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2 **Resolution Relating to**
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RESOLUTION
Sponsor(s): Councilors Hartnett,
Wright, Decelles, Dober

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7 **SKATE PARK FUNDING OPTIONS**

Introduced: _____
Referred to: _____
Action: _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____

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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

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14 In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....
15 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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17 That WHEREAS, the current skate park has become out-dated and is in dilapidated condition;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, construction of a new skate park as part of the Waterfront North project
20 which includes relocating and widening that section of the bike path, is supported by the City
21 Council; and

22 WHEREAS, there are multiple funding sources for the project that have been identified
23 including federal grant programs; and

24 WHEREAS, the point of contention with the project as raised by residents at both the
25 Board of Finance, the Parks Commission and the City Council, has been the use of \$150,000
26 from "Penny for Parks" as a funding source with the stated goal of leveraging other money
27 sources; and

28 WHEREAS, many residents supported the Penny for Parks initiative believing that the
29 money was intended for improvement and maintenance of existing parks programs and use of the
30 penny for parks money as a funding source may further erode voter confidence; and

31 WHEREAS, at this point in time, it is more important than ever that citizens of
32 Burlington have confidence in the process, the project and the funding sources used;

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37 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council - with the clear
38 understanding that we support the project - requests that Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
39 Richard Goodwin investigate whether a new funding source can be found for the project that
40 would replace the \$150,000 of Penny for Parks funding, and that Mr. Goodwin is requested to
41 report back to the Council by its meeting on December 19th on whether a new funding source
42 could be identified; and

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if a new funding source is presented to the Council,
44 that the Mayor is requested to take whatever steps are necessary within the budget that would
45 allow the change in the funding source to occur.

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49 lb/gm/c: Resolutions 2011/Skate Park Funding Options

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