and that the RJA demands are reasonable and attainable.
- Shannon Riddle echoed and supported the demands of the Racial Justice Alliance.
- Eli Clare spoke in support of the Vermont Racial Justice Alliance and asked when the politicians were going to listen and act upon the fear, danger, and harm that Black and Brown people have been talking about at the hands of the police for years
- Sarah Geller acknowledged and thanked everyone who has spoken at this public forum. She echoed and reiterated the demands of the RJA.
- Jess Vos echoed the demands of the RJA.
- Jules Lees spoke in support of demands of the RJA and asked that City Council not pass budget until it is in alignment with the preciousness of life.
- Jodi Woos thanked the City Council for taking the time to make space for this public forum from its constituents. She spoke in support of the RJA demands, saying that every budget reflects the priorities of its organization; the budget submitted by the Mayor does not reflect the priorities of the residents of Burlington.
- Mary Wesley supported the demands of the RJA, stating that the City Council needs to prioritize eradication of systemic racism in Burlington.
- Audrey Tassef Ayer stated that the City needs to defund the Burlington Police Department now and reallocate funds into organizations that will improve the lives of Burlington residents. She said that the RJA has done so much work to develop concrete proposals and recommendations that Burlington can implement and that the presence of police does not create safety in a community.
- Stephi Drago supported the demands of the RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department and reallocate those funds into communities of color.
- Jeff Maier supported the demands of the RJA.
- Griffin Jones expressed gratitude for the POC community members who have spoken out and that it is time to shift the power in the City toward the people with the skills and will to make these changes brought forth by the demands of the RJA.
- Shira Habermehl supported the demands of the RJA, saying that a community without crime would look like a white suburb because they invest the resources into their community and ensure its well-being.
- Amanda Burnham stated that the City Council should not pass a budget until the demands of the RJA are met.
- Amelia Schlossberg spoke in support of RJA's demands, saying that with these demands we can work together to significantly reduce our reliance on a broken police system, and that the RJA is uniquely qualified to make the demands that they have made.
- Lilla Fortunoff spoke in favor of RJA's demands.
- Lily Calabrese spoke in favor of the RJA's demands.
- Emma Keshchyan spoke in support of demands of the RJA.
- Deborah Kraft spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Maxwell Solter spoke in support of the demands of the RJA for the 2020 budget.
- Leah Dollar spoke in support of the demands of the RJA, and that the community must create and expand ways of keeping everyone in Burlington safe.
- Reeve Flynn spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Karin Krisher stood in solidarity with the RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department and reinvest funds into social supports for the community.
- Rosalie LaCroix voiced support for the demands of the RJA.
- Zoe Mayers supported the demands of the RJA and said the City Council should not pass budget without meeting



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these demands.

