DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION
BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM, BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
7:06 P.M.

PRESENT: City Council President Shannon; Councilors Bushor, Worden, Tracy, Kranichfeld, Brennan, Siegel, Aubin, Mason, Blais, Paul and Dober

ABSENT: Councilors Decelles and Hartnett

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Eileen Blackwood

CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE: Paul Sisson and Scott Schrader

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioners Dober and Blais the agenda was adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Commissioners Dober and Blais the consent agenda was unanimously adopted thus taking the following actions as indicated:

Commissioner Siegel stated consent agenda items 2.01. and 2.02. were post-dated and voiced her concern about approving things that have already happened.

2.01. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT (one day only): Akes' Place, March 17th
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and ratify the one day only outside consumption permit for Akes' Place, March 17th

2.02. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT (one day only): RiRa Irish Pub, 3/17/13
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and ratify the one day only outside consumption permit for RiRa Irish Pub, 3/17/13

2.03. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT RENEWAL (2013-2014): East Shore Vineyard
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the 2013-2014 Outside Consumption Permit Renewal for East Shore Vineyard

3. FIRST CLASS RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION (2013-2014):

Balance Team, Inc., d/b/a Burlington Bay Market and Café, 125 Battery Street

Commissioners Dober and Blais made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 First Class Restaurant Liquor License Application for Burlington Bay Market and Cafe. The motion passed unanimously.

3.01. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT APPLICATION (2013-2014):

Balance Team, Inc., d/b/a Burlington Bay Market and Café, 125 Battery Street

Commissioners Dober and Blais made a motion to approve the 2013-2014 Outside Consumption Permit Application for Burlington Bay Market and Café. The motion passed unanimously.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, City Council President Shannon adjourned the Local Control Commission at 7:13 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator and Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary

ADJOURNED MEETING, CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
7:13 P.M.

PRESENT: see above

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

Councilor Bushor stated consent agenda item 3.11. was addressed by the Board of Finance and they modified lines 27-28 to specify that the project will be funded with Passenger Facility Charges and Airport Operating Revenue.

On a motion by Councilors Kranichfeld and Bushor the agenda was unanimously adopted as amended as follows: re-number agenda items 6. PRESENTATION: Lindsey Cox, Partnership for Change Project Manager, "What are we Doing here? Why City Council is meeting at BHS: an overview of the Partnership for Change" (10 mins.) and 6.01. COMMUNICATION: Lindsey Cox, Partnership for Change Project Manager, Partnership for the Burlington City Council Meeting March 18, 2013 as agenda items **2.5 and 2.5.01**. respectively; note proposed amendment for agenda item 5. RESOLUTION: Urban Reserve Planning and Site Management (Councilors Paul, Brennan, Aubin); add to the agenda item 6.5. ORDINANCE: VEHICLES FOR HIRE – Taxi services advisory committee (Councilors Dober, Mason) with the proposed action to "suspend the rules and place it in all stages of passage."

2. PUBLIC FORUM

City Council President Shannon opened up the public forum at 7:45 p.m.

Name	Ward/Affiliation	Subject
Kate Stein	Ward 7 Resident	Accessibility Issues
Jeanne Collins	Burlington School Superintendent	Welcome to the Schools
Ellen Zemen	Ward 7 Resident	Accessibility Issues

With no one further coming forward and no objection from the remaining Council, City Council President Shannon closed the public forum at 7:45 p.m.

2.5. (was 6.0) PRESENTATION: Lindsey Cox, Partnership for Change Project Manager, "What

are we Doing here? Why City Council is meeting at BHS: an overview of the Partnership for Change" (10 mins.)

Lindsey Cox, Partnership for Change, played a video which explained the Partnership for Change. She stated the Mayor is doing something bold by jumping out of his office and getting into the schools. He is showing how they can make real connections between City Government and the Schools. They have been able to show students how City Government runs. The Partnership for Change is looking to make learning more personalized to allow every learner to reach their full potential. It was established in 2012 and is grant funded. Burlington and Winooski School Districts applied for the grant together and spent two years planning the application. They heard from communities how people believe that they need to move forward to improve their schools. There were five areas identified including providing more robust learning spaces, building family school partnerships, creating community based learning opportunities, enhancing youth engagement and leadership, and personalized and proficiency based learning. Councilors have great reach into the community to talk about the needs of the Schools and how the community can support that work. She wants City Councilors to consider how they can influence students.

