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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

REMOTE MEETING WITH CALL-IN NUMBER

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 12, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Karen Paul

Max Tracy

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Ali Dieng

Brian Pine

Jack Hanson

Perri Freeman

Jane Stromberg

Sarah E Carpenter

Zoraya Hightower

Mark Barlow

OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Katherine Schad

Rich Goodwin

Eileen Blackwood

Jordan Redell

Darren Springer

Amy Bovee

Jon Murad



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Laura Wheelock

Olivia Darisse

1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

1.01 Motion to amend/adopt the agenda

The meeting was called to order by City Council President Tracy at 7:01 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to amend/adopt agenda as follows:

- **remove item 5.15 Proclamation: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Fair Housing Month from consent agenda and place on deliberative agenda as 6.01;**
- **note presentation slides for agenda item 2.01 Presentation: Darren Springer, General Manager, re: Net Zero Energy Update (verbal)(per Darren Springer);**
- **note written materials for agenda item 6.01 Ordinance: B.C.O. HOUSING - Change re Energy Efficiency and Weatherization in Rental Housing, Chapter 18 (Ordinance Committee, Department of Permitting & Inspections)(2nd reading)(per Assistant City Attorney Devlin);**
- **note additional written materials for agenda item 6.04 (per CAO Schad)**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2. PPRESENTATION: DARREN SPRINGER, GENERAL MANAGER, BED, RE: NET ZERO ENERGY UPDATE (VERBAL)

2.01 Presentation: Darren Springer, General Manager, BED, re: Net Zero Energy Update (verbal)

Mayor Weinberger said that this is a significant update on the City's Net Zero efforts, and is the first time since the launch of the roadmap that the statistics within have been updated and can assess more than a year's performance under the road map. He said there has been a reduction in emissions in both 2019 and 2020. He said there are also reasons for concern and that this is an ambitious and aggressive plan. He said that the City is starting to fall behind on the specific areas behind the ambitious goals laid out in the plan and that there is a need for continued strong action by the City, the State legislature, the federal government, and every resident in Burlington.

General Manager Springer began by providing a summary of BED as Burlington's municipal electric utility since 1905, with more than 23,000 customers. He noted that BED is an Energy Efficiency Utility (EEU), and continues to be 8.6% lower in terms of electricity consumption than in 1989, excluding COVID reductions. He showed continued impact of energy



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efficiency by keeping consumption lower than it otherwise would be. He also noted BED's 100% renewable energy sources. He showed solar installation trends, which have increased exponentially and make Burlington #1 for solar per capita in the Northeast and #5 in the nation.

General Manager Springer then discussed the vision for the Net Zero Energy roadmap. He said it involves many internal and external partners, and is recognized as the nation's first 2030 Net Zero Energy plan. He noted that though transportation is one of the highest sources of emission, the plan focuses only on Burlington resident transportation emissions. Thus, efficient electric buildings (not transportation) take up 60% of the solution to meeting the net zero energy goals. He noted other major areas of the solutions for achieving net zero energy, including electric vehicles, district energy, and alternative transport. He said that actual fossil fuel energy consumption trends are on track when compared to the roadmap's net zero targets. He said that the greenhouse gas emissions scenario has actual trends that are down in 2019 and 2020 and are lower than the roadmap pace—acknowledging that the pandemic has played a role in that.

General Manager Springer noted key takeaways for current progress on the NZE goals. He said that fossil fuels and GHGs were lower in 2019 and 2020 compared to 2018 benchmarks, that greenhouse gas emissions were down more than 15% in 2020 compared to 2018, that natural gas use in 2020 was down approximately 10.5% from 2018 levels, that in 2020 Burlington was ahead of pace for emissions reduction compared to NZE goals, that in 2020, the pandemic impacted vehicle miles traveled and gasoline use significantly, and that while significant progress has been made, the City is not yet on pace for roadmap goals for heat pumps and electric vehicles. He warned that there is an emissions rebound risk as the economy more fully reopens, though remote work and telecommuting and walk/bike/ride transit may help mitigate this rebound.