- Paige stood in solidarity with the demands of the RJA, and said that the City Council should not pass a budget until these demands are met.
- Melissa Weiss spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Baxter Worthing said that one of the most basic functions of government is to protect its citizens, and the constitution dictates that each citizen is afforded equal protection under the law. He said that this is not being upheld and that hundreds of Burlington's constituents are telling the City that it is failing at this basic requirement of the law. He urged the City Council to please not fund a budget until they can guarantee that Burlington's tax dollars buy a law enforcement system that can protect and serve everyone.
- Megan Knight spoke in support of the demands of the RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department.
- Lindsay Foreman stood with the demands of RJA.
- Rachel Aldman implored the Mayor to listen to the residents of Burlington.
- Katy Hellman stood in support of the demands of the RJA, saying that police are only around to protect the property and rights of White people.
- Will Gebhard stood in solidarity with RJA and urged City Council not to pass the budget until these demands are met.
- Alissa Faber amplified the voices of Black and Brown community members and supported the demands of the RJA.
- Mariah Cronin echoed demands of the RJA.
- Sarah Pell said the City Council should not pass a budget until demands of the RJA are met.
- Chelsea Bailey said she is here to represent the demands of the RJA and said that the community has an opportunity to set a good example and be on the front lines of this issue.
- Eric Maier noted the voting record of the Democrat and Progressive Councilmembers and urged the support of the RJA demands.
- Anna Isaacson supported the demands of the RJA and urged the Mayor to do better and listen to his constituents.
- Samuel Shuster stood with demands of the RJA, saying that the City needs to take real action to abolish the police and reinvest funds in its communities.
- Scheller H voiced concerns that the Mayor is trying to make change without changing anything, and that incremental change does not work.
- Aly Martel supported the demands of the RJA, and that she wants to hear Mayor declare racism a city-wide health crisis. She said that the City Council should prioritize the eradication of systemic racism.
- Ian McHale stood with the demands of the RJA.
- Andrea Salazo stood with the demands of the RJA and that Burlington should reinvest in communities of color.
- Kate Seitz stood with demands of the RJA and that public safety must be completely reimaged in the Burlington community.
- Shea Totten supported demands of the RJA.
- Kai Mikkell Førlie said that the police are an apparatus of oppression, racism, and white supremacy and that Burlington has a perfect opportunity to abolish the police and approach public safety from a completely new perspective.
- Leah Gardiner stood with demands of the RJA, saying that Burlington can decrease police and increase other social supports that will make the city safer.
- Dylan Zeitlyn stood with the demands of the RJA, stating that the community will not have racial equality until it has economic equality.
- Colin Burch supported the demands of the RJA, and told the City Council to stop debating the merits of these solutions and implement them.
- Evan Sachs stood with the demands of the RJA.
- Corrine Yonce spoke in favor of the RJA demands.
- Kailey Ware stood with the demands of the RJA.





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- Colin Keegan spoke in support of the demands of the RJA and that he wants to see concrete actions from the Council and the Mayor to validate and act upon the statements in this public forum and the demands of the RJA.
- Kathryn Turnbull supported the demands of the RJA, and urged City Council not to pass a budget until these demands are met.
- Kristen Balschunat supported the demands of the RJA, saying that the plan is holistic and that a budget needs to include all of these demands.
- Ashley Smith asked why the Mayor is proposing a \$17 million line item for the Burlington Police Department, saying that the police make people of color, immigrants, and working-class people feel less safe. She supported the demands of the RJA.
- Tara Keegan supported the demands of the RJA, saying that this is the moment to make meaningful structural change. She added that Burlington is united politically and socially for this cause, and its citizens are dedicated to doing the hard work.
- Lauren Bergeron said the police were built to maintain slavery and white supremacy culture. She supported the demands of the RJA.
- Ariana Cano supported the demands of the RJA.
- Brian Cina introduced H464 on behalf of the RJA in the State House. He said that he is not convinced we will be able to reform the institution of the police and that until we have an alternative, we need to conduct harm reduction strategies and strategically allocate funds away from the police to mental health and social supports in the community. He urged Burlington not to approve a budget that reinforces white supremacy and violence.
- Julia Berberan echoed the demands of the RJA, adding that the City needs to fund programming that encourages racial equity, inclusion, and belonging.
- Sophie Howitt voiced support in divesting from the Burlington Police Department, which would enhance social supports and increase safety. She said that she stands in solidarity with the RJA, which has created a series of starting points for this work through its demands.
- Nikolaus Tea said that the city and state do not fund enough social supports for mental health crises without the police, who are not adequate or appropriate to deal with these crises, and are not effective in this role. He asked that the City Council meet all of the RJA's demands.
- Julian Post spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Dana Kaplan spoke in support of the RJA's demands, saying that this is a comprehensive vision for where to begin this work.
- Olivia Graffeo-Cohen said that the Council needs to acknowledge that everyone in the community doesn't have the same feelings of safety and that public safety is an empty concept when it only applies to white people. She said that the Burlington Police Department needs to go under a thorough review and have roles realigned accordingly.
- Alex Graffeo-Cohen said that the police is an inherently racist institution that no amount of reform will ever change, and that overfunded police departments perpetuate the oppression of our communities of color. He urged City Council to support the demands of the RJA as set forth in Operation Phoenix.
- Sienna Devoe-Talluto spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Emma Levy stood with the demands of the RJA.
- Ilana Reading said that this public forum is Burlington's most authentic way to show up for each other and show the love for their community, and that she stands with the RJA.
- Liz Curry spoke on her experience on the School Board, saying that the Board voted to defund the school resource officers to refocus on our students of color but that the funding was reinstalled by the Mayor using general funds despite that vote. She supported the demands of the RJA.
- Ryan Clausen reiterated and spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- Matthew Walton supported the demands of the RJA.
- William Fritch stated that police violence is a public health crisis, and that he supported the RJA's demands.
- Susane Schoenfeld said the City Council should commit to transformation and accept the demands of the RJA.