Councilor Brennan stated that they should be focusing on squeezing as much as they can out of every dollar that they have for the Partnership for Change. When he was on the School Board, they completed $20 million of renovations. Typically, there is a match from the State or Federal governments to build infrastructure. They did not get that match during the recession, but the voters of Burlington stood up to support the Schools during difficult times. He hopes that they will be able to get credit for that money they put money forward during that time.

Councilor Bushor stated the film was well done and captured the essence of the Partnership. All students learn differently. In her own life, she had children who were very different. One of her children excelled in any classroom, but another did not. If you cannot acknowledge that people learn differently and at their own pace, it creates issues with ego and self-esteem. People internalize and feel that they are inadequate. This was about how you felt about yourself, which could open doors for potential. She hoped that the public school system would be able to accommodate this. Everyone was different and unique and there should not be judgment about that. She has very high expectations about where this money will take them.

Mayor Weinberger stated that this morning, the auditorium was full of students and members of the State and Federal delegation. He felt that the Mayor should be involved in education issues. There was nothing more important to the future of the City than the education that children get. It is an important time to be engaged in these conversations because the Governor and President are focusing on education reform. The Governor described his own experience in education and emphasized that they need to accommodate each individual child. The Governor said he would not have succeeded if he had not had a teacher who helped him overcome his problems with dyslexia. He stated that he did his best learning because of following his interests and passions. It has become clear to him that this is not an easy process, despite the skills of the people working on this project. It is a dramatic change from delivering education in the traditional way to a student centric way. Elected officials can help to bring awareness and generate community support to the project. This is a great opportunity to do planning using outside resources. He wants to involve the business community because they know when students have not gotten the education they need to thrive. He thanked the Council for their willingness to engage in the project.

2.5.01. (was 6.01.) COMMUNICATION: Lindsey Cox, Partnership for Change Project Manager, Partnership Update for the Burlington City Council Meeting March 18, 2013

Councilors Aubin and Brennan made a motion to waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file. The motion passed unanimously.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Dober and Bushor the consent agenda was unanimously adopted thus taking the following actions as indicated:

3.01. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator, re: Accountability List
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.02. RESOLUTION: Authorization for Agreement for Operation of Gift Shops and Newsstands at Burlington International Airport (Councilors Shannon, Decelles, Paul, Bushor: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.03. RESOLUTION: Church Street Marketplace District—Authorizing Budget Adjustment (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.04. RESOLUTION: Approving A Grant Anticipation Note for the Costs of Certain Airport Improvement Projects (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.05. RESOLUTION: FY 2013 Budget Amendments – CEDO Re: Lead Hazard Control and Housing Trust Fund (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.06. COMMUNICATION: Darlene Kehoe, Assistant Director for Finance and Brian Pine, Assistant Director for Housing & Neighborhood Revitalization, re: FY13 Budget Amendments for Lead Hazard Control and Housing Trust Fund
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.07. RESOLUTION: Authorize Contract with Hickok and Boardman, Inc. to Manage The City's Workers' Compensation and General Liability, Property and Casualty Insurance (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.08. RESOLUTION: Acceptance of Queen City Police Foundation Gift and Approval of Police Department Budget Amendment (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.09. COMMUNICATION: Michael E. Schirling, Chief of Police via Lise E. Veronneau, Business Administrator, Burlington Fire & Police Departments, re: FY 13 – Budget Amendments and Accept Donation from Queen City Police Foundation
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.10. RESOLUTION: Authorization for Acceptance of 2013 IBM Smarter Cities Challenge Engagement Grant (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board

