



BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
MINUTES OF MEETING
September 28, 2026

1. Agenda

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City Council President Traverse convened the meeting at 6:05 pm.

Members present: Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Grant, Neubieser, Sanchez-Parkinson, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse (all in person): Councilors Litwin and McKnight (both online)

Other members present: City Attorney Brown, Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, CAO Schad, COS Gerlach, Deputy COS Zakaras and Lori Olberg

Subject	1.1. Motion to amend/adopt the agenda
Meeting	September 28, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	1. Agenda
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion to amend/adopt the agenda as follows: remove from the agenda item 7.3. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): PoutineFest USA, 377 Pine Street, October 4, 2026, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm
1.1. Motion to amend/adopt the agenda	
Motion made Councilor Schachter, seconded by Councilor Singh, to adopt the agenda as amended. Motion passed unanimously.	

2. Executive Session (15 mins.)

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City Attorney Brown spoke to this agenda item.

Subject	2.1. Executive Session Regarding Personnel Matter
Meeting	September 28, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	2. Executive Session (15 mins.)
Department	Police Department

Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion 1: Move that the Council find that premature general public knowledge of a confidential personnel matter would clearly place the City at a disadvantage; Motion 2: Based upon that finding, move that the Council and representatives from Burlington Police Department, Department of Finance and Administration, City Attorney's Office, Human Resources, and the Mayor's Office, enter Executive Session pursuant to: 1 VSA 313(a)(1)(F) to receive confidential attorney client communications for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body; 1 VSA 313(a)(3) to discuss the employment and evaluation of a City employee; and 1 VSA 313(a)(6) to discuss records exempt from public disclosure pursuant to 1 VSA 316.

2.1. Executive Session Regarding Personnel Matter

Motion 1: Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Bergman.

Motion 2: Motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Bergman.

The City Council went into Executive Session at 6:07 pm.

The City Council came out of Executive Session at 6:40 pm.

3. Public Forum: Time Certain: 6:30 pm **See above for signup instructions**

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City Council President Traverse opened Public Forum at 6:40 pm.

City Council President Traverse closed Public Forum at 7:01 pm.

Subject	3.1. Verbal Comments
Meeting	September 28, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, September 28, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	3. Public Forum: Time Certain: 6:30 pm **See above for signup instructions**
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	open Public Forum close Public Forum

3.1. Verbal Comments

BTV residents (in person):

Bruce Wilson: Straight Talk VT

Emily Halloran: Youths On Boards

David Maher: City Hall Park

Chris McGrath: Overdose Prevention Centers

Ed Baker: OPC
Brett Yates: 7.4.
Charlie Messing: safety going forward

BTV resident (online):

Sharon Bushor: Vegetation Ordinance

Non-BTV resident (in person):

Chris Morash: Free the music petition/other

4. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)

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Subject	4.1. Verbal reports
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Category	4. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Information
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4.1. Verbal reports

5. Committee Reports

5. Committee Reports

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Category	5. Committee Reports
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Information
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5.1. Verbal reports

6. Consent Agenda

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Subject	6.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated
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Category	6. Consent Agenda
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Department	Council and Board
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Type Action (Consent)
Procedural

Recommended Action Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

6.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

Motion made by Councilor Schachter, seconded by Councilor Bergman, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject 6.2. Accountability List - C/T

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

6.2. Accountability List - C/T

Subject 6.3. Communication: Joey Corcoran, re: testimony for Burlington Forward Resolution

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.3. Communication: Joey Corcoran, re: testimony for Burlington Forward Resolution

Subject 6.4. FY27 Vehicle Purchase and Sales Recommendation - Fleet Committee

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Public Works Department

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action 1. To approve the proposed FY27 Fleet Purchasing List as detailed in Attachment A vehicle replacement list and authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works to purchase the vehicles listed therein, for a total authorized expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$1,974,788.00. 2. To authorize the Chief Administrative Officer, or her designee, to effectuate necessary budget amendments and transfers of funds to support the purchase of vehicles per the FY27 Fleet Purchasing List (Attachment A). 3. To authorize the Director of the Department of Public Works or designee to dispose of the FY27 replaced vehicle/equipment through any of the following means, as they shall in their reasonable judgement determine to be in the City's best interest, and to take such further actions and execute such further instruments approved as to form by the City attorney as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby, auction the vehicles/equipment through any of the various online public auctions; by trade-in where vehicle/equipment is being purchased; or, if the vehicle is of no value to the vendor, Fleet Maintenance will have the vehicle/equipment, hauled away for scrap at the current market price.