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- Larson Lovdal amplified the voices of the VT RJA and the incredible work that they have done.
- Noah Gibbs supported the demands of the RJA, and was against how the Mayor has been reacting to constituents' comments and the RJA's demands.
- Andrea Coles spoke in support of the demands of the RJA.
- David Hershey spoke in favor of the RJA demands to divest from police, invest in communities of color, and take a lead in these efforts for the state.
- Zoe Hart spoke in support of the demands made by the RJA.
- Jo Altma spoke in favor of the demands made by the RJA.
- Holiday Filkins echoed demands of the RJA to defund the police and allocate those funds to social services that actually help the community.
- Willoughby Carlo spoke in support of the RJA demands.
- Audra Balsley thanked everyone who have spoken on public forum, spoke in support of the RJA's demands, and urged CC not to pass budget until they are met.
- Kacie Eva Anders noted that in the currently proposed budget the Burlington Police Department is receiving 7 times more than the next highest line item, which is the public library. She spoke about the reluctance to call the police for assistance knowing that there are abusive officers on the force. She emphasized the demands of the RJA and urged the City Council not to pass a budget until those demands are met.
- Christian A said she was baffled but unsurprised that the Mayor had displayed such a dismissive attitude toward this issue and the public, and also that she supports the demands of the RJA.
- James Marc Leas said that the reasonable demands of the RJA are critical steps toward police accountability and justice, but that even these reasonable reforms are too much for some City and State leaders, whose strategy is to express empathy while delaying and distracting through incremental reforms. He called for defunding the police, abolishing the unjust system, ending police impunity, and holding brutal cops to account.
- Kaleigh Mulpeter said the City should divest from police force and invest in more community supports. She thanked City Council for listening to constituents and doing their jobs. She urged them not to pass the budget until these demands are met. She finally noted that this is not a political or fiscal issue, it is human rights.
- Meghan Downey voiced supports for demands as laid out by the RJA.
- Riley Case supported the demands of the RJA.
- Sheridan Finney said that the City needs to fund the racial equity inclusion and belonging positions and start investing in ways of making the community a better place. She asked City Council to please not pass a budget until these demands are met and to listen to the desires of the community to make it a better place.
- Caitlyn Clark spoke of her experience working with college students in Burlington and urged the City Council not to pass a budget until they meet and include the demands of the RJA.
- Jessica Shevitz Rauc stated that she is here as an ally to the RJA, and to remind the City Council that its constituents want to defund the police by a reasonable 30% and live up to the City's progressive reputation.
- Hannah Holbrook thanked the RJA for putting forth a much-needed plan, and urged the City Council pass a budget that is reflective of these demands.
- Annalee Pratt asked how the City is finding money to fund the police and cannot fund other social services and supports, and stated that Black communities are already over-policed.
- Bria L Yazic said she wanted a future where New Americans can feel safe and at peace here in the United States, which is why she is supporting the RJA's demands.
- Carolyn Evemy spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Lissy Barnes-Flint thanked everyone who has spoken in public forum, as well as the RJA. She echoed their demands.
- Michelle Krasny spoke in favor of the RJA's demands
- Maria Grant called for supporting the demands of the RJA. She stated that calls for defunding the police and abolition are not new; they have been occurring for decades. She added that the demands are reasonable and are the bare minimum that should be done.