of Finance)(pending Board of Finance approval on 03/18/13)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.11. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Contract for Services Associated with North Concourse Restroom Renovation at Burlington International Airport (Councilors Shannon, Decelles, Paul, Bushor: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.12. COMMUNICATION: Gene Richards, Burlington International Airport, re: Finance Board Approval Request – North Concourse Restroom Renovation Project
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.13. RESOLUTION: Burlington City Arts FY 2013 Budget Amendment Related to Artwork Sales and Grant Revenues (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.14. RESOLUTION: Authorize Amendment to Contract with Wright & Morrissey for Construction Services re Church Street Marketplace Project STP 5000(16) (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.15. COMMUNICATION: Steven Goodkind, P.E., Director of Public Works, re: STP 5000 (16) – Church Street Earmark
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.16. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Gary Evans for Consulting Services and Amend FY 2013 Budget – Burlington Telecom (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.17. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Accept A Vermont Arts Council Cultural Facilities Grant and Amend the FY 2012 Budget – Fletcher Free Library (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Paul, Decelles: Board of Finance)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.18. COMMUNICATION: Paul Sisson to Board of Finance, re: Library Grant from Vermont Council of the Arts
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.19. COMMUNICATION: Alexander L. Aldrich, Executive Director to Fletcher Free Library, Attn: Ashley P. McAvey, re: Application # 16478
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.20. COMMUNICATION: Vermont Arts Council Acting for the State of Vermont Cultural Facilities Grant Agreement Fiscal Year 2012
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.21. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Board of Finance, Monday, January 7, 2013 Minutes
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.22. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Board of Finance, Tuesday, January 22, 2013 Minutes
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.23. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Board of Finance, Monday, January 28, 2013 Minutes
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.24. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Board of Finance, Monday, February 11, 2013 Minutes
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.25. COMMUNICATION: Keith Pillsbury, Ward One School Commission Candidate, re: Conflict of Interest re: Recount
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.26. COMMUNICATION: Scott Schrader, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, re: Declaration of Elected Candidates Annual City Election – March 5, 2013
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.27. COMMUNICATION: Scott Schrader, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer, re: Declaration of Election Results Questions on the Ballot Annual City Election – March 5, 2013
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.28. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator & Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, Draft Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting, January 7, 2013
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the March 11, 2013 City Council Meeting

4. PRESENTATION: Patrick Standen and Ralph Montefusco, Co-chairs, Committee on Accessibility and Kesha Ram, Staff, re: Committee on Accessibility Strategy Plan

Ralph Montefusco, Committee on Accessibility, stated that the Council asked the Mayor to form the Committee on Accessibility. It is made of City staff and community members and was charged with creating a plan to address accessibility, updating the previous mission statement, determining the frequency of reporting to the Council, and a devising a process to assess accessibility needs. The Committee included people from a number of organizations. They held a public forum and allowed interested parties to participate in any meeting they attended. There are many accessibility issues in the High School, which demonstrates the need to address these issues. As one woman said, her son in a wheelchair finds this building scary. The overarching recommendation is that they charge the Committee with assessing the accessibility needs in Burlington. They recommend expanding the Committee, having two year terms, and re-forming the Committee by the end of April. The report is a good start, but they are anxious to begin working. These issues have to be included in everything that they do in the City. Making this Committee permanent will allow them to send liaisons to various stakeholders, groups, boards and commissions. It is more inclusive to do things right from the beginning than to try to retrofit. The accessible bathroom for this meeting is in the girls' locker room, but it would be nice if anyone could just use a bathroom. He read the proposed mission statement. They plan to report to the Council quarterly. They are suggesting adding representatives from AARP, Burlington Parks and Recreation, the School

District, and a person from the Howard Center Pathways Program. They feel it is important to make this Committee permanent. Public and Private infrastructures should be updated to be more accessible. There are few accessible and affordable homes in Burlington. There are times when private businesses can plan to make more accommodations and having this included in the permitting process could help. Programmatic inclusion is important and there are times when people cannot attend festivals in the City because they cannot get there. Developing a culture of awareness to give voice and visibility will help. There were several people on the Committee who did not attend this presentation because of their concerns about this building. This group is enthusiastic about their work and anxious to move forward to make the City more inclusive.

City Council President Shannon stated this report is helpful and is a first step in a long process. The Council will need to act on the report and appoint additional members. They also need to endorse the proposal that the Committee has put forward.

