



CITY OF BURLINGTON, VERMONT  
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**Councilor Brian Pine, Chair, Ward 3**  
**Councilor Sarah Carpenter, Ward 4**  
**Councilor Zoraya Hightower, Ward 1**

**Committee members:** Chair Brian Pine (BP), Sarah Carpenter (SC), Zoraya Hightower (ZH)

**City staff:** Christine Curtis, CEDO; Eileen Blackwood, City Attorney

**Other Attendees:** Cece Irish; Christie Delphia, Burlington Tenants Union; Jess Hyman, CVOEO; Rosie Benn; Stephen Marshall

Wednesday, August 5th, 2020

5:30 PM – TBD

Virtual Zoom Meeting

**Draft Minutes**

**Meeting Started at 5:35 PM**

**1. Review Agenda**

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Carpenter, to adopt the agenda as presented

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

**2. Public Forum**

Public forum opened, no one spoke, public forum closed.

**3. Just Cause Eviction**

The Councilors and City Attorney, Eileen Blackwood continued the discussion of charter change language re: just cause eviction. The draft language that was discussed and shared at the meeting was as follows:

“Shall the Charter of the City of Burlington, Acts of 1949, No. 298 as amended, be further amended by adopting and adding a new section 48(66) to read as follows: To provide by ordinance protections for residential tenants from eviction without “just cause”, where just cause may include, but is not limited to (a) a material breach of a written rental agreement, (b) violation of state statutes

regulating tenant obligations in residential rental agreements, (c) non-payment of rent while just cause may exclude (a) expiration of rental agreements (b) personal disagreements. The ordinance may also set a maximum rent increase with the purpose of preventing de facto evictions. The ordinance may require that landlords provide notice of just cause and other legal requirements as part of the rental agreement.”

MOTION by Councilor Hightower, SECOND by Councilor Pine, to ask the City Attorney to draft a resolution for the City Council given the language just provided and discussed to be referred to Charter Change.

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.

#### 4. Next Steps

Councilor Pine will provide Eileen Blackwood with resolution language for the upcoming City Council meeting.

MOTION by Councilor Pine, SECOND by Councilor Hightower, to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM

VOTING: unanimous; motion carries.