

WHY THE BURLINGTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM MATTERS

City of Burlington Pension Summit Program

Date & Time: November 5, 2013 from 5:00 – 8:00pm

Location: Contois Auditorium, City Hall

Goals of the Council Resolution for the Pension Summit:

- Educate the public, the City Council, City Employees, and unions on the status of the City of Burlington Retirement System and why it is important
- Explain the causes of the current situation and the implications for our community
- Convey a sense of immediacy about a long-term issue
- Facilitate community input

4:45 – 5:10pm

Food will be provided

5:10 – 5:15pm (the Pension Summit will start promptly at 5:10pm and will be televised by Channel 17)

Welcome and Session 1 Introduction by Mayor Miro Weinberger

5:15 – 6:05pm

Session 1: The Retirement System – Why It is Important

Part I: Pension 101 – Conversation with State Treasurer Beth Pearce and Ward 6 City Councilor Karen Paul

Part II: Panel – Why the Retirement System is Important and the Impact on Citizens of a Healthy System, moderated by Ward 5 City Councilor Chip Mason

- Susan Leonard, City of Burlington Human Resources Director
- Michael Schirling, City of Burlington Chief of Police
- George Lovell, AFSCME Representative and Vermont AFL-CIO President
- Joe Keenan, Burlington Fire Fighters Association Local 3044 President
- John Federico, Burlington Police Officers Association President
- Jeffrey Wimette, International Brotherhood of Electric Workers Local 300 Business Manager and Financial Secretary

6:10 – 7:00pm

Session 2: Our System – Where We Are and How We Got Here

Presentation by Former City Attorney Joe McNeil, David Driscoll of Buck Consultants, and Chief Administrative Officer Bob Rusten

7:10 – 8:00pm

Session 3: Keynote Speech: Stories from other Communities and a Path Forward

Part I: Elizabeth Kellar, President and CEO of the Center for State and Local Government Excellence

Part II: Public Forum and Q&A, moderated by Ward 6 City Councilor Norm Blais, joined by all speakers and Burlington Employee Retirement System Board Members (the time available for Q&A may be extended following the closing remarks)

8:00 – 8:10pm

Closing Remarks on Next Steps from Mayor Weinberger and City Council President Joan Shannon

Additional material related to Burlington's retirement system is available on the City's website at <http://www.burlingtonvt.gov/HR/Retirement/Miscellaneous-Retirement-Reports/>.