Councilor Bushor stated she would like to refer this to the Board of Finance to ensure that as they are building the FY14 budget, they contemplate some funding. There will need to be work done to prioritize what is essential and what they can afford to do. The Committee was languishing and has now been revitalized. There are a number of things that will come from this Committee. When the old Committee was active, there was a person in the Department of Public Works who included how money would be spent in the current year projects. Budgeting for it will allow them to be proactive in accessibility projects. Mr. Montefusco stated that they know this will happen incrementally. They hope to engage with other groups even if they do not have any funding, such as working with the Department of Public Works to prioritize accessibility projects. The building inspector has been very involved in the Committee. City Council President Shannon suggested that they work on a separate resolution for the Board of Finance to address the money piece so as to allow the rest of the resolution to move forward. Councilor Bushor stated she requests the Mayor and CAO to utilize the information while they begin to build the budget. It is important that they address this. She stated she received a communication from Michael Wood-Lewis and read it aloud.

Councilor Tracy stated that he is glad that Public Works will be helping to compile a list. When he was on the Public Works Commission, there was a presentation about the condition of the sidewalk. This is important infrastructure and sidewalks are deteriorating faster than they are being fixed. At that time there was $35 million worth of sidewalk work. There are people struggling with the poor condition of sidewalks City-wide. There has been some progress but they continue to deteriorate. Within that work, he hopes they can create a standard for assessing the quality of sidewalks. He does not feel enough attention has been paid to sidewalks.

Councilor Siegel inquired about the mechanism to create an ongoing Committee and how people would be appointed. City Council President Shannon stated there is a standing Committee but it had fallen dormant for a long time. Councilor Siegel inquired if it is part of the Charter. Mr. Montefusco stated that they are more advisory than binding. City Council President Shannon requested the City Attorney clarify the differences between different Committees, Boards and Commissions. If they are not covered by the Charter, the Council can task them with different things. City Attorney Eileen Blackwood stated Commissions are in the Charter and have actual authority. Committees are created by the Council and can be delegated different levels of authority.

Councilor Dober stated that anything dealing with Schools and finance should be kept separate. If this is referred to the Board of Finance, it is no longer a School conversation. City Council President Shannon stated this is a City conversation, but happens to be taking place in a School with accessibility challenges.

Councilor Brennan stated that there is money that the City did not get that others have gotten. There is a need that has been expressed. This building is difficult to get around. Accessibility was addressed in the

Master Plan and will cost a lot of money. Time and energy will be needed to lobby the State and Federal delegations. Other communities have gotten their dues and Burlington did not, even though they took care of their own during the recession. He inquired about an action item to pursue external funding opportunities for municipal infrastructure and asked if any potential sources had been identified. Mr. Montefusco stated those items are intended to be illustrations of things that could be done. They are not at a point where they can pursue funding, but they would like to be able to. Councilor Brennan stated that he hopes the committee becomes a standing Committee, it would be great to have inclusion for everyone in the High School.

Councilor Worden stated Public Works has acknowledged issues with the way they rated sidewalks. They plan to put out an RFP to have someone with a Segway document the sidewalks with national standards. With the housing stock pre-dating accessibility designs, it will be challenging to incorporate accessibility. It will be equally important to look at new housing that will be built. He encouraged someone on the Committee to speak on behalf of accessibility issues. Mr. Montefusco stated that they are looking to do that. They are not trying to take over financing, but they do feel their input would be helpful as a part of the process.

Councilor Paul stated that when they talk about accessibility, they sometimes think of it in terms of being ambulatory. That is important, but it is also important to consider people who are hearing or sight impaired. That is a significant issue in Burlington. There was an issue in front of Vermont House with the sidewalk being in poor shape and that affected visually impaired residents of Vermont House. Mr. Montefusco stated they have considered that and have a visually impaired person on the Committee. He did not know about the School accessibility issues until he started this work. They are also considering mental health issues.

Mayor Weinberger stated he looks forward to beginning this work. He does plan to find a way to experience the School in a wheel chair with a student with mobility issues during his time here.

Councilors Aubin and Bushor made a motion to request that this issue be added to the Accountability List.

Councilor Siegel inquired whose accountability this will be. Councilor Bushor stated she is happy to make sure this does not get lost. It will be done on behalf of the full Council.

The motion passed unanimously.

4.01. COMMUNICATION: Kesha Ram, Staffperson, Committee on Accessibility, re: Burlington Committee on Accessibility Strategy and Plan

Councilors Aubin and Bushor made a motion to waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file. The motion passed unanimously.

