



City Council - Organization Day - Monday, April 4, 2016 - 7:00 pm, Contois Auditorium, City Hall 4/4/2016

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

BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING

April 4, 2016

APPROVED

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

David Hartnett – North District

Joan Shannon – South District

Selene Colburn, East District

Sharon Foley Bushor – Ward 1

Max Tracy – Ward 2

Sara Giannoni - Ward 3

Kurt Wright – Ward 4

William “Chip” Mason – Ward 5

Karen Paul – Ward 6

Tom Ayres – Ward 7

Adam Roof – Ward 8

ADMINISTRATION: Miro Weinberger, Mayor

Department Heads, Chiefs, Mayor’s Staff

OTHERS PRESENT: Members of the public and media

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA



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Bob Rusten, CAO, called the meeting to order at 7 PM on April 4, 2016 and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.01 Agenda

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

2.0 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Weinberger welcomed all and recognized Congressman Welch, former Burlington Mayor Frank Kane and his wife, city department heads, directors, chiefs, and colleagues, volunteers serving on city boards, commissions, and committees, the school superintendent, and members of UVM leadership, and his wife, Stacey, and family. Mayor Weinberger's State of the City Address spoke of the following:

- Creating new housing, jobs, and recreational opportunities for Burlington.
- Reinstatement and upgrade of the city's credit rating and restoration of the financial standing of the city.
- Reorganization of BED to save money and better compete/lead in the evolving energy landscape.
- Increased housing inspections for code enforcement.
- Facing the challenge of proper stewardship of the city's infrastructure by improving streets, sidewalks, bike paths, fire and police vehicle fleets, and municipal buildings.
- Government reform by improving the permit system and the emergency dispatch system.
- Expanding housing, jobs and recreational opportunities for Burlingtonians via PlanBTV that includes the Burlington Town Center development, reform of policies to unlock the potential of valuable downtown sites, doubling the Burlington Housing Trust Fund used to assist the mobile home park residents and provide housing for the homeless, and recreation opportunities such as the skate park, community sailing center, new lakeshore parks and improved beach access.
- Taking action on the opiate crisis in the city with more officers on foot and bike patrol along with a multi-disciplinary agency coordinated effort to deter crime, offer treatment/recovery services, and build trust in the community.
- New Americans in the community as sources of dynamism and strength and the city remaining a place where immigrants are welcomed and can achieve the American dream.
- Engaging exciting opportunities and fulfilling the ideals of self-reliance, democracy, and shaping Burlington's future so the youth, most vulnerable and most recent arrivals will thrive.

3.0 ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MOTION by Councilor Tracy to nominate Jane Knodell as City Council President. There were no other nominations. The nominations were declared closed.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Jane Knodell is City Council President and assumed facilitation of the meeting.

4.0 ELECTION OF BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS



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MOTION by Councilor Hartnett to nominate Kurt Wright to the Board of Finance.

There were no other nominations. The nominations were declared closed.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Kurt Wright is on the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Councilor Mason to nominate Karen Paul to the Board of Finance.

There were no other nominations. The nominations were declared closed.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Karen Paul is on the Board of Finance.

MOTION by Councilor Roof to nominate Sharon Bushor to the Board of Finance.

There were no other nominations. The nominations were declared closed.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

Sharon Bushor is on the Board of Finance.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

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