
DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL
7:09 P.M.

PRESENT: City Council President Shannon, Commissioners Adrian, Bushor, Tracy, Brennan, Siegel, Aubin, Mason, Blais, Paul and Dober

ABSENT: Commissioners Kranichfeld, Hartnett and Decelles

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Ken Schatz

CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE: Paul Sisson, Rich Goodwin, Scott Schrader and Lori Olberg

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioners Dober and Blais, the agenda was adopted as presented.

2. FIRST CLASS RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (2012-2013):

MLC Holdings, LLC, d/b/a My Little Cupcake, 217 College Street

Commissioners Dober and Blais made a motion to approve the 2012-2013 First Class Restaurant Liquor License Application for My Little Cupcake. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, City Council President Shannon adjourned the Local Control Commission meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator and Peggy Ellis-Green, Temporary C/T Assistant

ADJOURNED MEETING, CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
7:10 P.M.

PRESENT: City Council President Shannon; Councilors Adrian, Bushor, Tracy, Brennan, Siegel, Aubin, Mason, Blais, Paul, and Dober; Councilor Kranichfeld (arrived at 7:13 p.m.); Councilor Hartnett (arrived at 7:29 p.m.)

ABSENT: Councilor Decelles

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

City Council President Shannon welcomed delegates from the Yaroslavl Sister City.

On a motion by Councilor Adrian, with no second, the agenda was unanimously amended as follows: remove from the consent agenda item 3.11. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Execute Extension of Letter of Agreement Between the City of Burlington and University of Vermont (Pending BOF approval) and place it on the Deliberative Agenda as item 19.5 and note revised version of this resolution and remove from the agenda item 19. RESOLUTION: Compensation for Police Department Sergeants, Lieutenants and Deputy Chiefs – Unified Pay Scale Phase II Implementation.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

No one came forward to speak.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Adrian and Bushor the consent agenda was unanimously adopted thus taking the following actions as indicated:

3.01. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator, re:
Accountability List

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.02. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Execute Agreement with Champlain College for
Placement of a Geothermal Conduit in Maple St. Right of Way
(Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.03. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Temporarily Reconfigure the Shape and/or Expand
Outdoor Cafes on Church Street Licensed to Serve Alcohol Affected
by the 2012 Electrical and Lighting Construction Project (Councilor
Blais)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.04. RESOLUTION: Creation of One Records Clerk Position at the Burlington Police
Department and Elimination of One Office Assistant – CUSI Position
at Burlington Police Department (Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.05. RESOLUTION: Extension of All Taxi-related Licenses and Permits to August 31, 2012;
Extension of Institution of Taximeter Requirement to September 30,
2012 (Councilor Dober)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.06. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables and
Chairs on a Portion of the City's Right-of-way with Bern Gallery
(Councilors Dober, Tracy, Blais: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.07. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables and
Chairs on a Portion of the City's Right-of-way with Big Daddy's
Restaurant (Councilors Dober, Blais, Tracy: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.08. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables and

Chairs on a Portion of the City's Right-of-way with El Gato Cantina
(Councilors Dober, Blais, Tracy: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.09. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Execute Construction Contract for Fletcher Free Library
Capital Improvements (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul: Board of
Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.10. RESOLUTION: Authorization for Cost of Living Compensation for Non-union
Employees (Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.12. RESOLUTION: Reinvestment of HoDAG Proceeds for South Meadow Apartments
Project (Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.13. COMMUNICATION: Brian Pine, Assistant Director of Housing, CEDO, re: South Meadow
financing terms

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.14. APPOINTMENTS: Planning Advisory Committee

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and appoint Harris Roen as a representative
and David E. White as an alternate to the Planning Advisory Committee (PAC), terms of two years
beginning July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014

3.15. COMMUNICATION: Helen Plumley, Staff, DPW, re Resignation of DPW Commissioner
Gundersen

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy (will be in the 6/27
edition of Seven Days) and send a letter of appreciation thanking Margaret Gundersen for her time served
as a Member of the Public Works Commission

3.16. COMMUNICATION: Margaret Gundersen, DPW Member, re: Resignation

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file, advertise the vacancy (will be in the 6/27
edition of Seven Days) and send a letter of appreciation thanking Margaret Gundersen for her time served
as a Member of the Public Works Commission

3.17. COMMUNICATION: Peter L. Potts, Chair/Member, Planning Commission, re: Resignation

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and advertise the vacancy (will be in the
6/27 edition of Seven Days) and send a letter of appreciation thanking Peter Potts for his time served as
the Chair/Member of the Planning Commission

