

Resolution Relating to

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Sponsor(s): Councilors Roof,
Shannon, Deane

Introduced: _____

Referred to: _____

Action: _____

Date: _____

Signed by Mayor: _____

ACTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS
TO THE CITY COUNCIL AND MAYOR BY THE
“EVERYONE LOVES A PARADE” MURAL TASK FORCE
(REVISED)

CITY OF BURLINGTON

In the year Two Thousand Eighteen

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

1 That WHEREAS, on March 12, 2018, the City Council adopted a Resolution to Appoint an Inclusive Task
2 Force to Seek Recommendations of the Future of the “Everyone Loves a Parade” Mural and Report
3 Recommendations to the Mayor and City Council; and

4 WHEREAS, Burlington is a diverse community that strives to be a welcoming place to live, work, and
5 visit; and

6 WHEREAS, many individuals came forward to express that they feel hurt by the omissions and
7 misrepresentations in the mural; and

8 WHEREAS, the Task Force was directed to respect “the principles of public art, property rights, artist
9 rights, and limits on government power” as it reviewed and considered “a wide range of options that leads to a
10 more inclusive outcome, respects Burlington’s and Vermont’s diverse history, and educates our residents and
11 visitors;” and

12 WHEREAS, pursuant to this Resolution, the City Council with Mayor Presiding appointed a slate of
13 individuals recommended by a joint Council-Administration sub-committee to the seven-member Mural Task
14 Force on May 14, 2018; and

15 WHEREAS, the Mural Task Force delivered its Report to the City Council at its August 13, 2018
16 meeting, at which time the Council accepted the Report and placed it on file; and

17 WHEREAS, the City Council with Mayor Presiding recognizes and appreciates all seven members of
18 the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” Task Force for volunteering their time in serving the city in this
19 capacity; and

20 WHEREAS, the Mural Task Force Report enumerates 8 recommendations including that the Mural be
21 relocated to another location in the City of Burlington by August 29, 2022;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington update its “Art in Public Places
23 Guidelines,” in accordance with recommendation #1 from the Report; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council commits to supporting ongoing and inclusive
25 public art initiatives; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests that Burlington City Arts
27 (BCA) report to the Parks, Arts, and Culture Committee by January 7, 2019 to address the following:

- 28 1) The update to the Art in Public Places Guidelines and Policies and how it
29 incorporates best practices in commissioning public art, including art that reflects the
30 different aspects of the cultural, racial, ethnic, and other diversity of Burlington and
31 the involvement of people of color and diverse communities in public art review
32 panels;
- 33 2) A review of BCA current fundraising demands, and opportunities for funding a
34 replacement mural on Leahy Way;
- 35 3) A list of possible sites to which the “Everyone Loves A Parade” mural (ELAP) could
36 be relocated and an analysis of those possible sites in light of this art commissioned
37 by the city of Burlington Church Street Marketplace (CSMP) department and the
38 community concerns that have been raised; and

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the existing placards next to ELAP are to be replaced with new
40 placards that:

- 41 a. better identify all of the individuals in ELAP and their contributions to the community;
- 42 b. explain that ELAP is not a comprehensive representation of Burlington’s history from 1609 to
43 2009, but rather a whimsical representation and celebration of Church Street Marketplace with
44 historical references;
- 45 c. appropriately credit all artists who were involved in the creation of ELAP;
- 46 d. acknowledge all donors and sponsors; and

47 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council sets a goal of relocating the ELAP from its
48 current location by August 29, 2022, per the Task Force recommendations; and

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council respectfully requests the Burlington City
50 Attorney to send a letter on our behalf to the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” Artist Pierre Hardy with all
51 City Council resolutions about the “Everyone Loves a Parade Mural” issue from our first action on
52 January 29th, 2018, up to the present.

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