General Manager Springer outlined BED's energy innovation projects currently underway. He spoke about the McNeil Solar Research Center with UVM, working with CarShare Vermont to expand access to Electric Vehicles (EVs), installation of more EV chargers at rental and multi-family units in Burlington, and other infrastructure upgrades to accommodate more electric vehicle use.

He continued, noting that BED tripled their state target under the Tier 3 program for electrification/fossil fuel reduction, which were led by electric bus use in the GMT fleet, electric vehicle/bicycle/lawnmower purchases by Burlingtonians, and heat pump installation. He went into further detail on each of those components and how they drove that Tier 3 reduction.

He outlined the effects of meeting NZE goals on BED's rates, saying that their Integrated Resource Plan modeled a scenario that upgraded their mega-Watt capacity to manage additional electrification under Net Zero, and after accounting for costs of upgrading and additional revenues from electrification, the NZE effect was to reduce upward rate pressure by half. He said that this is a strong economic case for continuing to pursue NZE goals.

He outlined next steps for reaching NZE goals. These included continuing to pursue green stimulus programs in 2021, finishing Phase III district energy system work, collaborating with the City on implementing policy changes related to buildings and weatherization, continuing work on building out the dedicated bike lane network, pursuing new climate and energy projects at the federal and state level, and continuing to update the plan's data using the Synapse tool. He noted



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several challenges to future progress, including potential emissions rebounding coming out of the pandemic, managing grid impacts and costs related to increases for peak loads, and no incentives to move from fossil fuels and gas, due to low fossil fuel prices and the absence of carbon pricing.

Councilor Hanson asked about how Synapse calculated the transportation numbers. General Manager Springer said that Synapse applied a travel model that was developed and were able to get Chittenden County data at that time. He said that because they were trying to produce this update close to the end of 2020, there aren't datasets available yet for the dates of interest. He said that they were able to get Vermont data and used that to estimate Burlington travel miles. Councilor Hanson noted that this is an exciting analysis and Burlington could be an inspiring and motivating example for other municipalities, as well as help to provide a path forward for other municipalities to embark on similar initiatives.

Councilor Freeman said they have struggled with the Net Zero framework because it implies that net zero is the end goal, when it is just one of the elements in the scope of what should be done to mitigate climate change (others include addressing the food system and more initiatives around air travel).

Councilor Pine said that Burlington sets examples for other communities and wants to ensure that there is robust focus on workforce development, as well as focusing on creative ways to finance improvements for housing. General Manager Springer said that there is weatherization funding legislation working its way through the statehouse, and he will report back in future with more updates. He added that there is a challenge with the workforce, and that Burlington Electric is interested in promoting opportunities within the Burlington community and that he is optimistic that when the solar research center at McNeil is developed, it could be another potential workforce opportunity.

Councilor Dieng said that caution should be exercised when looking at progress made in 2020, since some of the effects could be due to the pandemic and the resulting decrease in energy use, which could be temporary. He also asked about Synapse and its use around the state. General Manager Springer agreed with the point about the pandemic's effects on the data shown in the update. He noted that this is the first of many updates. He spoke about state energy policy, saying that the state has a comprehensive energy plan similar to Burlington's Net Zero Energy Plan, the goal of which is to move to 90% renewable energy usage by 2050. Councilor Dieng asked about collaboration on energy policy in Chittenden County, and General Manager Springer spoke about the coordinating efforts of the Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), particularly on vehicle usage and transportation.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

3.01 Verbal Comments

Forum opened at 7:30 PM.

COMMENTS:

- Sarah Sciortino voiced her support for passing mandatory rental weatherization regulations. She said that all units need to be weatherized in the next three years in order to see a positive impact on the climate and on renters' costs.