3.18. COMMUNICATION: Martha R. Lang, 138 Colchester Avenue, re: Airport Commission
Minutes

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.19. COMMUNICATION: Barbara Nolfi, 4 East Village Drive, re: Unsupportive of F-35s

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.20. COMMUNICATION: James Leas, re: Air Force EIS/F-35s not in favor

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.21. COMMUNICATION: Concern Citizens, Burlington, re: Unsupportive of F-35s

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.22. COMMUNICATION: Laurie Larson, 93 Lafountain Street, re: Support Siegel/Brennan Resolution

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.23. COMMUNICATION: Joanne Putzier, Staffperson, Parks and Recreation Commission, re: Meeting Attendance Records July – June 2012

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.24. COMMUNICATION: Jim Flint, Justice of the Peace, re: Resignation

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and send a letter of appreciation to Jim Flint thanking him for his time served as a Justice of the Peace

4. COMMUNICATION: Miro Weinberger, Mayor, re: Appointment of CEDO Director

Councilors Blais and Paul made a motion to waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the appointment of Peter Owens as CEDO Director.

Mayor Weinberger stated he was excited to bring Peter Owens forward as the next director of CEDO. He was an experienced urban designer and had worked on a number of remarkable projects. However, he was not just a planner; he would bring experience as an entrepreneur and would bring that into the office. He had a Masters and PHD in urban design and environmental studies. That would be a great foundation to build from. He also had the right temperament to be the CEDO director, as he was a listener and collaborator.

Peter Owens, CEDO Director Candidate, introduced himself and stated this was a homecoming for him. He stated he began his professional career here in 1984. It was an exciting time in the City's history and he was thrilled to be back at a similarly exciting time. He stated this was a remarkable opportunity and stated he appreciated having met with everyone in the past few weeks. His work from the past 25 years would be great tools that he could use to take on this new challenge. CEDO had been an important piece of the City in the last 30 years. He remembered the excitement on that floor working on the Waterfront, the Boathouse, and the Southern Connector, and the Burlington Community Land Trust. There was a new opportunity to shift into a higher gear and work on the Mayor's agenda, jobs, housing, the Waterfront, and the process of building a City that supported citizen engagement.

Councilor Bushor stated he embodied the best that CEDO could have with his history and link to Burlington in addition to his background knowledge. This was a good fit for him and the City. She stated the Southern Connector was still there waiting for him. Mr. Owens stated he looked forward to working with everyone on these projects.

Councilor Tracy inquired what the biggest challenges to economic development moving forward and the largest opportunity for growth. He inquired how he planned to include the various stakeholders in Burlington, particularly low and moderate income people and people of different ethnic backgrounds. Mr. Owens stated he was moving back from San Francisco, a diverse and thriving community. The diverse community was the challenge and the opportunity was one of the keys to economic growth. Engaging that diversity was an important component to the creative economy to draw the best and brightest thinkers to a place. He stated he did not have a list of techniques he would use, but stated he liked to be on the street meeting people and talking to them. It was a different City than it was 30 years ago and it was very exciting.

Councilor Brennan stated he was impressed with Mr. Owens' background. The Champlain Parkway would hopefully be built under his guidance. He inquired if his family had moved here. Mr. Owens stated that his family lived in Hanover. He planned to live here in Burlington in an apartment so his kids could stay in school. He stated he would not be sitting here if his family did not support this choice. They were excited about the opportunity to be in Burlington. Councilor Brennan stated an hour and a half ride was not the end of the world. Mr. Owens said his family shopped in Burlington often.

The motion passed unanimously.

5. COMMUNICATION: Clerk/Treasurer's Office, re: Openings Burlington City Commissions/
Boards

Councilors Adrian and Aubin made a motion to waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file. The motion passed unanimously.

5.01. APPOINTMENT: Housing Board of Review (Term expires 6/30/17)

Councilor Dober nominated Roy Collette for the Housing Board of Review.

Councilor Bushor inquired if Roy Collette was present. City Council President Shannon stated he was not. Councilor Bushor stated she was unfamiliar with this individual and was excited he wanted to serve. He was a member of the Ward 7 steering committee and was currently a student. She inquired if he would have the time to commit to this position. Councilor Dober stated he had not talked to Roy about the time commitment.

Councilors Bushor and Brennan made a motion to postpone action on this agenda item. The motion passed by a vote of 12-1 with Councilor Kranichfeld voting against.