6.4. FY27 Vehicle Purchase and Sales Recommendation - Fleet Committee

Subject **6.5. September 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes - C/T**

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

6.5. September 14, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes - C/T

Subject **6.6. September 14, 2026 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes - C/T**

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

6.6. September 14, 2026 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes - C/T

Subject **6.7. September 14, 2026 City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting Minutes - C/T**

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

6.7. September 14, 2026 City Council With Mayor Presiding Meeting Minutes - C/T

Subject 6.8. September 14, 2026 Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes - C/T

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Minutes

Recommended Action approve the minutes

6.8. September 14, 2026 Board of Civil Authority Meeting Minutes - C/T

Subject 6.9. Court Diversion Grant: #02100-FY27-CN - CEDO/CJC

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Category 6. Consent Agenda

Department Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action to approve the acceptance of the State of Vermont Grant Award #02100-FY27-CN, in the amount of \$1,274,268, which will continue the offering of court diversion and pretrial services being provided by the CJC to June 30, 2027, subject to final review and approval of the City Attorney, and to authorize the CEDO Director to sign the grant agreement, and to take such further actions or to execute such further instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the transactions contemplated hereby

6.9. Court Diversion Grant: #02100-FY27-CN - CEDO/CJC

Subject 6.10. Communication: Erhard Mahnke, re: Concerns with "Burlington Forward" resolution

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.10. Communication: Erhard Mahnke, re: Concerns with "Burlington Forward" resolution

Subject 6.11. Communication: Marina Loughlin, re: DRB Alternate Member Resignation

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)

Recommended Action waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and advertise the vacancy in Seven Days

6.11. Communication: Marina Loughlin, re: DRB Alternate Member Resignation

Subject 6.12. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 City Council Public Forum

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.12. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 City Council Public Forum

Subject 6.13. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 City Council Public Forum, Racial Justice Through Economic And Criminal Justice

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.13. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 City Council Public Forum, Racial Justice Through Economic And Criminal Justice

Subject 6.14. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 CC Public Forum, Burlington's Racial Equity Strategic Roadmap

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.14. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 CC Public Forum, Burlington's Racial Equity Strategic Roadmap

Subject 6.15. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 CC Public Forum, CNA Final Report A Functional And Operational Assessment Of The Burlington Police Department

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Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action waive the reading and place the communication on file

6.15. Communication: Reverend Mark Hughes, re: September 14, 2026 CC Public Forum, CNA Final Report A Functional And Operational Assessment Of The Burlington Police Department

7. Deliberative Agenda

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Subject **7.1. Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (2026-2027): Thingz From Yaad, 152 Cherry Street**

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action

Recommended Action approve the 2026-2027 Indoor Entertainment Permit Application for Thingz From Yaad, 152 Cherry Street with all standard conditions

7.1. Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (2026-2027): Thingz From Yaad, 152 Cherry Street
Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Grant, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject **7.2. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application(one day only): Citizen Cider, October 3, 2026, 180 Flynn Avenue, CiderFest, 2 pm - 8 pm**

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action

Recommended Action approve the one day only special event outdoor entertainment permit application for Citizen Cider, October 3, 2026, 180 Flynn Avenue, 2 pm - 8 pm, CiderFest

7.2. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application(one day only): Citizen Cider, October 3, 2026, 180 Flynn Avenue, CiderFest, 2 pm - 8 pm
Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Sanchez-Parkinson, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject **7.3. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): PoutineFest USA, 377 Pine Street, October 4, 2026, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm **AGENDA ITEM REMOVED****

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action

Recommended Action approve the one day only special event outdoor entertainment permit application for PoutineFest USA, October 4, 2026, 377 Pine Street, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

7.3. Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): PoutineFest USA, 377 Pine Street, October 4, 2026, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm ****AGENDA ITEM REMOVED****

Subject **7.4. Special Event Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): PartizanFilm, Inc., 230 College Street, October 31, 2026, 11:59 pm - 1:45 am, late-night showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show**

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action

Recommended Action approve the one day only special event indoor entertainment permit application for PartizanFilm, Inc., 230 College Street, October 31, 2026, 11:59 pm - 1:45 am, late - night showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show

7.4. Special Event Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): PartizanFilm, Inc., 230 College Street, October 31, 2026, 11:59 pm - 1:45 am, late-night showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show
Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Singh, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously with Councilors Bergman and Grant recusing themselves.

Subject **7.5. Ordinance: Vegetation BCO Chapter 29 (Department of Permitting and Inspections, Conservation Board, Parks and Recreation Commission)(20 mins.)**

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Category 7. Deliberative Agenda

Department Permitting & Inspections

Type Action
Ordinance - First Reading

Recommended Action to waive the reading and refer the amended Vegetation Ordinance to the City Council Ordinance Committee

7.5. Ordinance: Vegetation BCO Chapter 29 (Department of Permitting and Inspections, Conservation Board, Parks and Recreation Commission)(20 mins.)
VJ Comai and Dan Cahill spoke to this agenda item.
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Barlow, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject **7.6. Work Session Regarding Vermont Overdose Prevention Center and Service Assessment Report Update — Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (30 mins.)**

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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Community & Economic Development Office (CEDO)
Type	Communication Discussion Information

7.6. Work Session Regarding Vermont Overdose Prevention Center and Service Assessment Report Update — Vermonters for Criminal Justice Reform (30 mins.)

VCJR Members Bella Fearn, Jess Kirby and Tom Dalton spoke to this agenda item.

City Staff CEDO Director Alnasrawi, Rebecca Reese and Tamar Bouchard were also present.

Subject	7.7. Work Session Regarding Update From Ad-Hoc Tax Fairness Committee (30 mins.)
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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Communication Discussion Information
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7.7. Work Session Regarding Update From Ad-Hoc Tax Fairness Committee (30 mins.)

Nancy Stetson and Jen Monroe-Zakaras spoke to this agenda item.

Subject	7.8. Appointment of New Board of Finance Member (10 mins.)
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Category	7. Deliberative Agenda
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Department	Council and Board
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Type	Action
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Recommended Action	appoint Councilor Bergman to the Board of Finance
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7.8. Appointment of New Board of Finance Member (10 mins.)

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Barlow, to appoint Councilor Bergman to the Board of Finance. Motion passed unanimously.

8. City Council - General City Affairs (to include Climate Emergency Reports & Public Health & Safety Updates: up to 5 mins. per Councilor)

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Subject	8.1. Verbal reports
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Category	8. City Council - General City Affairs (to include Climate Emergency Reports & Public Health & Safety Updates: up to 5 mins. per Councilor)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

8.1. Verbal reports

9. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)

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Subject 9.1. Verbal reports

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Category	9. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

9.1. Verbal reports

None.

10. Adjournment

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Subject 10.1. Motion to adjourn

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Category	10. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Procedural

Recommended Action Motion to adjourn

10.1. Motion to adjourn

City Council President Traverse adjourned the meeting at 10:23 pm.

11. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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Subject	11.1. This agenda is available in alternative formats upon request. For more information on access, call Lori Olberg, Council and Licensing Coordinator (802-865-7136)(TTY 802-865-7142). Persons with disabilities who require assistance or special arrangements to participate are encouraged to contact 802-865-7000 (voice) or 802-865-7142 (TTY) at least 72 hours in advance so that proper arrangements can be made. This meeting will also air on Town Meeting TV the Wednesday after the meeting, starting at 8:00 pm and repeating at 1:00 am and 7:00 am the following day. The City of Burlington will not tolerate unlawful harassment or discrimination on the basis of political or religious affiliation, race, color, national origin, place of birth, ancestry, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, marital status, veteran status, disability, HIV positive status, crime victim status or genetic information.
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