5. RESOLUTION: Urban Reserve Planning and Site Management (Councilors Paul, Brennan, Aubin)

Councilors Paul and Tracy made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Paul stated that this relates to managing and being responsible stewards of the urban reserve, as well as planning for the future. There are two plans that relate back to the Urban Reserve. One is the Urban Renewal Plan for the Waterfront Revitalization District in September 1990. It noted that they would preserve the land from unwanted commercial development and reserve the right for future generations to determine what development, if any, could occur. Seven years later, they passed provisions

for responsible stewardship. Over the last 20 years, the urban reserve has fallen into disrepair. It is in need of site upgrades to improve public safety, reduce environmental hazards and improve pedestrian amenities. This resolves that 2013 will mark the beginning of future generations determining what development will occur on the land. It then calls for a long term planning process for the Urban Reserve to commence. It will call for management as laid out in the Interim Use document of 1997. It asks that Planning and Zoning, Parks and Recreation, and CEDO begin a proposed scope timeline and budget for a long term planning process, similar to PlanBTV. City staff would work with the Vermont Housing Conservation Board and other funding sources for the completion of a land use map, promoting public activity and a long term plan. She feels the resolution is important because they need to begin to start to plan in conjunction with other plans the City is undertaking. There have been issues with public safety and environmental hazards that need to be taken care of.

Councilor Bushor stated this is an important resolution. When she read about the short term improvements, some of them surprised her. One portion called for the upgrade of existing shoreline foot paths, and another called for installation of boat launch sites, naturalization of shoreline to reduce erosion and remove hazards, management of vegetation to minimize illegal camping and trash dumping. These items raised concerns for her. There should be a check back with someone before this moves forward and her first thought was the NPAs. She inquired what process will take place to complete the short term amendments. Jesse Bridges, Parks Director, stated that there were a number of informal paths that have been created. Councilor Bushor requested information about the process and what is meant by upgrade. Mr. Bridges stated that they will be putting forward a PIAP proposal to make the footpaths more formal. They continue to work with the Parks Arts and Culture Committee and will consider the recreational use of the Urban Reserve as well. Any enhancements would go through the usual process. Councilor Bushor inquired if each item would have a plan presented to the Parks Commission and then Parks Arts and Culture Committee. She inquired if there is a plan in which they will reach out to the community at large to get feedback. Mr. Bridges stated that all of these pieces would be part of the public process that goes on through Parks Commission and Parks Arts and Culture. They are investigating small boat portage and will be working with Vermont Fish and Wildlife on that project. Councilor Bushor stated she is cautious about the improvements because although these are short term improvements, they will begin to lay the framework for whatever happens in the future. She would prefer a process that is more inclusive and would have the full Council's awareness. It is the Waterfront and people are possessive of it. The amendment is intended to keep public awareness at a maximum. Mr. Bridges stated the current access road is a hazard and it is causing storm water problems. Responsible urban management with a forestry plan and vegetation plan calls for them to actively manage plants. There are many unsafe areas. They want to promote the recreational use and they cannot begin to do that so long as it lays vacant. Councilor Bushor stated that DPW was putting extra soil in the Urban Reserve.

Councilors Bushor and Brennan made an amendment to require City Council approval for any short-term improvements.

Councilor Bushor stated she eliminated NPAs from her original amendments because she does not want to delay the process. Councilors will be responsible for making sure that constituents are aware of it. The sub-committee will also have meetings that people can attend.

Councilor Brennan inquired if the Parks Director sees any obstacles by adding this to the process. Mr. Bridges stated they are already conferring with multiple agencies. It does add another layer of process and they will have to be further ahead on their timeline.

Councilor Blais stated it seems that adding another layer of process to this in an area that has been long neglected and overlooked is not in the best interest of the City. Bringing it to the Council's attention is fine, but the problems that are being addressed do not need that level of oversight.

Councilor Mason inquired if there is funding for any of these projects. Depending on the threshold of the project, they may come before the Board of Finance and the Council anyway. Mr. Bridges stated there are some funding mechanisms in place, such as soil testing money, but overall they do not have funding. Councilor Mason inquired if they have estimates of cost for any of these projects. Mr. Bridges stated their department can put together a quote about what vegetation management would cost, but they will be going forward with Bike Path scoping and the PIAP process soon.