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- Christie Delphia spoke about rental weatherization and said the current timeline doesn't work. She said that the climate is changing and it is dangerous not to have these buildings weatherized sooner.
- Sophie Aronson said that the weatherization implementation timeline needs to reflect the urgency of the climate crisis.
- Greg Eppler-Wood spoke in support of the leaf blower resolution, saying that this type of measure is overdue and that the City should investigate the regulations for lawnmowers as well.
- Christine Fleming spoke in support of rental weatherization, saying it makes Burlington more environmentally sustainable.
- Cora Smith voiced support for keeping the timeline for implementing weatherization in rental units to under three years.
- Jess Hyman spoke on behalf of the Fair Housing Project, to voice support for the Fair Housing Proclamation, and supported a faster timeline for rental unit weatherization.
- Olivia L. spoke in support of mandatory weatherization for rental units.
- David Sidelle spoke in support of the mandatory rental weatherization policy and strongly urged the Council to commit to implementing it in 3 years or fewer.
- Daniel Munteanu voiced support for mandatory rental weatherization and said the timeline should be three years instead of five. He said that in order to address the climate crisis, need action at all levels of government and need to be as aggressive as possible.

Forum closed at 7:52 PM.

4. CLIMATE EMERGENCY REPORTS

4.01 Climate Emergency Reports

None at this time.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.01 Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

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

5.03 Communication: Steven A. Locke, Fire Chief, re: Status of the planned additional ambulance capability - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.04 Communication: Amy J. Bovee, Presiding Officer - March 2021 Annual City Election, re: Declaration of Elected Candidates Annual City Election - March 2, 2021 - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.05 Communication: Amy J. Bovee, Presiding Officer - March 2, 2021 Annual City Election, re: Declaration of Election Results Questions on the Ballot Annual City Election - March 2, 2021 - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.06 Communication: Ashley Walenty, DPW - Water Resources, re: Authorization to execute a Construction Contract for the GSI/CSO - South End Retrofits - authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with SD Ireland for



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\$411,257.50 with a \$41,125 contingency, totaling \$452,382.50, for the construction of the South End Green Stormwater Infrastructure Combined Sewer Overflow Reduction Retrofits Project, subject to prior approval of the City Attorney's Office.

5.07 Communication: Gene Richards, Director of Aviation, re: Authorization to Execute a Contract for the Supply and Installation and Runway Pavement Markings on Runways 15 - 33 and 1 - 19 at the Burlington International Airport with Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC - approve that the Director of Aviation, Gene Richards, be authorized to execute a contract with Hi-Lite Airfield Services, LLC, in the amount of \$132,818.25, plus a 20% contingency of \$26,563.65, totaling \$159,381.90, for the supply and installation of runway pavement markings on Runways 15 - 33 and 1 - 19 at the Burlington International Airport, subject to the final review and approval by the Office of the City Attorney.

5.08 Communication: Gene Richards, Director of Aviation, re: Request for Approval of a \$275,000 Budget Neutral Amendment to the FY2021 Burlington International Airport Budget - approve a budget neutral amendment to the Fiscal Year 2021 Burlington International Airport budget in the amount of \$275,000 by increasing the accounts as described in the affiliated memorandum.

5.09 Communication: Rich Goodwin, Director Financial Operations, re: Approval for 2-year agreement for MuniCap, Inc. - approve and authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with MuniCap for 2-year contract not to exceed \$100,000, subject to review by the City Attorney's Office.

5.10 Communication: Susan Molzon, Senior Public Works Engineer, re: Authorization to Execute Main On-Call Agreements for Professional Consulting Services - 1. To authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Main On-Call Agreements for professional consulting services in amounts not to exceed \$500,000.00 per agreement with Clough, Harbour & Associates, DuBois & King, EIV Technical Services, Fuss & O'Neill, GPI, Green International Affiliates, Hoyle Tanner & Associates, John Turner Consulting, Lamoureux & Dickinson, Resource Systems Group, Stantec Consulting Services, Trudell Consulting Engineers, Vermont Survey and Engineering, VHB, and WSP USA, subject to the prior review and approval of the City Attorney; and 2. To authorize the Director of Public Works to execute individual work assignment contracts with these on-call consultants for amounts up to \$100,000 each, to complete the work identified in the Main On-Call Agreement, without the need to obtain further approval from the Board of Finance and City Council.

5.11 Communication: Cindi Wight, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront and Alec Kaeding, Campground & Beach Manager, re: Lease of Vendor Space at North Beach for 2021 Season - approve and authorize the execution of a lease agreement with AS Concessions, LLC, to perform food and beverage sales at North Beach for the 2021 season, and to authorize Mayor Miro Weinberger, to execute the lease and any related documents, subject to the review of the City Attorney's Office.

