



# Regular City Council Meeting - Monday, March 23, 2020, 7:00 pm, Contois Auditorium, City Hall 3/23/2020

## BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

## CITY HALL

## BURLINGTON, VERMONT

## MINUTES OF MEETING

March 23, 2020

### MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack Hanson

Sharon Foley Bushor

Perri Freeman

Max Tracy

Adam Roof

Brian Pine

Kurt Wright

Franklin Paulino

Chip Mason

Joan Shannon

Karen Paul

Ali Dieng

### OTHERS PRESENT: Miro Weinberger

Eileen Blackwood

Amy Bovee

Jordan Redell



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## **1. CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA**

The meeting was called to order by Council President Wright at 7:28 PM and led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to approve the agenda with the following amendments:**

- **note written materials for consent agenda items 4.32 through 4.37 (per City Attorney's Office);**
- **add to the consent agenda item 4.38 Resolution: Waterworks System - Supplemental Resolution #4 (Authorization for Drinking Water Loan Bonds-to accompany Item 4.32)(Board of Finance)(per City Attorney's Office);**
- **add to the consent agenda item 4.39 Resolution: Wastewater System - Supplemental Resolution #5 (Authorization for Clean Water Loan Bonds-to accompany Items 4.33 through 4.36)(Board of Finance)(per City Attorney's Office);**
- **remove from the deliberative agenda item 5.04 Resolution: Shelburne Street Rotary Re-Design Project - Adoption of Order Determining Damages (Councilor Paul) and place it on the consent agenda as item 4.40 (per Councilor Paul);**
- **note revised version of this agenda item (per Councilor Bushor);**
- **note title change and written materials for agenda item 5.05 (per COS Redell);**
- **add Councilors Mason, Paul, Paulino, Shannon, Wright, Roof, Dieng and Pine as co-sponsors to this agenda item (per Councilor Mason)**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

## **2. PUBLIC FORUM**

### **2.01 Verbal Comments**

Public forum was opened at 7:33 PM.

#### **COMMENTS:**

- Christie Delphia spoke about the need for a rent and eviction freeze, pointing out that evictions run counter to the social distancing initiatives put into place to ameliorate the current viral pandemic.
- Walter Keady spoke as a member of the tenants' union, imploring the City Council to demand that the state freeze rent, freeze evictions, and house the homeless to combat the Coronavirus pandemic.
- Jane Garfinkle noted that if a rent freeze does not occur, tenants could be forced into homelessness
- Amanda Hannaford thanked the City Council for holding a remote meeting during the pandemic, and suggested that Burlington and the state begin conducting antibody testing for the COVID-19 virus, stating that it can provide a more accurate community diagnosis and be used in conjunction with social distancing, self-isolation, and quarantine.
- Jennifer Decker spoke in support of rent and eviction freezes, and also voiced concern about the current state of Burlington Health & Rehabilitation with regards to its COVID-19 outbreak. She noted that no staff have been tested yet, and suggested that if the facility is to remain open through this crisis, it should be run independently.
- H. Warren agreed with earlier statements about rent and eviction freezes and sheltering the homeless for the duration of the pandemic.



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- Aiden Buchanan called on the City Council to support rent and eviction freezes, noting that many Burlingtonians have lost their jobs and cannot afford to pay rent in April and May.
- Arielle Gray noted concerns about the senior community in Burlington, stating that many individuals are contagious before they exhibit symptoms and that measures should be taken by Burlington to protect the most vulnerable in the community.
- Charles Winkelman noted that 6,400 individuals signed a petition to call for a rent/eviction moratorium and recognized that Burlington does not have the authority to enact such a measure. He encouraged the Mayor and City Council to lobby state government on behalf of the petitioners to enact such measures.
- Scott Pavsek asked the City Council and Mayor to lobby the governor to enact a rent, eviction, and mortgage freeze.
- Timothy McGrath noted that small landlords are also affected by the pandemic and will also need support during this crisis
- Ella Mighell agreed with earlier commenters about the need for a rent and eviction freeze to support the working class.

Public forum was closed at 8:04 PM.

### 3. Mayor's Report on the City's Response to COVID-19

Mayor Weinberger addressed the City Council about the pandemic and associated economic crisis, stating that many Burlingtonians are out of work and unsure about how they will make rent and basic necessities, homeowners having trouble paying their mortgages, and small business owners are suffering from a loss of revenue.

Mayor Weinberger noted the bold action from Governor with increasingly strong orders to close restaurants, bars, close-contact businesses, and prohibit large groups, and stated that Burlington will call on him and the federal government to do more to help solve the current crisis.