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- David Nicholls said that Vermont could be the first state to defund the police. He asked Burlington to take the first step and meet the demands of the RJA.
- Katherine McCool spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Cas Pryer amplified the demands of the RJA.
- Marita Canedo asked the City Council to please follow the lead of the RJA and take the steps they outline in their demands.
- Gary Stuard said that he agrees and stands with the recommendations and demands of the RJA, and defers to their moral authority and wisdom.
- Amira Silverman said that the City should defund the Burlington Police Department and redistribute those funds to the communities of color.
- Carol Pfeiffer said that the RJA demands are reasonable and necessary and that choosing not to meet them is a conscious choice to disenfranchise Burlington's communities of color. She urged the City Council not to pass the budget until the Operation Phoenix demands are met.
- Lizzy Fox thanked the RJA for putting together such a concrete set of recommendations and plan for moving forward. She said that the City needs to defund the police and fire abusive officers in every city and town in Vermont and that the only acceptable outcome here is the adoption of the RJA's demands.
- Lilly Cartularo voiced support for RJA's moral budget and Operation Phoenix initiative, that Burlington has an opportunity to be a leader in eradicating systemic racism, and that the RJA can be a partner in that.
- Andrew Gansenberg: spoke in support of the RJA.
- Alice Easter supported the demands of the RJA.
- Jack Tyndall spoke in support of the RJA's demands.
- Brynne Martin spoke in support of the RJA's demands, and outlined those demands.
- Lauren Griswold expressed disappointment that so many social support programs in the City receive so little of the budget. She called on the City to strengthen public safety by reallocating funding from the Burlington Police Department to social supports and services.
- Alison Byrnes spoke about police presence in schools and the damage it does to children and echoed her support for the RJA's demands.
- Annie Daley spoke in favor of the RJA's demands.
- Ian Pfeiffer thanked others who have spoken in public forum. He talked about the difficulty of finding mental health support, and that often the only resource available is the police, who are not an appropriate resource to address and handle mental health issues. He further said that the City needs to deal with the systemic inequities and that he supports the demands of the RJA.
- Chad Woods called for the City Council to meet the demands of the RJA, and reiterated those demands.
- Olivia Honigman stood in solidarity with the RJA. He said that the Mayor declaring systemic racism a public health crisis in Burlington, but that his constituents are calling on him to act on that and meet the demands of the RJA. He added that the Mayor's proposed budget is not creating the economic opportunity that these communities need.
- Linnea Willey thanked everyone who has taken the time and energy to speak during public forum, and reiterated the demands of the Racial Justice Alliance.
- Patricia Fontaine said that the City must commit to working to create a collaboration with communities of color and should not pass a budget until the RJA's demands are met.
- Andrea Garritano spoke in support of the demands of the RJA, saying that it is important that to shift money into social services and education.
- Emma Lodge said she is committed to full police abolition, and is speaking today to amplify the demands of the RJA to defund the Burlington Police Department. She reiterated those demands, and urged City Council not to pass the budget until these demands are met.
- Emma Chaffee urged Councilors to listen to their constituents and fulfil the demands of the RJA.
- Ray Austen supported and stood behind the RJA's demands, and urged City Council to listen to these demands.



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4. CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORTS

4.01 Verbal Comments

No discussion at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Motion to amend/adopt consent agenda taking the following actions as indicated -

5.02 Communication: C/T Office, re: Accountability List - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.03 Communication: Brian Lowe, Chief Innovation Officer, re: Continuing Engagement with Managed Security Services Provider - to approve and authorize the Chief Innovation Officer be authorized to execute a two-year contract with a vendor to provide managed security services in an amount up to \$110,000, subject to approval by the City Attorney's Office.