5.12 Communication: Cindi Wight, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront and Alec Kaeding, Campground & Beach Manager, re: Lease of Vendor Space at A-Dog Skatepark - approve and recommend that the City Council approve and authorize the execution of a lease agreement with Maven, to perform all food sales and skate board & product sales services at A-Dog Skate Park, for Maven to compensate the City at a minimum of 5% of gross receipts for the use of space to operate restaurant services, and to authorize Miro Weinberger, Mayor of City of Burlington, to execute the lease and any related documents needed to carry out the lease agreement, subject to the review of the City Attorney's Office.

5.13 Communication: Katherine Schad, - Chief Administrative Officer and Tony Berry - HR Manager, re: Reclassification of one role and retitling / reclassification of one role within the Human Resources Department - □ Reclassification of the Human Resources Administrative Coordinator, a Regular, Full-time, NonExempt, Non-union, Grade 13, position to Human Resources Administrative Coordinator, a Regular,

Full-time, Non-Exempt, Non-union, Grade 15, position; □ Reclassification and retitling of the Human Resources Talent, Recruitment, and Training Specialist, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, Non-union, Grade 18, position to Human Resources Talent, Development & Diversity Manager, a Regular, Full-time, Non-Exempt, Non-union, Grade 20, position.





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5.14 Communication: Jeffrey A. Padgett, Assistant Director for Parking and Traffic, re: Budget Performance and Projection Fund 264 - Traffic Fund 265 - Traffic – Parking - waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

5.15 Proclamation: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Fair Housing Month ****removed from consent agenda****

5.16 FIO Documents – for information only.

5.17 Resolution: Authorization To Execute An Easement At Leahy Center For Lake Champlain Leased Premises, 1-3 College Street, For Two Electrical Service Connections Installation And Maintenance (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution

5.18 Resolution: Extending Employee Vacation Carryover Because of COVID-19 (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

MOTION by Councilor Stromberg, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to adopt the consent agenda as amended, taking the actions as indicated for items 5.01-5.18.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

6.01 Proclamation: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Fair Housing Month ****was consent agenda item 5.15****

Mayor Weinberger noted that the federal Fair Housing Act was passed in April of 1968. He read the proclamation in its entirety into the record:

"WHEREAS, the Federal Fair Housing Act was passed in April 1968 in order to take steps toward eliminating discrimination in housing opportunities based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, and disability; and to further housing choices for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, Vermont's Fair Housing Act strengthened the protections of the Federal Fair Housing Act to include age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, receipt of public assistance, and people who have experienced abuse, sexual assault, or stalking as protected classes; and

WHEREAS, the month of April is now celebrated as Fair Housing Month both nationally and locally; and



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WHEREAS, the ongoing struggle for dignity and opportunity for all in housing is not the exclusive province of the federal or state governments and vigorous local efforts to combat discrimination and expand housing opportunities can be extremely effective; and

WHEREAS, Burlingtonians need safe, decent, affordable, and inclusive housing, and illegal barriers to equal opportunity in housing, no matter how subtle, diminish the rights of all; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington supports the efforts of fair housing organizations, concerned citizens, and the housing industry to create broader housing choice in Burlington and Chittenden County and to promote understanding of the Fair Housing Act; and

WHEREAS, inclusive, welcoming, and affordable communities promote diversity and a climate conducive to equitable and vibrant development; and

WHEREAS, Burlington submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development an Assessment of Fair Housing, which was subsequently approved by the Department in December 2017; and

WHEREAS, Burlington continues to work to expand housing opportunities and the availability and affordability of housing in Burlington through policy reform, including the development over the last two years of new policies to implement energy efficiency standards in rental housing, eliminate requirements around parking standards in order to reduce a major driver of the cost of housing and align the City's land use policies with its climate goals, and restore and increase the dedicated funding for the City's Housing Trust Fund, among others; and

WHEREAS, the Coronavirus crisis has put additional strain on the City's housing and support services and exacerbated existing inequities for people whom fair housing laws seek to protect from discrimination particularly for people of color;