Mayor Weinberger described an emergency resolution for the Council's consideration tonight, which includes the following major actions to provide immediate/enduring relief to Burlington:

1. Creation of a resource and recovery center to get frontline help to Burlington citizens as quickly as possible. The center will ensure access to healthcare, food, and shelter in the short term, and will help with housing security, assisting small businesses and individuals with unemployment insurance claims, and navigation to other resources in the longer term;
2. Immediate material fee/tax relief, including suspension of utility disconnects for nonpayment, suspension of parking ticket issuance for non-safety-related infractions, and tax abatement for certain businesses; and
3. Roadmap for work to provide an unprecedented level of local tax relief and to mitigate the downstream negative effects of lost City revenue during the crisis.

#### 1. **CONSENT AGENDA:**



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

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

4.03 Communication: C/T Office, re: Special City Council Work Session re: Housing Police Reform, September 23, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.04 Communication: C/T Office, re: CityPlace Burlington Discussion, September 23, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.05 Communication: C/T Office, re: City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting, September 23, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.06 Communication: C/T Office, re: Local Control Commission Meeting, September 23, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.07 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, September 23, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.08 Communication: C/T Office, re: Full Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting, October 7, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.09 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, October 7, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.10 Communication: C/T Office, re: Local Control Commission Meeting, October 28, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.





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4.11 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, October 28, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.12 Communication: C/T Office, re: City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting, November 4, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.13 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, November 4, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.14 Communication: C/T Office, re: Local Control Commission Meeting, November 18, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.15 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, November 18, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.16 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, December 2, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.17 Communication: C/T Office, re: Local Control Commission Meeting, December 16, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.18 Communication: C/T Office, re: Regular City Council Meeting, December 16, 2019, Draft Minutes - waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes at the April 13, 2020 Regular City Council Meeting.

4.19 Communication: Mohamed Jafar, Member, BRV, re: Resignation – waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy and send a letter of appreciation to Mohamed Jafar thanking for his time served on the Board for Registration of Voters.

4.20 Communication: Amy J. Bovee, Assistant City Clerk, re: Declaration of Elected Candidates Annual City Election - March 3, 2020 – waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.



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4.21 Communication: Amy J. Bovee, Assistant City Clerk, re: Declaration of Election Results Questions on the Ballot Annual City Election - March 3, 2020 – waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

4.22 Communication: Richard Haesler, Assistant City Attorney, re: FY 2019 City of Burlington Downtown TIF District Report to the Vermont Economic Progress Council (VEPC) – waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file.

4.23 Communication: Sharon Bushor, City Councilor - Ward 1, re: Historic Building Materials – waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and send copies to the Planning Commission and the Planning Department and Mayor.

4.24 Communication: Sharon Bushor, Ward 1 City Councilor, re: Amending the slope Ordinance in the CDO – waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and send it to the Planning Department and Commission.

4.25 Communication: Laura Wheelock, P.E., Senior Public Works Engineer and Olivia Darisse, P.E., Public Works Engineer, re: Shelburne Street Roundabout Sewer Relining – authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Supplemental Agreement #2 to Utility Agreement UT0053 with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, authorizing an additional \$118,041.72 in reimbursable funds and raising the total agreement value to \$189,441.72, and allowing the City to utilize a contractor to rehabilitate existing municipal combined sewer infrastructure as is necessary prior to the start of the Shelburne Street Roundabout construction and to authorize the Director of Public Works to execute an amendment to the existing contract with Green Mountain Pipeline Services, LLC to include cured in place pipe relining of combined sewers and manholes subject to Supplemental Agreement #2 to UT0053, with additional work not to exceed \$118,041.72, and raising the maximum limiting amount of the contract from \$255,268 to \$373,309.72.

4.26 Communication: Laura Wheelock, P.E., Senior Public Works Engineer and Olivia Darisse, P.E., Public Works Engineer, re: Shelburne Street Roundabout - Finance and Maintenance Agreement FM0324 Amendment #1 – authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment #1 to the Finance and Maintenance Agreement FM0324 with the Vermont Agency of Transportation, authorizing \$109,876 in reimbursable project expenses, which is intended to cover one hundred percent (100%) of the costs associated with providing technical, legal, and project management assistance to VTTrans throughout the design and construction of the Shelburne Street Roundabout, subject to the final review and approval of the City Attorney's Office.

4.27 Communication: Steven A. Locke, Fire Chief, re: Request for creation of a reserve fund for fire alarm system replacement – approve and authorize the creation of a fire alarm system replacement reserve fund and assign the monies collected since July 1, 2018, that have been identified in general fund account 110-15-000.4435 for this purpose as well as system expansion.

4.28 Communication: Steven A. Locke, Fire Chief, re: Request for approval of a budget neutral amendment – approve and



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authorize a budget neutral amendment to the FY 20 Burlington Fire Department budget to increase revenues by \$172,000 and increase overall expenditures by \$172,000 as outlined in Chief Locke's memo dated, March 6, 2020.

4.29 FIO Documents – for information only.

4.30 Resolution: Creation Of Position In Burlington Parks, Recreation, & Waterfront - Recreation Division (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.31 Resolution: Burlington International Airport - Sale Of Kirby Cottages (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.32 Resolution: Authorization For \$1,094,000 Construction Loan From Vermont Drinking Water State Revolving Fund For Upgrade Of Distribution System (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.33 Resolution: Authorization For \$425,000 Design And Construction Loan From Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund And Contract With Hallam ICS For \$400,000 For Upgrade Of Main Plant SCADA/PLC System (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.34 Resolution: Authorization For \$2,673,440 Loan From Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund And Contract With Wright Pierce For \$247,800 For Upgrade Of Main, North And East Disinfection Systems (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.35 Resolution: Authorization For \$2,872,427 Loan From Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund For Upgrade Of Wastewater Collection System (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.36 Resolution: Authorization For \$1,720,129 Loan From Vermont Clean Water State Revolving Fund For And Contract With Hoyle Tanner Associates For \$164,850 For Upgrade of Fletcher And Flynn Pump Stations (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.37 Resolution: Release of Certain Glebe Lands (Councilor Mason) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.38 Resolution: Waterworks System - Supplemental Resolution #4 (Authorization for Drinking Water Loan Bonds-to accompany Item 4.32) (Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.





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4.39 Resolution: Wastewater System - Supplemental Resolution #5 (Authorization for Clean Water Loan Bonds-to accompany Items 4.33 through 4.36)(Board of Finance) – waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

4.40 Resolution: Shelburne Street Rotary Re-Design Project - Adoption of Order Determining Damages (Councilor Paul)  
\*\*was Deliberative Agenda Item 5.04\*\* - waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

**MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to adopt the Consent Agenda and take the actions indicated for Items 4.01 through 4.40.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

### **5. DELIBERATIVE AGENDA:**

5.01 Ordinance: Burlington Code of Ordinances - Minimum Housing Ordinance - Parking Plan Required (Councilors Bushor and Hanson)(1st reading)

**MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Hanson, to consider this first reading and refer it to the Ordinance Committee.**

### **DISCUSSION:**

- Councilor Bushor noted that this had been an item on the previous agenda but needed to be postponed. She stated that a parking plan would help alleviate some of Burlington's chronic parking problems, and proposed a phased-in approach. She noted that the first phase would entail a field in the current rental registration form where landlords would attest to posting and providing a parking plan to tenants. After, code enforcement would be able to target noncompliant properties and ensure that the parking plan complied with zoning setbacks.
- Councilor Shannon noted that the timing for this agenda item is poor, given the lack of bandwidth of Councilors and staff and the need to get through the current public health crisis.
- Councilor Hanson stated that this would not create additional restrictions for tenants but would require landlords to be explicit with tenants about actual parking availability from the beginning of a lease. He suggested that this be voted to committee, which could then decide how to prioritize this among other, more pressing items.
- Councilor Mason noted that there are already a number of housing-related reforms in committee and that now is not the time for another.

**VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – nay, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Tracy – aye, Councilor Wright – aye (8 ayes, 4 nays); motion carries.**





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5.02 Resolution: Emergency Measures Related to COVID-19 (Councilor Mason)

**MOTION by Councilor Mason, SECOND by Councilor Paul, to waive the reading, adopt the resolution, and bring it back to the floor for discussion.**

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Paulino, to amend the resolution on Line 111 to insert "or increased expenses" after the word income.**

### **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT:**

- Councilor Pine expressed support for the amendment as good public policy and supportive of the comments heard during public forum. He noted that while the mayor and City Council do not have the authority to enact some of the measures in the resolution, it asks the mayor to advocate with the state using the power of Burlington's delegation in Montpelier.

