

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL LICENSE COMMITTEE
CITY HALL –1ST FLOOR, BUSHOR CONF. ROOM *OR*
ZOOM MEETING WITH CALL-IN
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 9, 2024
DRAFT**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joan Shannon (Chair)
Ben Traverse (via Zoom, then in person)
Melo Grant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Lori Olberg
Hayley McClenahan
Chase Desroches

1.0 AGENDA

1.01 motion to amend/adopt the agenda
Councilor Shannon called the meeting to order at 5:42 PM.

MOTION by Councilor Grant, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to adopt the agenda as amended (adding agenda item 4.2 to discuss the peddlers license issue).

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT (VERBAL)

2.01 Public Comment (verbal)
None.

3.0 CONSENT AGENDA

3.1 motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated
3.2 Communication: BPD, re: Friday, November 24, 2023, Tree Lighting Ceremony on Church Street – waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.
3.3 Communication: BPD, re: Street Event – BHS, Friday, December 15, 2023 - waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.
3.4 Communication: BPD, re: Walk, Carry the Load, May 1, 2024 - waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

3.5 Communication: BPD, re: Walk, National Alliance on Mental Illness, June 1, 2024 - waive the reading, accept the communication, and place it on file.

3.6 Tobacco and Tobacco Substitute Endorsement Renewals (2024-2025): see attached list – approve the 2024-2025 Tobacco and Tobacco Substitute Endorsement Renewals as listed.

MOTION by Councilor Grant, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated for items 3.1-3.6.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

4.0 DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

4.1 Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): Vermont Future Fest, 377 Pine Street, private parking lot, June 15, 2024, 11 am – 4 pm

Chase Desroches spoke as the Applicant about the Vermont Future Festival, which is a climate action festival focusing on providing education on sustainability through local food, vendors, speakers, and live music.

MOTION by Councilor Grant, SECOND by Councilor Traverse, to approve the one day only Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application for Vermont Future Fest, 377 Pine Street, private parking lot, June 15, 2024m, 11 am – 4 pm.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

4.2 Discussion of Peddler Issue

Councilor Grant said that she would like to discuss peddler licenses and the discrepancies in terms of how they are administered throughout the City. She noted that there seem to be issues related to treatment of peddlers based on whether they are located on City property, non-City property, or in the parks. She also asked who administers and oversees these licenses and their enforcement. Councilor Traverse noted that he and Assistant City Attorney Clauss had been working on drafting information related to this prior to Assistant City Attorney Clauss's departure and that he would forward this to Assistant City Attorney McClenahan and the members of the License Committee. He noted that specifically, the City's ordinance pertains to University Place as the location where peddlers are allowed to set up shop, and noted recent reductions in the number of peddler spots in that location (from 7 to 5). He noted that there are differences between the application process for peddlers versus businesses on the Church Street Marketplace, such as lack of a requirement for a background check for Church Street Marketplace vendors when peddler licenses require a background check. He said it may be prudent to align requirements between Church Street Marketplace vendors and peddler licenses. Councilor Grant also noted that peddlers could be vendors in City parks if they are approved for an event through the Parks Commission, which has different requirements than the standard peddler license application, and expressed concern about inequities between these different processes. She said that there should be consistency and equity for peddler license applications. Councilor Traverse said that he will circulate the draft ordinance amendment to the License Committee for its review, and that it would need to go to the Ordinance Committee for its review after that. Councilor Shannon asked that this be put on the agenda for the License Committee's next meeting.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT

5.01 Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 5:57 PM.