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*NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Miro Weinberger, Mayor of the City of Burlington, do hereby
proclaim the month of April 2021 to be*

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

*in Burlington, and I do hereby urge all individuals, agencies, and institutions – public and private – to
contribute to the observance by continuing our efforts to eliminate housing discrimination in our
communities and increase housing opportunities for all.”*

MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to accept the communication and place it on file.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.02 Ordinance: B.C.O. HOUSING - Change re Energy Efficiency and Weatherization in Rental Housing, Chapter 18
(Ordinance Committee, Department of Permitting & Inspections)(2nd reading)

MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Mason said that the ordinance was considered on first read and that subsequently, the Executive Director of the Champlain Valley Office of Economic Opportunity (CVOEO) reached out, expressing concerns with some of the technical specifications that had been proposed. He said that at that time there was a decision to defer second reading and adoption until now. He said that the ordinance reflects those technical changes, but that the City Attorney’s office has requested additional changes, including potential implementation of the timeline, which is of note. He said that his expectation was that that would be done further down the road by Director Ward with input from the committee and the full Council. He said that the ordinance merits full committee hearing with input from BED and the Permitting & Inspection department.**

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to send the ordinance back to committee for further consideration with commitment to take this up at next Ordinance Committee meeting.

DISCUSSION:



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- **Councilor Hanson said that the timeline component of this ordinance is very important and that it needs the attention and debate it deserves.**

VOTING (on amendment): unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING (on resolution as amended): unanimous; motion carries.

6.03 Ordinance: B.C.O. - OFFENSES and MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS - Express prohibitions Sec. 21-14 Leaf blowers (Councilor Paul, Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading)

MOTION by Councilor Paul, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance.

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Paul noted that the ordinance would restrict the use of gas-powered leaf blowers between Memorial Day and Labor Day to only the use of electric and battery-charged blowers. She said this ordinance would phase in the use of leaf blowers, noting that City departments would take the lead on implementing this and that there is a phased approach to implementation. She noted that BED has a rebate program for residents and commercial entities to encourage the use of electric and battery-powered leaf blowers.**
- **Councilor Dieng asked when the ordinance would take effect. Councilor Paul replied that the City would take the lead on phasing it in in August. Councilor Dieng asked about disseminating this policy to residents. Councilor Mason replied that there have not been specific plans for communication to residents, but encouraged Councilors to reach out to their constituents.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.04 Resolution: Authorizing Police Commission To enter Into Agreement With NACOLE For Training On Civilian Oversight Of Police (Board of Finance)

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

DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Pine noted that the Police Commission has requested professional assistance from the premiere training body in the country. He said this is a small request in terms of fiscal impact but is of critical importance to ensure that the community is safe and that the Police Commission is equipped with the appropriate oversight training.**



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VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.05 Communication: Acting Chief of Police Jon Murad, re: Community Service Officer Job Description

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DISCUSSION:

- **Councilor Dieng asked if the Public Safety Committee has reviewed the job description and provided feedback. Councilor Freeman replied that no, they have not. Councilor Hightower said that there was a request for the Public Safety Committee to review the CSL positions, not this CSO position. City Attorney Blackwood said that this job description had minor description changes from the original CSO position. Acting Police Chief Murad noted that the differences are the corrected paygrades and union affiliations and that there are minor changes.**

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

6.06 Communication: Laura Wheelock, P.E., Senior Public Works Engineer and Olivia Darisse, P.E., Public Works Engineer, re: Shelburne Street Roundabout Budget Amendment, Cooperative Agreement Amendment, Finance and Maintenance Agreement Amendment, and A&E Contract Approval

MOTION by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, 1. To authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement #3 to Utility Agreement UT0053 with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, authorizing an additional \$78,586.00 in reimbursable funds and raising the total agreement value to \$268,028.33, subject to the final review and approval of the City Attorney's Office; 2. To authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment #1 to the Finance and Maintenance Agreement FM0324 with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, authorizing an additional \$231,930.61 in reimbursable project expenses, bringing the total agreement amount to \$341,806.70, subject to the final review and approval of the City Attorney's Office; 3. To authorize the Director of Public Works to execute a contract with Aldrich & Elliott, PC, in the amount of \$89,800, with an additional \$9,310.00 (10.5%) in contingency funds for the Shelburne Street Roundabout Project, which will be 100% reimbursed under Utility Agreement UT0053, subject to the final review and approval of the City Attorney's Office; and 4. To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to affect the budget amendments and transfers of funds as referenced in the accompanying memorandum and attachment ("FY21 Budget Amendments and Project Budget Amendments") to pay the above-referenced project expenses in FY21 and Overall Project Budgets.

