

**OFFICIAL BALLOT
SPECIAL CITY ELECTION
BURLINGTON, VERMONT
NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

1. TO VOTE IN FAVOR of any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked YES.
2. TO VOTE AGAINST any of the following questions, fill in the oval marked NO.
3. TO VOTE, FILL IN THE OVAL LIKE THIS: ●
4. If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another.

QUESTIONS

1. APPROVAL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR CITY CAPITAL PLAN PROJECTS

"Shall the City Council be authorized to issue general obligation bonds or notes in one or more series in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed Twenty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Five Hundred Eight Dollars and 00/100 (\$27,573,508.00) to be borrowed in increments between Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2021 for the purpose of funding capital improvement infrastructure projects of the City and its departments in furtherance of the City's 10 Year capital plan?"

YES
NO

2. AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS

"Shall the City Council be authorized to issue revenue bonds or notes in one or more series, pursuant to the City Charter, on behalf of the Water Resources Division of the Department of Public Works, in an amount not to exceed \$8,344,000, secured by the revenues of the waterworks system, to be borrowed in increments between Fiscal Year 2017 and Fiscal Year 2020 for the financing of capital additions and improvements to the waterworks system, including (i) capital improvements to the City's underground pipe and water distribution system, water mains, services, valves and hydrants, and (ii) to fund debt service reserve funds and pay costs of issuance?"

YES
NO

3. ADOPTION OF ZA 16-14

"Shall the amendment to Appendix A, Comprehensive Development Ordinance, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Burlington, identified as ZA 16-14 Downtown Mixed Use Core Overlay be adopted by the City of Burlington?"

YES
NO

4. PLEDGING THE CREDIT OF THE CITY TO SECURE INDEBTEDNESS FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE WATERFRONT TIF DISTRICT

"Shall the City Council be authorized to pledge the credit of the City to secure the repayment of indebtedness or make direct payments for the purpose of funding one or more public improvements and related costs attributable to projects serving the Waterfront Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District, specifically:

- (a) **Pine Street Acquisition, Construction and Streetscape Improvements:** (the block between Bank Street and Cherry Street) to include property acquisition; street infrastructure and construction; streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and multimodal transportation improvements;
- (b) **St. Paul Street Acquisition, Construction and Streetscape Improvements:** (the block between Bank Street and Cherry Street) to include property acquisition; street infrastructure and construction; streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and multimodal transportation improvements;
- (c) **Cherry Street Streetscape Upgrades:** (up to four blocks; between Church Street and Battery Street inclusive of intersections) to include streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and multimodal transportation improvements;

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- (d) **Bank Street Streetscape Upgrades:** (the two blocks between Church Street and Pine Street inclusive of all intersections) to include streetscape, stormwater, utility, lighting and multimodal transportation improvements;
- (e) **Related Costs:** reimbursement for TIF eligible related costs incurred by the City for the administration of the Waterfront TIF District, including direct municipal expenses such as departmental or personnel costs related to creating or administering the district to the extent they are paid from the municipal and not education taxes and are otherwise reimbursed in accordance with law

in a total principal amount not to exceed \$21,830,000.00 (which would be added to prior approvals for incurrence of Waterfront TIF District debt, since the district's creation, of \$32,858,873.00, of which \$15,473,290.00 was outstanding at the start of this fiscal year), and to issue bonds, notes or make inter-fund loans for such purpose with the understanding that tax increment from the properties within the Waterfront TIF District shall be pledged and appropriated for the payment of such indebtedness or direct costs of the improvements; and with the further understanding that the City may utilize up to but not more than 75 % of all education increment and not less than an equal amount of municipal increment for payments of such indebtedness or direct costs and shall be further authorized upon City Council approval to utilize up to 100 % of municipal increment upon such determination as may be annually made that such additional retention of municipal increment is necessary for the purposes of reimbursing those direct municipal expenses such as departmental or personnel costs related to creating or administering the district which under the law may only be paid from the municipal and not education taxes?"

YES

NO

5. PROPOSED CHARTER CHANGE REGARDING POWERS OF CITY COUNCIL

"Shall the City of Burlington Charter, Acts of 1949, No. 298, as amended, be further amended to clarify the provisions in section 48 (58) by amending the following subsections:

- subsection (58)(A) to clarify that the city has the right to own and maintain parking structures generally, not just lots or garages,
- subsection (58)(B) to clarify that any equipment and systems used to regulate parking, i.e., parking pay stations where credit cards are used, are authorized,
- subsection (58)(B) to clarify that the city has the right to remove cars from its lots and garages when the cars are parked in violation of a parking law or regulation,
- subsection (58)(D) to name the separate fund for parking revenues the "Parking Facilities Fund",
- subsection (58)(D) to simplify existing language on the uses of the Parking Facilities Fund for the acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance of garages and lots,
- subsection (58)(D) to clarify that the funds collected from the on-street parking equipment and systems (e.g., coin operated meters and parking space pay stations) to be used for traffic regulation and control means that the funds can be used for the acquisition or maintenance of parking facilities, the repair or construction of streets, sidewalks, and bridges, traffic or parking demand management facilities, planning or services, traffic calming, and other transportation-related actions,
- subsections (58)(E) and (F) to name the Public Works Commission expressly in the subsections where it is not directly named, and
- multiple subsections to clarify that the references to parking lots or garages refer to municipal lots or garages?"

YES

NO

6. BIKE PATH RELOCATION

"Should the Mayor of Burlington and the City Council be advised to relocate the Burlington Bicycle Path to the west side of the railroad tracks between College and King Streets even if that means utilizing the public trust doctrine or eminent domain to accomplish this task?"

YES

NO

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