Councilor Paul inquired if each of these projects will be included in the Parks and Recreation agenda and discussed at a public forum. Mr. Bridges stated they would. Councilor Paul stated this would allow for citizen input at the Commission level.

Councilor Siegel inquired what the threshold for something to be in the budget would be. Interim CAO Sisson stated anything over $50,000 required Board of Finance approval and anything over $100,000 required City Council approval. Councilor Siegel inquired if they have an idea if these projects will reach those thresholds. Mr. Bridges stated all of it will not meet that threshold, but everything would come through Parks Commission.

Councilor Tracy stated this is happening in the context of a broader Master Planning process that Parks is undertaking. This would be looked at in a broader sense and will not be happening overnight.

Councilor Siegel inquired if having to bring each project to the Council would be a stumbling block. Mr. Bridges stated it would be adding another layer to the timeline. An example of this would be the off-leash dog report that is due. The Committee and Department are done with their work. It has taken him 4-5 months to get on NPA agendas, even though that does not require any critical action. This does require critical action that has been put off for too long.

The motion to amend the resolution failed by a vote of 3-9 with Councilors Bushor, Siegel and Brennan voting in favor.

Councilors Siegel and Brennan made a motion to amend the resolution to eliminate the words "and other undesirable activities" from the resolution. The motion passed by a vote of 11-1 with Councilor Kranichfeld voting against.

Councilor Brennan stated that although many of the activities may be minor in terms of the long term plan, there will be significant work. There is a lot of invasive vegetation. It turns into a jungle in July and they would like to clean that area up. There are a lot of pads from where oil refinery tanks were placed. There will be some movement. It will make the area clean and more welcoming for individuals. He understands the concerns, but does not see them moving beyond the preparation phase into the next phase at this time; it is needed. There have been things he does not like to hear about happening in his neighborhood, but he does. It is concerning to anyone who regularly uses the bike path. There will be large moving equipment used to complete this work.

Councilors Dober and Aubin made a motion to call the question. The motion passed unanimously.

The motion to adopt the resolution passed unanimously.

6.5. ORDINANCE: VEHICLES FOR HIRE – Taxi services advisory committee (Councilors Dober, Mason)

Councilors Dober and Mason made a motion to suspend the rules and place it in all stages of passage.

Councilor Dober stated he started working on this Ordinance rewrite four years ago. One of the areas that they felt needed more attention was to get the industry and public involved in the decision making. They created a Taxi Advisory Committee in the attempts to do that. That ordinance came out two years ago, but they have not been able to create the Committee without a full body and not enough people have applied. This change is very modest and will add the words 'up to four members'. That would mean that they can start the Committee and gain some traction. This would be extremely helpful to the Taxi Board in their decision making. He encouraged the public to get involved. He hopes they can adopt this change.

City Council President Shannon inquired if this has been advertised. Councilor Dober stated he did not believe that it has been on the list because it has not yet started. It is appointed by the Airport Commission, not the City Council. City Council President Shannon inquired if they would need to have two industry members on the Committee. Councilor Dober stated they would and he would like to have at least one public member, but up to four. City Council President Shannon inquired if the wording of the ordinance would allow for two industry members. City Attorney Blackwood stated that it would, although it could be made clearer.

The motion passed unanimously.

7. DEPARTING REMARKS FOR OUTGOING COUNCILORS

City Council President Shannon presented plaques to outgoing Councilors Bram Kranichfeld and Vince Dober.

Councilor Blais, Bushor, Paul, City Council President Shannon and Mayor Weinberger spoke about Councilors Kranichfeld and Dober and thanked them for their service on the Council.

Councilor Dober stated it has been great working with everyone and spoke about his time on the Council.

Councilor Kranichfeld spoke about his time on the Council and stated he is sad to leave.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 mins.)

Councilor Dober stated that the Taxi Licensing Committee will be coming forward with more items for the Ordinance Committee. They will be meeting for a hearing and meeting to discuss the resolutions they will submit to the Ordinance Committee. They will also be having a License Committee meeting.

Councilor Tracy stated that TEUC will be discussing fuel agreements and will be meeting with the DPW fleet manager.