DISCUSSION:

- **Public Works Engineer Darisse said this was initiated as a highway safety transportation project in 2007, since the location is considered a high-crash location. She said the project includes water, sewer, and stormwater**



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upgrades as well as bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure. She said that it has been designed and managed by VTrans with help from DPW, and 100% of the costs are reimbursed through the Federal Highway Administration. She said that VTrans completed progress design and advertised an RFP in late February, and award is anticipated in future. She added that construction is anticipated to begin in mid-to-late June. She said the City has divided this into two sub-projects for accounting purposes.

MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Mason, to correct action item #2 to adjust language from "Amendment #1" to "Amendment #2".

VOTING (on amendment): unanimous; motion carries.

VOTING (on resolution as amended): unanimous; motion carries.

6.07 Communication: Cindi Wight, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation & Waterfront, re: Concession and Lease Agreement for the Spirit of Ethan Allen III

MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Stromberg, to approve and authorize that the City Council approve and authorize the execution of a lease agreement with Green Mountain Boat Lines, to perform a passenger boat tour service at the Burlington Harbor Marina and for Green Mountain Boat Lines to compensate the City at the rates as stated in the lease annually for the use of space to operate a tour service, and to authorize Miro Weinberger, Mayor of City of Burlington, to execute the lease and any related documents needed to carry out the lease agreement, subject to the review of the City Attorney's Office.

DISCUSSION:

- Director Wight noted that this is a lease for the Spirit of Ethan Allen, which has requested a reduction in their fee in 2020 due to COVID-19 impacts. She said that they hadn't received Council approval for the 2019 lease, so this remedies that and also includes an adjustment for the 2020 COVID reduction and reinstating a revenue share percentage.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

7.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Mason noted that the Joint Committee (Planning Commission/Ordinance) is holding a public hearing on proposed short term rental ordinance at 6:30 PM tomorrow.



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8. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS

8.01 Verbal Reports

Councilor Hightower said that April 27 at 6:15 PM will be the next Public Safety Town Hall.

Councilor Dieng said that Muslims will be celebrating the start of Ramadan tomorrow and that every Muslim is asked to ask for public forgiveness. He wished everyone a happy Ramadan.

Councilor Pine spoke about the reappraisal notice and a point of confusion, noting that people can't figure out tax rates and clarified that that is because they are not available yet. He emphasized that the value is the component that homeowners should focus on currently, and that they should use the appeal process if they think the value is incorrect.

Councilor Paul noted that several constituents have expressed concern that they do not have enough time to decide whether to appeal or not, since they received their notices today and that the deadline to appeal is April 23. She also noted that April 24 will be the next food distribution event at Champlain Elementary at noon. She additionally noted that the Black Lives Matter mural will be restriped in May.

9. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES

9.01 Verbal Reports

City Council President Tracy said he anticipates having committee assignments to Councilors by the end of the week.

10. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS

10.01 Verbal Reports

Mayor Weinberger said that the process of turning charter changes into legislation is underway and that proposed charter change language was submitted to the Secretary of State and then transmitted to the House Government Operations Committee by Representative Cina, which should be deliberated on in the next several weeks. He also noted that reappraisal communications have been sent to Burlington taxpayers. He reiterated that people should note that the valuations are a component of the tax bill, and that the tax rate is not yet included. He said that the reappraisals are revenue-neutral. He additionally noted that there is a memo about the budget process available for review, which separates the Fiscal Year 2022 budget process from the allocation process for American Rescue Plan Act dollars.

11. ADJOURNMENT

11.01 Motion to adjourn



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MOTION by Councilor Dieng, **SECOND** by Councilor Pine, to adjourn the meeting.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

The City Council meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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