



City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting - Monday, January 23, 2017 - Contois Auditorium, City Hall 1/23/2017

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BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL

CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL

BURLINGTON, VERMONT

MINUTES OF MEETING WITH MAYOR PRESIDING

January 23, 2017

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

David Hartnett – North District arrived 7:29 PM

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 via teleconference

Tom Ayres – Ward 7

Adam Roof – Ward 8

ADMINISTRATION: Miro Weinberger, Mayor

Bob Rusten, CAO

Eileen Blackwell, City Attorney

Rich Goodwin, DFO

Jennifer Kaulius, Mayor's Office

Brian Lowe, Mayor's Office



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Katie Vane, Mayor's Office

Amy Bovee, C/T Office

Lori Olberg, C/T Office

Noelle Mackay, CEDO

Chapin Spencer, DPW

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kelly Devine

James Haslam

Jay Fayette

Alex Crothers

Alan Newman

Spencer Welton

John Killacky

Dan White

Mark Naud

Jill Batalatto

Tom Carr

John Bossange

Ron Ruloff

Charles Winkleman

Genese Grill

Jason van Driesche

Rachel Siegel

Michael Long

Caryn Long

Amey Radcliffe

John Caulo

Barb Pringe



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Trine Bech
Amanda Hannaford
Charlie Tipper
Erick Crockenberg
Tad Cooke
Michael Greitzer
Mary Danko
Alina Korsak
Scott McIntire
James Dunn
Ben Luna
Wiley Reading
Erica Morrell

1.0 CALL TO ORDER and AGENDA

Mayor Weinberger called the meeting to order at 8:57 PM on January 23, 2017.

1.01 Agenda

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

2.0 CONSENT AGENDA

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

2.02 COMMUNICATION: Openings

MOTION by Councilor Knodell, SECOND by Councilor Bushor, to adopt the consent agenda as presented (Items 2.01 and 2.02) and take the action indicated. VOTING: unanimous; motion carried.

3.0 APPOINTMENTS

3.01 Design Advisory Board (term expired 6/30/18)



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MOTION by Councilor Paul to nominate Tom Cullins to the Design Advisory Board for a term expiring 6/30/18.

MOTION by Councilor Colburn to nominate Jeffrey Caesar to the Design Advisory Board for a term expiring 6/30/18.

DISCUSSION: The following was noted:

- **Councilor Paul said Tom Cullins is a treasure for the city with his sense of design, his approach, and his decades of expertise in the field of design. The city will benefit greatly with him on the Design Advisory Board.**
- **Councilor Colburn said Jeffrey Caesar brings diversity to the current all white male board, and his background in housing and sustainability would be an asset. Mr. Caesar is an intelligent, dynamic, young individual who would be a fantastic addition to the board. Mr. Cullins if appointed would be the fourth Ward 6 representative on the seven member Design Advisory Board. The issue of geographic diversity was a concern with the next appointment.**

There were no further comments and no additional nominations.

VOTING for Tom Cullins: 8 ayes (Councilor Paul, Councilor Mason, Councilor Ayres, Councilor Hartnett, Councilor Wright, Councilor Roof, Councilor Shannon, Mayor Weinberger).

VOTING for Jeffrey Caesar: 5 ayes (Councilor Knodell, Councilor Bushor, Councilor Colburn, Councilor Tracy, Councilor Giannoni)

Tom Cullins is appointed to the Design Advisory Board for a term expiring 6/30/18.

3.02 Police Commission (term expires 6/30/19)

Ben Luna gave background information on where he lives and works in downtown Burlington and gave background information on his dedication to public service while in California and in Vermont as a state attorney and a prosecutor. Mr. Luna said he would like to reengage in the community and work with law enforcement, adding he has many innovative ideas to ultimately make the community safer and happier.

James Dunn summarized his experience as a legal aid attorney and city attorney for the Sanders and Clavelle administrations. Mr. Dunn said he developed a labor law practice and represented many police departments in collective bargaining and grievances. After retiring from his law practice Mr. Dunn said he started teaching meditation and yoga to incarcerated individuals and police departments for stress reduction.

Erica Morrell said she is teaching Environmental Justice at Middlebury College and has lots of contacts in refugee groups. Ms. Morrell said she is a mother of two young children and would bring a different energy and perspective to the position.

Wiley Reading said he is the lead after school teacher at CP Smith School as well as a camp counselor at Champ Camp, a



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personal care attendant, handyman, and dog trainer. Mr. Reading said he offers a link to the LGBTQ community and young people in general, and is interested in creating a safer space for everyone.

MOTION by Councilor Shannon to nominate Jim Dunn to the Police Commission for a term expiring 6/30/19.

MOTION by Councilor Colburn to nominate Anera Foco to the Police Commission for a term expiring 6/30/19.

DISCUSSION: The following was noted:

- Councilor Shannon thanked all the applicants for applying, noting the pool is very strong.
- Councilor Colburn said Anera Foco offers extensive experience with restorative justice, sexual domestic violence work, and cultural competencies with working with police. Anera Foco is also an interpreter and translator.

There were no further comments and no additional nominations.

VOTING for Jim Dunn: 8 ayes (Councilor Shannon, Councilor Ayres, Councilor Hartnett, Councilor Mason, Councilor Paul, Councilor Roof, Councilor Wright, Mayor Weinberger).

VOTING for Anera Foco: 4 ayes (Councilor Colburn, Councilor Tracy, Councilor Giannoni, Councilor Bushor).

James Dunn is appointed to the Police Commission for a term expiring 6/30/19.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

With no further business and without objection the meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM

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