Councilor Siegel stated that the Charter Change Committee will be meeting to discuss the assault weapon ban options, as well as the quasi-judicial board complaint process.

Councilor Paul stated that the Parks, Arts, and Culture Committee had its last meeting of the year last week. One of the items they discussed was the resolution about the Urban Reserve. The Committee met often and did their best to provide oversight of the Moran process, the no-go decision by the Mayor, and the Public Investment Action Plan. They recently had a valuable presentation from the Library Director, and she hopes the committee will continue to embrace Parks, Art, and Culture and understand what is going on at the Library.

Councilor Worden stated the CDNR Committee will be meeting for an update on the CDBG process, the PIAP process, and planning around Center City Neighborhood issues.

City Council President Shannon stated that the Redistricting Committee meeting searched for a meeting date and have settled on March 19. They may be having a snow storm and she will make the call about whether or not to have the meeting at that time. The first meeting will be organizational and they will be holding other meetings to seek public input.

9. COMMUNICATION: City Councilors, re: General City Affairs (oral)(10 mins.)

No one spoke on this item.

10. COMMUNICATION: Mayor Weinberger, re: General City Affairs (oral)(5 mins.)

Mayor Weinberger stated that the Vermont Information Consortium held a conference on State policy on storm water with 100 planners from across the State. The City is engaging in the storm water debate and there was a recommendation that the State increase expenses on lake protection by $156 million annually. He delivered the message that Burlington benefits more than any other group from a clean lake and it is a goal that the City strongly supports and subscribes to. Burlington has made substantial investments on a voluntary and proactive basis. He noted that investment of more magnitude will be needed to protect the lake. Before asking Burlington's citizens to invest in that way, there needs to be a conversation with policy makers to assure the public that there is a system that is fair, efficient, and promotes green infrastructure investment.

They are close to announcing the Public Investment Team who will oversee the next steps of the Public Investment Action Team. They have reached out to Councilors to come up with a balanced and skilled team.

11. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Councilors Dober and Kranichfeld, the City Council Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator and Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary

BOARD OF ABATEMENT OF TAXES
MONDAY, MARCH 18, 2013
9:27 P.M.

PRESENT: see above

MAYOR WEINBERGER PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Brennan and Mason the agenda was adopted as is.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Councilor Dober inquired if everyone was in agreement with these recommendations and that was the reason it was on consent. Councilor Kranichfeld stated they were in agreement.

Councilor Brennan stated that it would have been nice to have this at the beginning of the meeting, as it was all consent items and Mr. Vickery was present.

On a motion by Councilors Dober and Brennan the consent agenda was unanimously adopted thus taking the following actions as indicated:

2.01. COMMUNICATION: Clerk/Treasurer's Office, re: Notice City of Burlington Board Of Abatement of Taxes
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

2.02. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: Jane Berlin
81 South Williams Street Unit 207
045-2-030-023
*waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

2.03. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: TD Bank, N.A and Joanna Will
Co-trustees of the Christopher A. Hall
Revocable Trust
13 George Street
044-2-119-000
*waive the reading and deny the request for abatement of taxes

2.04. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: Hall Communications
255 South Champlain Street
PPP237140
*waive the reading and abate 11/12 taxes, penalties and interest

2.05. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: City of Burlington
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Unknown
ID 999-#-###-###
*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.06. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: City of Burlington
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
DSL.NET
999-9-999-111
*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.07. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: Molly Farrell
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
48 Pomeroy Street
045-1-144-000
*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.08. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: Tri C Tool and Die
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
228 Elmwood Avenue
PPP206075
*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.09. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: Bruno Trahan

Clerk/Treasurer's Office
63 King Street
049-1-063-000

*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.10. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: John P. Larkin
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Unknown
999-1-995-001

*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.11. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: City of Burlington
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
22 Sherman Street, 044-2-031-000
287 No. Winooski Ave., 040-2-112-000
300 Lake Street, 043-3-208-000

*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.12. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: City of Burlington
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Unknown
029-2-052-###

*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

2.13. REQUEST FOR ABATEMENT OF TAXES: City of Burlington
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Unknown
PPP######

*waive the reading and grant the request for abatement of taxes

3. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, he Board of Abatement of Taxes Meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Attest:

Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Record Coordinator and Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary