

WHY THE BURLINGTON RETIREMENT SYSTEM MATTERS

Draft Proposal for a Potential Retirement Summit

Basic Logistics:

Date & Time: 5pm - 8pm on a weeknight in November 2013, likely November 5, 2013

Location: Contois Auditorium (reserved from 4:00-9:00pm on November 5, 6, 13, and 14)

Forum: Open to the public and able to accommodate 200 or more people; food provided

Target City Council Review of Proposal: October 21, 2013

Goals of the Council Resolution for the Pension Summit:

- Educate the public, the City Council, City Employees, and unions on the status of the City of Burlington Retirement System
- Explain the causes of the current situation and the implications for our community
- Convey a sense of immediacy about a long-term issue
- Facilitate community input

Draft Outline of the Day:

5:00pm – 5:10pm

Registration & Food Provided

5:10pm – 5:15pm

Welcome and Session 1 Introduction by Mayor Miro Weinberger

5:15pm – 6:05pm

Session 1: The Retirement System – Why It is Important

Part I: Pension 101 – Conversation with State Treasurer Beth Pearce and Ward 6 City Councilor Karen Paul

Part II: Panel - Why the Retirement System is Important and the Impact on Citizens of a Healthy System with Human Resources Director Susan Leonard, Police Chief Michael Schirling, and Union Representatives

6:10pm – 7:00pm

Session 2: Our System – Where We Are and How We Got Here

Presentation by Retirement Administrator Marina Collins, Chief Administrative Officer Bob Rusten, and Attorney Jeff Wick, City of Burlington Retirement Board

7:10pm – 8:00pm

Session 3: Keynote Speech: Stories from other Communities and a Path Forward

Part I: Elizabeth Kellar, President and CEO of the Center for State and Local Government Excellence

Part II: Public Forum Q&A for all Speakers from attendees, call-ins, & internet

8:00pm – 8:10pm

Closing Remarks on Next Steps from Mayor Weinberger and City Council President Joan Shannon