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Freeman, SECOND by Councilor Tracy, to amend the amendment to strike the language in line 110 after the words Governor of Vermont and insert "to enact a moratorium on all evictions, suspend all new filings, stay all current proceedings, stay all current escrow orders, stay all unexecuted writs of possession, and a rent freeze.**

### **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:**

- - Councilor Shannon asked if the City Attorney had concerns with the language as amended. City Attorney Blackwood replied that she has not researched the governor's authorities are in these situations but did not object to the resolution asking him to do what is in his authority.
  - Councilor Pine expressed support for this amendment, which recognizes that the pandemic has placed incredible pressure on the community and takes steps to mitigate that pressure. He added that the Council should be aware that evictions due to egregious violations of law and leases also occur and the Council should consider how this proposed language interacts with those situations.
  - Councilor Freeman emphasized the need for moratorium on evictions due to COVID-19-related circumstances, but recognized that there are public safety concerns with a complete eviction moratorium.
  - Councilor Mason noted that the Chittenden County Superior Court is currently shut down and no hearings are taking place for current evictions, let alone future evictions due to COVID-19.
  - Councilor Tracy supported the amendment as a measure to provide housing to help individuals shelter in place and noted that it provides specificity on what Burlington is seeking from the governor.
  - Councilor Shannon expressed concern that the amendment would protect those who are engaging in criminal activity.
  - Councilor Bushor expressed support for the original amended language, stating that she is unfamiliar with some of the specific terms of Councilor Freeman's amendment, and added that she would support the original amendment if it included language around rent freezes.

**VOTING ON AMENDED AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – nay, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor**



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**Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Tracy – aye, Councilor Wright – nay (8 ayes, 4 nays); motion carries.**

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT AS AMENDED:**

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Tracy, to amend the resolution to insert additional resolved clauses at the end: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Burlington calls on the Department of Homeland Security to suspend all deportations and detentions as long as the coronavirus pandemic continues;”**

### **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:**

- Councilor Hanson noted that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has continued with deportations on a large scale, sending thousands of migrants to Central American countries where there are far fewer known cases of COVID-19 and fewer healthcare resources to cope with the crisis.
- Councilor Dieng expressed concern that the Governor does not have the authority to issue recommendations to Homeland Security and that it would be more appropriate to ask Vermont’s congressional delegation for this type of action.

**VOTING ON AMENDED AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – nay, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – aye, Councilor Wright – nay (9 ayes, 3 nays); motion carries.**

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT AS AMENDED:**

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Hanson, SECOND by Councilor Tracy, to amend the resolution to insert additional resolved clauses at the end: “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Burlington urges the Governor of Vermont to immediately issue a shelter in place order and a shutdown of all non-essential businesses.”**

### **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:**

- Councilor Hanson noted the importance of a strong and clear shelter in place order during an epidemic and recommended signaling support for this.
- Councilor Paul asked if there was a specific definition of “shelter in place” used here. Councilor Hanson replied that the intention would be to shut down non-essential businesses and encourage the public to stay home unless there is a critical need to be out of the house, but deferred to Governor Scott on the specific definition.
- Councilor Mason noted that as this meeting is taking place, Governor Scott announced a “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order, to require all businesses and non-profits to shut and encourage work from home requirements.
- Councilor Freeman noted her support for this, while recognizing concerns around economic impacts of such measures and a desire to mitigate them.



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**VOTING ON AMENDED AMENDMENT (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – aye, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – aye, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – aye, Councilor Tracy – aye, Councilor Wright – nay (11 ayes, 1 nay); motion carries.**

### **FURTHER DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT AS AMENDED:**

- Councilor Bushor noted concern for senior centers and rehabilitation centers and said there should be more preventative measures put in place in those organizations. Council President Wright and Mayor Weinberger both noted a recently-issued executive order from the Governor requiring more precautions and protective measures for senior care establishments.
- Councilor Freeman stated that increased access to personal protective equipment (PPE) and testing capacity would be the two most impactful actions to take at this time. She also emphasized the importance of transparency around what equipment and testing are currently available.

**MOTION TO AMEND by Councilor Shannon, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to amend line 105 to insert after testing "of both staff and patients, assure access to needed personal protective equipment, and deploy"**

### **DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDMENT:**

- Councilor Pine noted the concern from the public around Burlington Health and Rehabilitation and also noted that because there is a lack of a municipal public health authority, oversight of BHR is at the state level.
- Councilor Tracy noted that a number of his constituents have been gravely affected by the pandemic, especially those at BHR, and noted his support for any amendment language that would put additional resources into testing and PPE.

**VOTING: passes unanimously.**

### **DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION AS AMENDED:**

- Councilor Freeman asked whether the funding associated with this resolution can be spent without further authorization. Mayor Weinberger replied that the resolution would authorize spending totaling \$1 million for the emergency operations and resource centers and noted that the resolution commits the administration to giving the Council regular updates as funds are spent. He added that these are not bailout funds, but allow the city to mount urgent responses to take action in order to effectively respond to this emergency.
- Councilor Dieng asked what funding allocations will be used for the costs associated with this resolution and



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Mayor Weinberger replied that the resolution only commits to the funding amount and is silent on how funding will be allocated. He added that he anticipates needing to use reserves to balance the budget in Fiscal Year 2021.

