BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, 149 CHURCH STREET, 2ND FLOOR
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 26, 2026

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1. Agenda

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City Council President Traverse convened the meeting at 6:08 pm.
Members present: Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Grant, Litwin, McKnight, Neubieser, Sanchez-Parkinson, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse (all in person)
Others present: City Attorney Brown, Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, COS Gerlach, Deputy COS Zakaras and Lori Olberg

Subject	**1.1. Motion to amend/adopt the agenda**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 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

1.1. Motion to amend/adopt the agenda
Motion made by Councilor McKnight, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

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

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City Council President Traverse opened the Public Forum at 6:32 pm.
City Council President Traverse closed the Public Forum at 8:18 pm.
Councilor Grant recused herself from this agenda item.

Subject	**2.1. Verbal Comments**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	2. 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

2.1. Verbal Comments

BTV residents (in person):

Dave Maher: Burlington Forward
Pat Rivers: Burlington Forward
Tammie Brownell: Burlington Forward
Jack Evans: planBTV NNE
Joanna Elliott: planBTV
Ingrid Dicherson: Fletcher Library Study Meeting Room Policies
Ashley Smith: Burlington Forward
Jack: BTV Forward
Ambrose Moore: 6.8
Olga Senesac: Burlington Forward
Vivian: BTV Forward
Paul Fleckenstein: Burlington Forward
Nolan Rampy: Burlington Forward
Antonion Golan: Burlington Forward
Faried: Prop Zero
Pearl Benjamin: Burlington Backwards
Lucy Gluck: Burlington Forward proposal
Ed Baker: OPC
John Nelson: Burlington Forward
Kathy Olwell: 6.8
Iris Johnson: 6.8
Chris McGrath: Burlington Forward
Melo Grant: BTV Forward
David Geddes: Public Forum
Tristin Adic: Burlington Forward
Kelsey Adams: 6.8
Nathaniel Maddison
Jim Carrier: Burlington Forward
Ashleigh Jascowski: Burlington Forward
Andre Clark: BTV Forward
Romeo Hermann: Public Safety
Charlie Messing: Andrew Champagne & Modernizing
Joey Corcoran: Burlington Forward
Alexander Melville: 6.4
Kenneth Allen: Burlington Forward
Theodore Wheeland: Burlington Forward resolution(s)
Dave Hartnett

BTV residents (online):

Julie MaCuga: Burlington Forward
Emma Kouri: Burlington Forward Resolution
Evan Gould: Support for Mobility Changes in PlanBTV NNE
Gordon Dargoon: Support for planBTV NNE
Sharon Bushor: ModGov

Non-BTV residents (in person):

Brian Clifford: Burlington Forward Update
Jane Goodband: Burlington Forward
Owiso Makuku: Burlington Forward resolution
Gwen Heagheny: Burlington Forward

Non-BTV residents (online):
Keren Sita: I am a STAR

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

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Category	3. Mayor - General City Affairs (up to 10 mins.)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

3.1. Verbal reports

4. Committee Reports

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Subject	**4.1. Verbal reports**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	4. Committee Reports
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

4.1. Verbal reports

5. Consent Agenda

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Subject	**5.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Council and Board

Type	Action (Consent) Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated

5.1. Motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated
Motion made by Councilor Litwin, seconded by Councilor Grant, to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions indicated. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**5.2. Accountability List — C/T**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. 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

5.2. Accountability List — C/T

Subject	**5.3. Communication: Councilor Bergman, Subject: Information RE: Agenda Item 5.10: Resolution: Authorization for Capital Improvement Bonds for Fiscal Year 2027 And Public Improvement Infrastructure Bonds**
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Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action (Consent) Communication Information
Recommended Action	waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

5.3. Communication: Councilor Bergman, Subject: Information RE: Agenda Item 5.10: Resolution: Authorization for Capital Improvement Bonds for Fiscal Year 2027 And Public Improvement Infrastructure Bonds

Subject	**5.4. October 5, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes — C/T**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Department of Finance and Administration

Type	Action (Consent) Information Minutes
Recommended Action	approve the minutes

5.4. October 5, 2026 City Council Meeting Minutes — C/T

Subject	**5.5. October 5, 2026 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes — C/T**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Department of Finance and Administration
Type	Action (Consent) Information Minutes
Recommended Action	approve the minutes

5.5. October 5, 2026 Local Control Commission Meeting Minutes — C/T

Subject	**5.6. Chittenden Solid Waste District FY26 Annual Brief**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. 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

5.6. Chittenden Solid Waste District FY26 Annual Brief

Subject	**5.7. Reclassification of Human Resources Manager from Grade 20 to 21 - DFA/HR**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Human Resources

Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	to approve and authorize the reclassification of the Human Resources Manager position, a Regular, Full time, Exempt, Non-union Grade 20 position, to a Regular, Full-time, Exempt, Non-union Grade 21 position

5.7. Reclassification of Human Resources Manager from Grade 20 to 21 - DFA/HR

Subject	**5.8. Communication: R. Marcus West, re: Federal Narcotics-Crime Of Burlington City**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Department of Finance and Administration
Type	Action (Consent) Communication
Recommended Action	waive the reading and place it on file

5.8. Communication: R. Marcus West, re: Federal Narcotics-Crime Of Burlington City

Subject	**5.9. Congolese Community of Vermont Funding — REIB**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Racial Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (REIB)
Type	Action (Consent)
Recommended Action	move to approve the Director of the Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office and the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a sponsorship grant in the amount of $2,000 to the Congolese Community of Vermont from the Program Delivery GL

5.9. Congolese Community of Vermont Funding — REIB

Subject	**5.10. Latin American Connection Festival — REIB**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Racial Equity, Inclusion, & Belonging (REIB)
Type	Action (Consent)

Recommended Action move to approve the Director of the Racial Equity Inclusion and Belonging Office and the Chief Administrative Officer to issue a sponsorship grant in the amount of $5,000 to Vermont Professionals of Color to produce and manage The Latin American Connection Festival from the Community Celebrations GL

5.10. Latin American Connection Festival — REIB

Subject **5.11. Parks, Arts & Culture Committee Recommendations Re: Public Space Activation**

Meeting October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor

Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Council and Board

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

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

5.11. Parks, Arts & Culture Committee Recommendations Re: Public Space Activation

Subject **5.12. FIO Documents**

Meeting October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor

Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Department of Finance and Administration

Type Action (Consent)
Communication
Information

Recommended Action for information only

5.12. FIO Documents

Subject **5.13. Resolution: Appointment Of Acting Ward Clerk For Ward Three And Acting Inspectors Of Election For Wards Three, Four, And Eight For The November 3rd, 2026 State General Election (Councilor Traverse)**

Meeting October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor

Category 5. Consent Agenda

Department Council and Board

Type	Action (Consent) Resolution
Recommended Action	waive the reading and adopt the resolution

5.13. Resolution: Appointment Of Acting Ward Clerk For Ward Three And Acting Inspectors Of Election For Wards Three, Four, And Eight For The November 3rd, 2026 State General Election (Councilor Traverse)

Subject	**5.14. Ordinance: ZA-27-03 Natural Communities, RTE Species, and Specimen Tree Updates CDO Sections 4.5.3 and 13.1.2 (Office of City Planning, Planning Commission)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	5. Consent Agenda
Department	Planning
Type	Action (Consent) Ordinance - First Reading
Recommended Action	waive the first reading and refer ZA-27-03 to the City Council Ordinance Committee

5.14. Ordinance: ZA-27-03 Natural Communities, RTE Species, and Specimen Tree Updates CDO Sections 4.5.3 and 13.1.2 (Office of City Planning, Planning Commission)

6. Deliberative Agenda

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Subject	**6.1. Resolution: Honoring Andrew Champagne (Councilor Traverse) (10 mins.)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Resolution
Recommended Action	waive the reading and adopt the resolution

6.1. Resolution: Honoring Andrew Champagne (Councilor Traverse) (10 mins.)
City Council President Traverse read the resolution into the record.
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to waive the reading and adopt the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.2. Special Event Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): Muddy Waters, 184 Main Street, October 31, 2026, 10 pm - 2 am**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor

Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Department of Finance and Administration
Type	Action
Recommended Action	approve the one day only special event indoor entertainment permit application for Muddy Waters, 184 Main Street, October 31, 2026, 10 pm - 2 am

6.2. Special Event Indoor Entertainment Permit Application (one day only): Muddy Waters, 184 Main Street, October 31, 2026, 10 pm - 2 am
Motion made by Councilor Broderick, seconded by Councilor Grant, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.3. Appointment Of The New Assistant City Attorney Chloe Vickers - Mayor**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Mayor's Office
Type	Action
Recommended Action	move to approve the appointment of Chloe Vickers, Esq. as Assistant City Attorney

6.3. Appointment Of The New Assistant City Attorney Chloe Vickers - Mayor
Mayor Mulvaney-Stanak, City Attorney Brown and Chloe Vickers spoke to this agenda item.
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Carpenter, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.4. Proposed Neighborhood Plan: planBTV New North End — Planning (35 mins.)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Planning
Type	Action
Recommended Action	move for the City Council to waive the reading and set planBTV New North End for the first of two public hearings on November 23, 2026

6.4. Proposed Neighborhood Plan: planBTV New North End — Planning (35 mins.)

Charles Dillard and Sarah Morgan spoke to this agenda item.
Motion made by Councilor Litwin, seconded by Councilor Barlow, to approve the motion as amended:

move for the City Council to waive the reading and set planBTV New North End for the first of two public hearings on November 23, 2026 **and to set the second public hearing for December 7, 2026.**
Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.5. Resolution: March 2, 2027 Annual City Meeting - Charter Change Re: Non-Citizen Voter Protections (Councilors Bergman and Schachter)(15 mins,)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Mayor's Office
Type	Action Resolution
Recommended Action	waive the reading and refer the proposed charter change to the Charter Change Committee

6.5. Resolution: March 2, 2027 Annual City Meeting - Charter Change Re: Non-Citizen Voter Protections (Councilors Bergman and Schachter)(15 mins,)
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Schachter, to approve the motion as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.6. Resolution: March 2, 2027 Annual City Meeting - Charter Change Re: Modernizing City Government (Councilor Bergman) (20 mins.)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Mayor's Office
Type	Action Resolution
Recommended Action	waive the reading and refer the proposed charter change to the Charter Change Committee

6.6. Resolution: March 2, 2027 Annual City Meeting - Charter Change Re: Modernizing City Government (Councilor Bergman) (20 mins.)
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Grant, to approve the motion as presented.
Roll call vote taken:
Ayes: Councilors Barlow, Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Grant, Litwin, McKnight, Neubieser, Sanchez-Parkinson, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse
Motion passed unanimously.
10:18 pm: motion made by Councilor Singh, seconded by Councilor Litwin, to suspend the rules and complete the Deliberative Agenda.
10:20 pm, roll call vote taken:
Ayes: Councilors Barlow, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Sanchez-Parkinson, Schachter, Singh and City Council President Traverse
Nays: Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Grant and Neubieser
Motion passed: 8:4.

Subject	**6.7. Ordinance: BCO Chapter 21, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Sec. 21-45A(F) Trespass on City Property - Appeal Hearing Scheduling Timeline (Councilor Singh)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Council and Board
Type	Ordinance - Second Reading Action
Recommended Action	waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance as amended by the Ordinance Committee

6.7. Ordinance: BCO Chapter 21, Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions, Sec. 21-45A(F) Trespass on City Property - Appeal Hearing Scheduling Timeline (Councilor Singh)
Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Singh, to waive the second reading and adopt the ordinance as amended by the Ordinance Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Subject	**6.8. Resolution: Burlington Forward Update (60 mins.)**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	6. Deliberative Agenda
Department	Council and Board
Type	Action Resolution
Recommended Action	discussion and potential amendment

6.8. Resolution: Burlington Forward Update (60 mins.)
City Council President Traverse passed the gavel to Councilor Barlow for this agenda item.

Motion made by Councilor Traverse, seconded by Councilor Singh, to postpone the revised version of this resolution until the December 7, 2026 City Council Meeting:
Roll call vote taken:
Ayes: Acting City Council President Barlow, Councilors Bergman, Broderick, Carpenter, Litwin, McKnight, Neubieser, Schachter, Singh and Traverse
Nays: Councilors Grant and Sanchez-Parkinson
Motion passed: 10:2.
Councilor Traverse requested a five-minute recess at 12:05 am. The City Council reconvened at 12:15 am.

Motion made by Councilor Bergman, seconded by Councilor Neubieser, to request that the Mayor create an Ad-Hoc Special Committee with the City Council President and the two Caucus Chairs along with the Mayor to be part of such Committee with a progress report due back to the City Council on December 7, 2026.
Roll call vote taken:
Ayes: Acting City Council President Barlow, Bergman, Carpenter, McKnight, Neubieser, Sanchez-Parkinson, Schachter, Singh and Traverse
Nays: Councilors Broderick, Grant and Litwin

Motion passed: 9:3.

7. 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	**7.1. Verbal reports**
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Category	7. 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

7.1. Verbal reports

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

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Subject	**8.1. Verbal reports**
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Category	8. City Council President - Council Updates (up to 5 mins.)
Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

8.1. Verbal reports

9. Adjournment

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Subject	**9.1. Motion to adjourn**
Meeting	October 26, 2026 - City Council Meeting - Monday, October 26, 2026, 6:00 PM, Contois Auditorium, 149 Church Street, 2nd Floor
Category	9. Adjournment
Department	Council and Board

Type	Action Procedural
Recommended Action	Motion to adjourn

9.1. Motion to adjourn
Acting City Council President Barlow adjourned the meeting at 12:27 am.

10. Informational and Non-Discrimination Statements

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Subject	**10.1. 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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Department	Council and Board
Type	Information

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