



City Council - Organization Day - Monday, April 3, 2017 - 7:00 pm, Contois Auditorium, City Hall 4/3/2017

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 3, 2017

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

David Hartnett – North District

Joan Shannon – South District

Richard Deane – 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

Mayor’s Office Staff

Department Directors

OTHERS PRESENT: Public at large



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1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

CAO Rusten called the City Council Organizational Meeting to order at 7 PM on April 3, 2017 and led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.01 Agenda

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

2.0 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS

Mayor Weinberger gave the State of City Address. The following was highlighted:

- Past mayors of the city who were in attendance (Frank Cain, Peter Clavelle) were recognized and thanked for their commitment to Burlington.
- Gen. Steven Cray with Vermont National Guard was recognized and all men and women of the Vermont National Guard were thanked for their service.
- All city department directors in attendance were thanked for their service and unwavering commitment to the city.
- Thanks were extended to family for their love, support, sacrifice, and commitment.
- Thanks were extended to all city councilors for the partnership and passion for the city.
- Burlington will continue to fight to keep immigration open which makes Burlington more diverse and culturally rich and to keep America a welcoming shore.
- Cut back in federal assistance will impact local initiatives and the consequences of sprawl impact a livable, walkable, culturally rich downtown, but the city will continue movement toward being an innovative, inclusive, sustainable, and growing city.
- Work will continue to advance improving the character and quality of public spaces (more park renewals and expansions), increasing investment in roads and sidewalks (rebuilding more miles of roads and sidewalk), expanding alternatives in transportation options (transit center, vehicle for hire, upgrading bike infrastructure), decreasing the city's environmental footprint (building smart, sustainable, green structures and having safe, reliable, renewable energy), and making critical public safety enhancements (providing more housing for the homeless, taking steps to address racial disparity and the opiate crisis).
- Burlington is a strong community and will continue to invest in public spaces, public safety, and expanded opportunity to ensure the beautiful city continues to be a wonderful community for all.
- Completing the ambitious agenda will be challenging, but municipal activism is what Burlington does, and when the city delivers on the agenda Burlington will be a safer, more vibrant, more affordable and more sustainable city for all who live, work, and visit.

3.0 OATH OF OFFICE

3.01 Swear in Newly Elected/Re-Elected City Council Members

Mayor Weinberger administered the Oath of Office to Councilors Shannon, Harnett, Knodell, and Deane.



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Barbara Perry, Selene Colburn, Mike Monte, Andy Montrol, and Bill Keogh who were in attendance and were former city council members and city council presidents were acknowledged.

4.0 ELECTION OF CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT

MOTION by Councilor Wright to nominate Jane Knodell as City Council President. There were no other nominations. The nomination process was declared closed. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

Jane Knodell is City Council President and assumed facilitation of the meeting. City Council President Knodell said it is an honor to serve in the role. City Council President Knodell said she will seek to have City Council continue to act as a strong and independent body in strong partnership with the Mayor's administration.

5.0 ELECTION OF BOARD OF FINANCE MEMBERS

MOTION by Councilor Hartnett to nominate the following slate of names for the Board of Finance: Councilor Wright, Councilor Bushor, and Councilor Paul. There were no other nominations. The nomination process was declared closed. **VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.**

Councilors Wright, Bushor, and Paul are on the Board of Finance.

6.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

6.02 COMMUNICATION: FY17 Budget Amendment for HOME Funds - CEDO

MOTION by Councilor Wright, SECOND by Councilor Hartnett, to adopt the Consent Agenda, Items 6.01& 6.02, and take the action indicated. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

7.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 PM.

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