

Public Safety Committee
Tuesday, September 8, 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, Laura Sanchez-Parkinson

Staff Present: Hayley McClenahan (Assistant City Attorney), Jessica Brown (City Attorney), Shawn Burke (BPD Chief)

Public Present: Todd DeLuca, Tanya Benosky, Jayden Sweeney, Eric Gravel

Meeting called to order at 5:32 PM by Councilor Singh.

1. Adopt the Agenda
1.01 Adopt the Agenda

Motion to adopt the agenda as written.

Motion by Councilor Grant, Seconded by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson

Final Resolution: Motion Passes

Yes: Unanimous

2. Public Forum
2.01 Verbal Comments

Todd DeLuca commented on the City Hall trespass policy and that it does not protect the constitutional rights of the public and asked that councilors exercise their executive power to uphold first amendment rights. DeLuca added the conduct of the security guard when issuing the trespass was concerning.

Tanya Benosky, Executive Director of the Boys & Girls Club of Burlington, commented on their experience with appellant Jayden Sweeney's behavior and urged the Committee to consider the safety and wellbeing of the children using Roosevelt Park.

Public Forum closed at 5:43 PM.

3. Trespass Appeal Hearings
3.01 In re: Matter of Jayden Sweeney

The Committee heard testimony from Chief Burke and appellant Jayden Sweeney. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions before moving to Deliberative Session.

3.02 In re: Matter of Eric Gravel

The Committee heard testimony from City Attorney Brown and appellant Eric Gravel. The Committee had the opportunity to ask questions before moving to Deliberative Session.

5. Adjournment

5.01 Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the appeal hearing and move into Deliberative Session.

The meeting was adjourned with no objection at 6:39 PM.

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