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TO: Members, City Council

FROM: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

DATE: October 18, 2013

RE: Proposed amendment to Monday night's agenda

ADJOURNED CITY COUNCIL MEETING:

Note **revised** version for consent agenda item 6.28. COMMUNICATION: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Pension Summit Draft Proposal with the consent action to "waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file." (per Brian Lowe, Projects Coordinator, Mayor's Office)

WHY THE BURLINGTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM MATTERS

Draft Proposal for a Potential Retirement Summit

Date & Time: November 5, 2013 from 5pm – 8:10pm

Location: Contois Auditorium

Goals of the Council Resolution for the Pension Summit:

- Educate the public, the City Council, City Employees, and unions on the status of the City of Burlington Retirement System and why it is important
- Explain the causes of the current situation and the implications for our community
- Convey a sense of immediacy about a long-term issue
- Facilitate community input

4:45pm – 5:10pm

Food will be provided

5:10pm – 5:15pm (the Pension Summit will start promptly at 5:10pm and will be televised)

Welcome and Session 1 Introduction by Mayor Miro Weinberger

5:15pm – 6:05pm

Session 1: The Retirement System – Why It is Important

Part I: Pension 101 – Conversation with State Treasurer Beth Pearce and Ward 6 City Councilor Karen Paul

Part II: Panel - Why the Retirement System is Important and the Impact on Citizens of a Healthy System moderated by Ward 5 City Councilor Chip Mason with Human Resources Director Susan Leonard, Burlington Police Chief Michael Schirling, AFSCME Council 93 George Lovell, President of Vermont AFL-CIO, Burlington Fire Fighters Association Local 3044 President Joe Keenan, Burlington Police Officers Association President John Federico, and International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 300 Business Manager and Financial Secretary Jeffrey Wimette

6:10pm – 7:00pm

Session 2: Our System – Where We Are and How We Got Here

Presentation by Former City Attorney Joe McNeil, David Driscoll of Buck Consultants (tentative), and Chief Administrative Officer Bob Rusten

7:10pm – 8:00pm

Session 3: Keynote Speech: Stories from other Communities and a Path Forward

Part I: Elizabeth Kellar, President and CEO of the Center for State and Local Government Excellence

Part II: Public Forum comments and Q&A moderated by Ward 6 City Councilor Norm Blais for all Speakers and BERS Board Members from attendees, call-ins, & internet (the time available for Q&A may be extended following the closing remarks)

8:00pm – 8:10pm

Closing Remarks on Next Steps from Mayor Weinberger and City Council President Joan Shannon

Additional material related to Burlington's retirement system will be available prior to the pension summit on the City's retirement webpage, <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/HR/Retirement/Home-Page/>.