- Councilor Dieng asked if funds will go to specific businesses on Church Street and Mayor Weinberger replied that funds are not given to specific businesses through this resolution, but the resolution does relieve their tax burden temporarily.
- Councilor Hanson noted his support for the resolution and thanked the administration for its hard work in its development. He also stressed the importance of economic relief measures for the neediest in the community.
- Councilor Shannon asked what types of assistance the resource center could provide to individuals. Mayor Weinberger replied that it would provide a range of services including direct one-on-one constituent support and consultation with any Burlington citizens who need assistance. Councilor Shannon noted her support of the resolution, especially the moratorium on evictions and the additional support for Burlington Health & Rehabilitation.
- Councilor Roof noted his support for the resolution and called attention to the newly approved paid leave and work policy that was put together by Burlington's Human Resources team.

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

5.03 Communication: Sharon Bushor, Ward 1 City Councilor, re: Licensing of Landlords

**MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to accept the communication, place it on file, and refer it to the CDNR and Ordinance Committees for further research and recommendations.**

**VOTING (by roll call): Councilor Bushor – aye, Councilor Hanson – aye, Councilor Dieng – aye, Councilor Paulino – nay, Councilor Freeman – aye, Councilor Mason – nay, Councilor Paul – aye, Councilor Pine – aye, Councilor Roof – aye, Councilor Shannon – nay, Councilor Tracy – aye, Councilor Wright – nay (8 ayes, 4 nays); motion carries.**

5.04 Resolution: Shelburne Street Rotary Re-Design Project - Adoption of Order Determining Damages (Councilor Paul)

**\*\*now Consent Agenda Item 4.40\*\***

This item was not discussed at this time as it has been moved to the consent agenda.

Council President Wright recessed the City Council meeting and convened the Local Control Committee at 10:12 PM. The City Council meeting was resumed at 10:13 PM.

## 6. COMMITTEE REPORTS



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### **6.01 Verbal Reports –**

Councilor Tracy noted that the TEUC had been scheduled to meet this week but that it no longer will. He further noted that the Amtrak train storage issue has been resolved, that the train will be stored in the railyard and that a second track will not have to be built to accommodate that.

Councilor Dieng noted that the City's social media policy is ready and will be up for a vote at the next City Council meeting in April. He thanked the Human Resources director and the Mayor for their work on this policy.

### **7. CITY COUNCIL – GENERAL AFFAIRS**

#### **7.01 Verbal Reports –**

Councilor Pine bid farewell to Councilor Bushor, noting her 33 years of service on the City Council and her cautious and thorough approach to policy-making.

Councilor Shannon bid farewell to the departing Councilors Bushor, Roof, and Wright and thanked them for their service.

Councilor Dieng thanked Councilors Bushor, Roof, and Wright for their service, expertise, and experience in working with the City of Burlington.

Councilor Mason noted the sadness of having to say goodbye virtually and looks forward to thanking each of the departing Councilors in person.

Councilor Tracy thanked the three departing Councilors for their service to the City, reminiscing about what each has brought to the table in terms of expertise, skill, and style.

Councilor Bushor noted that she began serving on the Council as a working parent and saw the need to represent working parents on the Council. She expressed gratitude for her constituents and noted that she will continue to be involved in city forums. She thanked the Council for the experience of serving.

Councilor Hanson noted his gratitude that each of the departing Councilors taught and mentored him and that he learned from their dedication, further adding that it was an honor to serve alongside them.



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Councilor Roof expressed gratitude and thanks for everyone on the City Council with whom he has had the pleasure of working. He said that it is inspiring that the City Council is still able to meet remotely and collaborate in the current COVID-19 crisis.

Councilor Paul thanked the three departing Councilors for their service and time on the City Council.

Jordan Redell, Chief of Staff, presented plaques to Councilor Bushor, Council President Wright, and Councilor Roof (in absentia) commemorating their years of service on the City Council.

### **8. MAYOR – GENERAL AFFAIRS**

#### 8.01 Verbal Reports –

Mayor Weinberger noted appreciation for unanimous support for the COVID-19 resolution and thanked outgoing Councilors Bushor, Roof, and Council President Wright for their service.

### **9. CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT – COUNCIL UPDATES**

#### 9.01 Verbal Reports –

Council President Wright thanked current and former City Council members and staff for their commitment and service to the City and briefly reminisced about his time on the Council before bidding farewell.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION by Councilor Bushor, SECOND by Councilor Roof, to adjourn the meeting.**

**VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.**

The City Council meeting adjourned at 11:04 PM.

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