5.02. APPOINTMENT: Telecommunications Advisory Comm. (Term expires 6/30/15)

Councilor Mason nominated Russell Elek to the Telecommunication Advisory Committee.

Councilor Dober inquired if Russell Elek was here. He requested Mr. Elek tell the Council a little bit about himself. Mr. Elek stated he moved to Burlington in August of last year. His fiancée was a tenure track professor at the University of Vermont, so they planned to be in Burlington permanently. In the first two months living here he found a job and wanted to give back to the City.

Russell Elek was appointed to the Telecommunications Advisory Committee.

6. RESOLUTION: Annual Appropriation and Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning
Beginning July 1, 2012 (Board of Finance)

Agenda items 6 & 7 were combined with a motion to waive the reading and adopt the two resolutions which was made by Councilor Paul, seconded by Councilor Bushor.

Councilor Paul stated that these two resolutions and many that followed on the agenda were some of the most important relating to FY13 budget and tax rate. These addressed deficiencies in the City's financial controls. This year's budget offered no property tax increase, addressed liquidity concerns in water and wastewater enterprise funds that were identified by the audit management letter; addressed Penny for Parks budget and did so focusing on the intent of this tax, maintenance and park enhancement; and work that had to be done after the 2011 flood. She appreciated the hard work and creative thinking of the Administration, Interim CAO and their staffs. The Board of Finance approved this budget unanimously.

The Council must vote on the annual property tax rate. The tax rates had 14 categories, the largest was servicing of accrue and accruing liabilities of the City, other allocations for greenbelt improvements, Housing Trust Fund, Penny for Parks, highway and street, Library books, CCTA , \$.17 for the retirement fund. Overall tax rate .7153/ \$100 assessed value of property – slight decrease in the rate due to the fact the Schools had taken financial responsibilities for employees covered in City retirement plan.

Mayor Weinberger noted the progress this budget would achieve due to being able to add capacity in the Building Department to achieve further efficiencies. He was appreciative of the Board of Finance and City Council during the work sessions; bringing attention to faulty assumptions with special thanks to Councilors Paul, Bushor and Decelles and City Council President Shannon for all their work

Councilor Dober had not agreed to any City budget prior to this one and was pleased to support this budget.

Councilor Bushor supported the budget; but had one concern about the library budget. The budget assumed an Americorps member would be available to staff the programs for New Americans; if the Americorps member did not come forward the program for New Americans would not be staffed. She would like to know that the Mayor would potentially make a budget adjustment to keep the New Americans program funded. Just to be clear, the municipal tax rate, did not include the tax assessment from the School Department which would be coupled with the municipal tax rate for the final tax rate

Councilor Tracy wished to thank Interim CAO Sisson for his time and effort in explaining the budget and working through the budget process; also thanks to ACAOs Goodwin and Schrader for continuity. Councilor Tracy had one question on the revenue fluctuation due to the economy. Interim CAO Sisson stated revenues affected by the economy were the sales and gross receipts (commonly referred to as meals and rooms tax) taxes. These had shown an increase in gross receipts tax over the past year; raised the trades' fees to provide another employee and better service in the Building Division. The largest driver of revenue for the City budget was the property tax.

Councilor Siegel questioned the Parks and Recreation user fees; her understanding was user fees would only apply to certain parking lots. There had been some concerns from constituents that Little League would be impacted. Mayor Weinberger stated there was some confusion about the fees; however only two parking lots, Oakledge and Leddy, were affected. Adult leagues would be impacted by these fees and the Parks & Rec Department was offering league members a reduced park pass. Councilor Siegel was pleased that Little League fees were not going to be affected.

Police Department would be adding an additional sergeant in FY 13 – correct typo.

Councilor Siegel had questions on Human Resource line items 63990 and 64610. Interim CAO Sisson stated that the EAP program used to be in Health and Wellness and he decided it would be better administrated by HR. EAP was a confidential program for employees to get assistance as needed. The other item was to provide routine training of the HR personnel.

Councilor Siegel questioned the Mayor's Office narrative on the reorganization meeting and the increased demands of the Mayor's office. What demands had increased? Mayor Weinberger stated we were facing challenging times in the City and a lot was expected from the City – the Mayor's office staff was intending to do more on additional fronts.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. RESOLUTION: Annual Tax Assessments on the Property Grand List of the City for the Purposes Therein Set Forth for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012 (Board of Finance)

See agenda item 6.

8. RESOLUTION: Approving the Issuance of Grant Anticipation Notes for the Costs of Certain Airport Improvement Projects (Board of Finance)

Agenda items 8 & 9 were combined and a motion was made by Councilor Paul, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul spoke about short term borrowing by the Airport. These anticipation notes were short term notes guaranteed by FAA monies; through short term notes money was advanced to vendors to complete work and then monies were reimbursed when grant money was released. The same was the case for the revenue anticipation notes; they filled the void between work and the revenues generation. The level of borrowing was up to \$5 million for normal business expenses. The Airport could only borrow when revenue was anticipated. These resolutions allowed the Airport to borrow in anticipation of monies.

Councilor Dober asked Interim CAO Sisson on the certainty of the grants to Airport. Interim CAO Sisson stated the Airport FAA improvement program grants had been approved and accepted; he had no doubt of reimbursement.

Councilor Dober was concerned about short term loans, credit ratings, interest rate and immediate need for the loans. Interim CAO Sisson stated the Airport credit rating was separate from the City and overall the recent credit downgrade has had less of an impact than anticipated. The budget process put in a higher interest rate to cushion the borrowing. Documentation Interim CAO Sisson had seen from the Airport was that the actual rate on note was less than 4 percent on both of them.

The motion passed unanimously.

9. RESOLUTION: Approving the Pledging of the Credit of the City in Anticipation of the Receipt of Revenue from the Airport Department (Board of Finance)

See agenda item 8.

10. RESOLUTION: Approving the Pledging of the Credit of the City in Anticipation of the Receipt of Revenue from the Water Division of the Public Works Department (Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Dober, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated Revenue Anticipation Notes for the Water division of DPW were not to exceed \$1 million.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. RESOLUTION: Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012 (Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated this was another short term financing tool that allowed the City to temporarily get a loan not to exceed \$16 million. This loan must be repaid out of the next collection of property and other tax revenue. This was a cash flow tool for the City.

Interim CAO Sisson stated that the borrowing for this loan, if made today, would allow for the interest rate to be 3.51 percent.

The motion passed unanimously.

12. RESOLUTION: Authorization for Additional School Department Bonds
(Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated this resolution would allow the City to issue bonds, not to exceed \$1,250,000, for school maintenance and capital improvement. In 2009 the Charter allowed for borrowing up to \$2 million, only \$750,000 was borrowed. The School budget had factored in the interest and other expenses for repayment of these bonds. This resolution allowed for borrowing as stated by the Charter.

The motion passed unanimously.

13. RESOLUTION: Authorization for Public Improvement Bonds for Fiscal Year 2013
(Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated this resolution allowed the issuance of public improvement bonds not to exceed \$7 million in the aggregate of bonds to be divided accordingly: \$2 million City for capital improvements, \$3 million BED, \$2 million Schools. All Bonds debt repayment and costs were the responsibility of the departments and those costs had been factored into the appropriate budgets for the coming year.

The motion passed unanimously.

14. RESOLUTION: Approving the Pledging of the Credit of the City in Anticipation of the
Receipt of Revenue from the Traffic Division of the Public Works
Department (Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated that this resolution was similar to the Airport one; not to exceed \$1 million in anticipation of revenues from the traffic division of DPW.

The motion passed unanimously.

15. RESOLUTION: Water and Wastewater Rates for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2012
(Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul noted that this was an important resolution on water and wastewater rates; current rates were not covering the overall revenue requirements. The City should not continue to use short term borrowing. This resolution was a proactive approach with an increase of \$45 – \$46 / year in an average household: we must do this to be fiscally responsible.

Councilor Dober was disappointed by the increase; he would like to look at the process and come up with better efficiencies to level set the water and wastewater rates.

Interim CAO Sisson stated that many combinations were looked to bring the water and wastewater out of the negative cash situation. This was the solution that would repay the cash pool and not a penny more.

The motion passed with Councilor Hartnett voting against it.

16. RESOLUTION: Appropriation of the General Fund Capital Improvements and the Penny for Parks Budgets for Fiscal Year (Board of Finance)

Councilor Bushor made a motion, seconded by Councilor Brennan, to waive the reading and adopt the revised version of the resolution.

Councilor Bushor stated the revision was to focus on capital improvements that were linked to specific projects. The Council was asked to adopt a budget and then a list of projects would be distributed at the 7/16 meeting. This modification was just to hold a place for the future list of projects with the remainder of the capital improvements to be brought forward in July.

Councilor Mason, relating to the sensitivity of Penny for Parks, wanted to clarify what the Council was being asked to vote in favor of projects that would not be completed in FY13. Given the ranking he would prefer that this reflected projects that would get completed and remove the projects that would not get finished in FY13.

Mayor Weinberger noted that it was not known for sure in fact that these projects would not get done in FY13 and wished to move forward and reduce the backlog. He appreciated what Parks and Recreation had done and by giving them the authority that if they could exceed expectations and get more done that would reduce the backlog.

Councilor Bushor stated that a budget was put in place and projects were done by estimating the cost. Capital improvement plans were fluid because some projects, once put out to bid, were under cost or over budget. The City continued to spend what was budgeted for the year and carryover on projects that did not get completed. Penny for Parks was no different than other City capital improvements.

The motion passed unanimously.

17. RESOLUTION: Authorize Implementation of Market Adjustments for Director of Aviation, Fire Chief, General Manager Burlington Electric, CEDO Director, Executive Director of Burlington City Arts and Director of Public Works and Chief City Engineer (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul: Board of Finance)

Councilor Bushor made a motion, seconded by Councilor Paul, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Bushor stated that in 2009 the Council received the Zadowski report which had looked at key positions in the City and compared them to the national market. An evaluation was done as to whether the City was competitive in the market. Only when a key position came open did the City then offer competitive compensation. This resolution listed positions and modifications: the Zadowski report had higher salary ranges than presented by this resolution and the City made adjustments. These were modest adjustments and did not impact the budget significantly, but kept us competitive and fairly compensated. The Board of Finance vote was 4(Mayor Weinberger, Councilors Shannon, Bushor and Paul) – 1(Councilor Decelles): not unanimous.

Councilor Dober was on the HR committee in 2009 and the resizing of these positions was appropriate to meet the needs of the City. The increases had allowed us to get quality individuals to fill the positions. He supported the new rates and hoped this would help to fill vacancies.

Councilor Brennan questioned how these changes were dealing with compression. HR Director Leonard stated that at BED, BCA and DPW this resolution dealt with the compression because these key positions had maxed out at Step 15 of the Willis system and positions under the Directors had been moving up the pay scale while the Directors remained static.

The motion passed unanimously.

18. ORDINANCE: BUILDINGS & BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, ELECTRICITY,
PLUMBING – Fees (Public Works Department)

Councilor Bushor made a motion, seconded by Councilor Adrian, to suspend the rules and place in all stages of passage.

Councilor Bushor stated that this Ordinance was linked to the budget passage; the DPW budget was built on this fee increase and allowed DPW to hire a new building inspector.

Councilor Hartnett did not oppose the fee increase; he wanted to see the permitting process improved. He had heard many complaints from contractors and business people on the service at DPW Building Division. He hoped the rate increase would make it easier to do business in the City.

Mayor Weinberger agreed the increase in fees must improve the service at the Building Division. The increase allowed DPW to double, from one to two inspectors, the staffing in this division. These fees had not been increased since 2004.

Councilor Brennan commented on the customer service piece; additional staff was a plus but the accounting system was coming in to play. Credit card use should be expedited as quickly as possible

The motion passed unanimously.

19.5. (was 3.11.) RESOLUTION: Authorization to Execute Extension of Letter of Agreement Between
the City of Burlington and University of Vermont (Board of Finance)

Councilor Paul made a motion, seconded by Councilor Bushor, to waive the reading and adopt the revised version of the resolution.

Councilor Paul removed this consent agenda item to the deliberative to reiterate that the 2/13/12 resolution was a collaborative effort of Councilors from Ward 1, 2 & 6 to address concerns about UVM from these areas of the City. This resolution extended the Letter of Agreement for one year giving the

new Mayor and new UVM President the latitude to discuss and better understand the issues addressed in the February resolution and include these issues in a new agreement.

Councilor Adrian thanked Councilor Paul for moving this forward. Discussion with respect to the February MOU with UVM seemed premature as the UVM Administration was new. He hoped that the UVM Administration would signal a readiness to discuss ways to alleviate concerns from the neighborhoods. The question was how would the Council work in a symbiotic way with UVM and exert pressure to change? UVM needed to meet the capacity for students.

Councilor Brennan revisited recusing himself from the discussion last year and sought legal counsel; would participate this year.

Councilor Hartnett was concerned about giving the University another year; housing issues needed to be addressed. He was sensitive to the needs of the neighborhood and the University needed to get a strong message to alleviate the issues at hand.

Councilor Bushor stated the City and UVM had numerous agreements; the revision on the table was the extension for one year of the payment for service agreement. The payment for service needed to be revisited on a regular basis. Intertwined in this resolution were the other agreements that the City had with UVM – housing and quality of life. The 2/13/12 resolution dealt with housing, traffic, pedestrian traffic, noise and quality of life issues.

Councilor Kranichfeld stated that the agreement with UVM was very important to the Old North End: Wards 1, 2 & 3. There were many problems with the current agreement; he supported the extension for a year to craft an agreement that dealt with all the issues in the neighborhoods. This extension could potentially solve problems.

The motion passed unanimously.

20. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 mins.)

Councilor Brennan stated the Board of Tax Abatement Sub-committee Meeting was being held on June 27, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 17.

Councilor Mason stated that the Ordinance Committee would be holding a hearing on June 27, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. in Contois Auditorium on the proposed buffer zone.

21. COMMUNICATION: City Councilors, re: General City Affairs (oral)(10 mins.)

Councilor Bushor acknowledged a number of resignations and would like to thank Peter Potts who served on the Planning Commission; Margaret Gundersen, who served on the DPW Commission; and Jim Flint, part of Community Gardens. All these resignations made way for new voices and ideas. Also, a thank you to Larry Kupferman, CEDO Director, who communicated well with the Council. She would like to have a process of acknowledging the years of service for Department heads leaving the City.

Councilor Bushor had the communication of 6/15/12 go to City Attorney's Office to acknowledge the limited nature of the Constables law enforcement. City Attorney Schatz responded that the City Attorney's office was aware of the role of the City Constable who could not engage in law enforcement activity; all policing was done by the BPD in the City.

Councilor Brennan noted that on Wednesday, June 27, 2012 a meeting at the Police Station's Community Room would take place, topics would be on drug activity and public awareness with Chief Schirling. This meeting was looking to engage the community with public dialogue.

Councilor Hartnett thanked the School Board Commissioners for the hard work over the last three months on a difficult diversity issue. We all need to work with the School Board and Superintendent to make sure we look forward and do not revisit the past.

22. COMMUNICATION: Mayor Weinberger, re: General City Affairs (oral)(5 mins.)

Mayor Weinberger wanted to echo Councilor Bushor's thanks to outgoing CEDO Director Larry Kupferman; his departure would be properly noted. He thanked the City Council for passage of the budget at this meeting. The budget just approved was a clear document because of the new format and software package. This new format would help manage and monitor the budget in the years to come. Special efforts by Interim CAO Sisson, ACAOs Schrader and Goodwin and their staff over the past months should make the process easier in the future.

This week's Moody's downgrade was serious; the Mayor took two points away from the announcement and aftermath. First, the reaction to the news by financial community's increase was not as severe as expected: increase in borrowing had been only .5 point. Second, local money managers and bond buyers were still optimistic about the future of the City.

There would be a public announcement regarding the Moran redevelopment plan on next Monday. He has had numerous conversations with the stakeholders to formulate his decision. The Mayor would have further conversations with the Council prior to the announcement to share thoughts.

The Mayor welcomed the resolution on examining options on the northern end of Champlain Parkway concerns. He was looking into the possibility of building a separate project to solve the concerns. Additional information would be shared in July and September with the hope of making progress.

Mayor Weinberger congratulated the New North End Councilors on the new residences at Thayer Commons. The private/non-profit partners reflected a wonderful community feel and blended with the shopping center. His hope was that these partnerships would bring additional housing to Burlington in the future.

23. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilors Dober and Hartnett the Adjourned City Council Meeting voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:57 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator and Peggy Ellis-Green, Temporary C/T Assistant

CITY COUNCIL WITH MAYOR PRESIDING
MONDAY, JUNE 25, 2012
8:57P.M.

PRESENT: see above

MAYOR WEINBERGER PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Hartnett and Mason the City Council With Mayor Presiding Agenda was adopted as presented.

2. APPOINTMENT: Library Commission (Term expires 6/30/15)

Councilor Mason nominated Oliver Kranichfeld to the Library Commission.

Councilor Kranichfeld recused himself from this motion.

Oliver Kranichfeld was appointed to the Library Commission.

3. APPOINTMENT: Board of Tax Appeals (Term expires 6/30/15)

Councilor Paul nominated Tomer Segal to the Board of Tax Appeals.

Tomer Segal was appointed to the Board of Tax Appeals.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:00 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator and Peggy Ellis-Green, Temporary C/T Assistant

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