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Members present

Adam Roof, Sara Giannoni, Tom Ayres, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Dave Hartnett, Jane Knodell, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Motion to amend/adopt agenda

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm with Councilors Shannon and Hartnett coming in late at item 2.01, but otherwise all councilors present. Also present: Mayor, City Attorney, Parks Director Bridges, COS Kanarick, Brian Lowe, Channel 17.

Public: Jim Lockridge.

1.5. Public Forum was held: Jim Lockridge spoke to the BCA board transparency.

motion to amend agenda to include public forum as 1.5; adopted unanimously

Motion by Kurt Wright, second by Sharon Bushor.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Aye: Adam Roof, Sara Giannoni, Tom Ayres, Sharon Bushor, Selene Colburn, Jane Knodell, Chip Mason, Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright

Not Present at Vote: Dave Hartnett, Joan Shannon

2. Discussion: Council Committee Reorganization

Discussion, Information: 2.01 Communication: Signed City Council Resolution Relating to Work Session to Discuss Council Committee Reorganization

motion to waive reading, accept communication and place on file made by Councilor Colburn, second by Councilor Bushor-unanimous-

Discussion, Information: 2.02 Communication: City of Burlington Public Bodies that are Subject to the Open Meeting Law
motion to waive reading, accept communication and place on file, made by Councilor Colburn, second by Councilor Bushor-unanimous-

Discussion, Information: 2.03 Communication: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Administration's Recommendations for



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Consolidation of Committees/Board/Commissions

City Attorney addressed authority for merger/elimination of committees/boards.

Administration proposed the following for Council to consider:

- I. Eliminate redundancies
 - a. Merge cemetery commission into Parks Commission
 - b. Have 1-2 more taxi boards than necessary, merge 3 taxi boards into 1
- II. Planning/Council Ordinance Committees
 - a. Create joint ordinance committee
- III. Add citizens to Ordinance, Charter Change, Tax Abatement & Licensing committees
- IV. Consider eliminating PAC, TEUC, and Public Safety
 - a. Appoint one councilor to each commission
 - b. Use ad hoc committees

Council then reviewed each administration proposal:

- I. Worth exploring merging cemetery commission into parks and 3 taxi boards into 1.
- II. Worth exploring joint planning/council ordinance committee but details matter.
- III. Not interested in exploring adding citizen members to council committees
- IV. Worth exploring eliminating PAC, TEUC, but not Public Safety

Councilors also proposed and discussed the following proposals:

- Worth exploring reorganizing all of liquor control duties into another group rather than the council; Less interest in having a citizen group do just the subcommittee work and report to the council.
- Worth exploring having tax abatement duties moved to another group rather than the council; Less interest in having a citizen group do just the subcommittee work and report to the council.
- o City attorney's office will explore these options and report back.
- Worth exploring (just go ahead and do it) eliminating IHRP and having BOF do HR functions
- Worth exploring (just go ahead and do it) merging institutions functions of IHRP into CDNR
- Create dormant or inactive committees—ie, the Council will agree that a committee is dormant
- Explore having council committees only work on things the Council has asked them to do, making clear that committees are not expected to meet if they have no work assigned
- Explore having the council refer work, on a case by case basis, to commissions, rather than committees. In other words, use commissions as advisory bodies
- Create fewer ad hoc committees or put fewer councilors on them

The Council decided to proceed with these ideas. President Knodell will think about how to implement them.

3. Discussion: Burlington Telecom Advisory Board Structure

Discussion, Information: 3.01 Verbal Remarks from City Council President Knodell

President Knodell recommended that the Council consult with BTAB and the City Attorney about creating a structure for the BTAB by the end of June. The council agreed with that recommendation.

4. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 4.01 Motion to adjourn

motion to adjourn--unanimous and adjourned at 7:24 pm.



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Motion by Dave Hartnett, second by Kurt Wright.

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

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Karen Paul, Max Tracy, Kurt Wright, Joan Shannon