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Resolution Relating to

BUDGET CONSULTANT

RESOLUTION
Sponsor(s): Councilors Bushor,
Mulvaney-Stanak
Introduced: 04/11/11
Referred to: _____
Action: _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year Two Thousand Eleven.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City Council has budgeted \$50,000 for additional staff support in FY 2011; and

WHEREAS, the City faces several budget issues that require in-depth analysis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has benefitted from external expertise in review of complex money issues requiring action by the council; and

WHEREAS, insights into format, process, and presentation have laid the foundation for improvements in our procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Burlington City Council requests that a list of individuals with expertise in municipal budgets be compiled by the Board of Finance, with assistance from the Clerk-Treasurer's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Finance review the list and make a recommendation to the full City Council to retain a budget consultant for no more than \$30,000 with a scope of work including:

- attend all Board of Finance meetings relating to development of the budget until a draft is sent to the full council;
- meet with department heads to obtain answers to questions raised by the Board of Finance or other city councilors;

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- hold up to two work sessions for the City Council regarding the budget (with CAO
38 staff present) dealing with all departments except BT;
 - submit a report at the end of the budget process with observations and comments;
 - attend a City Council meeting in May or June to present findings and respond to
40 questions;
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42 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Mayor and
43 Finance Board consider proposing the transfer of any remaining funds to increase Channel 17
44 coverage of City meetings so Burlington residents have greater access to their government;

45 AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Mayor
46 propose that the FY 2012 budget include \$50,000 for use by the Council for additional staffing
47 needs.

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