5.04 Communication: Kate Kanelstein, Director, Vermont workers' Center to Miro Weinberger, Mayor, re: DAM Contract - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.05 Indoor and Outdoor Entertainment Permit Renewals (2020-2021): see attached list - approve the 2020-2021 Indoor and Outdoor Entertainment Permit Renewals as listed with all standard conditions.

5.06 Communication: Caleb Manna, Excavation Inspector, Burlington Public Works, re: Applications for Renewals of License Agreements for Encumbrances Outside of the Church Street Marketplace for the 2020-2021 Season - to approve one-year renewal applications for encumbrances for the following entities, businesses, and or properties: 239 Loomis Street, 281 Shelburne Street, 390 Saint Paul Street, Bistro de Margot, Green Mountain Transit, Champlain Housing Trust, City Hardware, COCO Nail Spa, Drink LLC, Grandview Farms Inc., Gryphon, Hark Inc., Hinsdale Properties, Hotel VT, ICV, Istanbul Kebab Shop, KAS Inc., Kens Pizza, Knead LLC, Livery Barn, Lucky's Next Door, Monarch and the Milkweed, New Moon Café, Nick and Morrissey, Nunyuns, Overlake Park LLC, Penny Cluse Café, Pheonix Books, Radio

Bean, Restaurant POCO, SAS Architects, Shanty on the Shore, Shoeless Konstruction, Stratos Condo Assoc., VT House Condo Assoc., Zabby Stone Soup.

5.07 Communication: Camron Quinn, re: End Police Dept. Funding - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.



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5.08 Communication: Caleb Manna, Excavation Inspector, Department of Public Works, re: University of Vermont - Encumbrance Application - Sidewalk Buttler Cigarette Receptacles - approve the Encumbrance Application for the University of Vermont for the attachment of cigarette butt receptacles to city signposts and authorize the Mayor to execute a License Agreement—subject to approval by the Office of the City Attorney—on behalf of the City of Burlington for a term commencing on the date of execution and terminating on April 30, 2021.

5.09 Communication: Amy Bovee, Assistant City Clerk and Holli Bushnell, Customer Service Associate, re: Peddler License Renewals with COVID-19 Health Condition - to approve the 2020-2021 Peddler License renewals with the condition that Licensee agrees that it shall comply with all local, state, and federal orders, directives, regulations, guidance, and advisories relating to a public health emergency, and that the failure to do so may result in the City Council suspending or revoking the permit for violation of this condition. The City may suspend the license at its sole discretion in the event of a public health emergency.

5.10 Communication: Caleb Manna, Excavation Inspector, re: 66 North Ave - Construction Encumbrance - Connor Contracting, Inc. - to approve the encumbrance license application for Connor Contracting Inc., for seven (7) parking spaces on the west side of North Ave and approximately 2,097 square feet of sidewalk/greenbelt space on the East side of North Ave adjacent to 66 North Ave for construction vehicle parking and construction site occupation, and authorize the Mayor to execute a License Agreement – subject to approval by the City Attorney’s Office – on behalf of the City of Burlington for a term commencing on the date of execution and terminating on August 1, 2020.

5.11 Communication: Cindi Wight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (BPRW), re: Department for Children and Families Grant Approval - to approve and authorize acceptance of the State of Vermont’s Department for Children and Families Restart Stipend for \$152,861.75 to authorize Director Wight or designee to sign the grant acceptance and any necessary budget amendments and related documents.

5.12 Communication: Gary Rogers, Recreation Superintendent, Cindi Wight, Director of Parks, Recreation and Waterfront (BPRW), re: Old North End Community Center Sub leases - to approve the subletting of certain identified space on the second floor of the Old North End Community Center, which the City leases from the Champlain Housing Trust, to the Very Merry Theatre, Vermont Hindu Temple, and Janet S. Munt Family Room, on the terms provided in and substantially in conformance with the attached subleases, and to authorize Miro Weinberger, Mayor, to execute the subleases, subject to final approval by the City Attorney’s Office.

5.13 Amendment to Outdoor Entertainment Permit (2020-2021): Orlando's Bar and Lounge, 1 Lawson Lane, Suite 10 - approve the 2020-2021 Amendment to Outdoor Entertainment Permit for Orlando's Bar and Lounge, 1 Lawson Lane, Suite 10: 11 am - 11 pm, every day, Live Instrumental Music, Live Vocal Music, Disc Jockey, Amplified Music YES, Dancing by Patrons NO.



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5.14 Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (July 8th - August 21st): Burlington City Arts, Summer Concert Series, in front of City Hall, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm each occurrence, with performances from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm - approve the Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (July 8th - August 21st): Burlington City Arts, Summer Concert Series, in front of City Hall, 10:00 am - 2:30 pm each occurrence, with performances from 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm.

5.15 Communication: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator, re: Regular Schedule of Meetings of the City Council through August, 2020 - to approve the Regular Schedule of Meetings of the City Council through August, 2021 as listed.

5.16 Communication: Scot Sweeney, Member, Fire Commission, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy and send a letter of appreciation thanking Scot Sweeney for his time served as a Member of the Fire Commission.

5.17 FIO Document - for information only.

5.18 Resolution: Authorization For \$2,958,560 Loan From Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund And Engineering Services Contract With Wright-Pierce For \$232,900 And Construction Contract With Kingsbury Companies For \$2,225,300 For The Upgrade Of Main, North And East disinfection Systems (Board of Finance) - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

5.19 Communication: W. Vinson Pierce, III, Member, Parks and Recreation Commission, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy and send a letter of appreciation thanking W. Vinson Pierce, III for his time served as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

5.20 Communication: Patrick Murphy, re: Police Budget - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.21 Communication: Noah Detzer, Ward Four, Inspector of Elections, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.22 Communication: Khalid Almubarak, Ward Two, Inspector of Elections, re: Resignation - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.23 Ordinance: B.C.O. Streets and Sidewalks -- Excavation and Obstruction Permits--Public Health emergencies; accommodating business (Department of Public Works, Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading) - waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance.



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MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Dieng, to adopt the Consent Agenda and take the actions indicated for items 5.01 through 5.23.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

Deliberative agenda items were tabled until a future meeting.

6.01 Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (2020-2021): GBG Indian Kitchen, 471 Riverside Avenue

6.02 Public Hearing Regarding Common Area Fees for The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 **now agenda item 2.02**

6.03 Resolution: Allocation Method And Standards For Common Area Fee Formula, And Establishment Of Common Area Fees For The Church Street Marketplace For Fiscal Year 2021 (Councilor Shannon) **now agenda item 2.03**

6.04 Ordinance: B.C.O. Streets and Sidewalks -- Excavation and Obstruction Permits--Public Health emergencies; accommodating business (Department of Public Works, Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading) – moved to consent?

6.05 Resolution:Just Economy Charter Changes (Councilors Freeman, Hightower, Stromberg, Hanson, Tracy)

6.06 Communication: Amy Jewell, Director, Administration, CSWD, re: Proposed FY 21 Budget

6.07 Resolution: Supporting Fair & Direct Federal Emergency Aid To Reopen And Rebuild Local American Economies (Councilors Mason, Paul, Carpenter, Paulino, Shannon, Hanson)

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.01 Verbal Reports –



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No discussion at this time.

8. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

8.01 Verbal Reports –

No discussion at this time.

9. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

9.01 Verbal Reports -

No discussion at this time.

10. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

10.01 Verbal Reports –

No discussion at this time.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.01 Motion to Adjourn –

RScty: AACoonrad

[CA1]I am not sure who was present other than these usual suspects...