

Public Safety Committee
Monday, August 31, 2026
Remote via Zoom/In-Person in Sharon Bushor Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall,
Burlington, Vermont
DRAFT MINUTES

Members Present: Buddy Singh (Chair), Melo Grant, Evan Litwin, Laura Sanchez-Parkinson

Staff Present: Katherine Schad (Chief Administrative Officer)

Public Present: Chris McGrath

Meeting called to order at 5:36 PM by Councilor Singh.

1. Adopt the Agenda

1.01 Adopt the Agenda

The agenda was amended to remove Items 3.1 and 3.2 to dedicate the meeting to a work session on Burlington Forward.

Motion to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion by Councilor Grant, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Public Forum

2.01 Verbal Comments

The first speaker commented on the loudness of emergency vehicles and that the crosswalk lights are too dim.

Chris McGrath, a downtown resident, noted additional language added to Section 2.04 that references the Library's public safety strategy and cautioned the Committee against copy and pasting their strategy to the parks because libraries are limited public forums, while parks are traditional public spaces and first amendment rights are the strongest.

Public Forum closed at 5:43 PM.

3. Work Session: Burlington Forward

~~**3.01 Situation Table Discussion w/ Anna Wageling CAIP BPD (Crisis Advocacy and Intervention Programs)**~~

Removed per amendment.

~~**3.02 Urban Park Rangers Discussion w/ Deryk Roach Parks Division Director**~~

Removed per amendment.

—3.033.01 Continued Discussion on Burlington Forward

The Committee worked through several sections of the resolution, developing recommendations and identifying where the Committee needs more information to make changes. The Committee scheduled two upcoming meetings for 9/8 and 9/9. No action taken.

4. Adjournment

4.01 Motion to Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 7:38 PM.

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