
DELIBERATIVE AGENDA

LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013
7:05 P.M.

PRESENT: City Council President Shannon; Commissioners Worden, Bushor, Knodell, Tracy, Brennan, Siegel, Aubin, Hartnett, Mason, Blais, Paul, Ayres and Decelles

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Eileen Blackwood, Assistant City Attorney Gene Bergman

CLERK/TREASURER'S OFFICE: Paul Sisson, Rich Goodwin and Lori Olberg

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

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

2. HEARING PANEL APPROVAL & RECOMMENDATION, ORDER, STIPULATED FINDINGS & CONCLUSIONS OF LAW: Atwater Kent, Inc., d/b/a Esox, 194 Main Street

Commissioners Blais and Ayres made a motion to adopt the findings and order. The motion passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, City Council President Shannon adjourned the Local Control Commission at 7:08 p.m.

Attest:

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

REGULAR MEETING, CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 6, 2013
7:08 P.M.

PRESENT: see above

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Worden and Bushor the agenda was unanimously adopted as amended as follows: add to the agenda 4.05. RESOLUTION: Adoption of The 2013 Climate Action Plan (Councilors Hartnett, Mason, Tracy: 2012-2013 Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee).

City Council President Shannon stated that they would not be amending this resolution on to the agenda because there had been a change.

Councilors Worden and Bushor revised their motion to adopt the agenda as presented.

Councilor Decelles requested they add agenda item 2.5. Composition of Board of Finance.

The motion was adopted unanimously as amended.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

City Council President Shannon opened the public forum at 7:43 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward/Affiliation</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Ali Zipparo	Ward 2 Resident	DRB Applicant
Russ Elek	Ward 5 Resident	In favor of CDBG Recommendations
Karen Freudenberger	Ward 6 Resident	In favor of CDBG Recommendations
Alison Calderara	Ward 1 Resident	In favor of CDBG Recommendations

There being no one further coming forward and no objection from the remaining Council, City Council President Shannon closed the public forum at 7:56 p.m.

2.5. Composition of the Board of Finance

Councilor Decelles stated as City Councilors, they understand what the time commitments this job entails. There needs to be a balance with families and the roles in the Council. He feels that the scales are out of balance for him, so he will be resigning from the Board of Finance. He requested that they appoint a replacement tonight.

City Council President Shannon stated she had no idea that this was coming forward. She suggested nominating a new person at the next Council agenda. Councilor Decelles stated there are four Board of Finance meetings, including Worksessions, between now and the next Council meeting. Waiting would be a disservice to the City. City Council President Shannon stated there is only one Board of Finance meeting between now and the next Council meeting.

Councilor Brennan stated the Board of Finance has been distributed based on party. He hopes they will recognize Councilor Decelles' party and maintain balance.

Councilor Knodell stated she would prefer to take this up at the May 20 meeting.

Councilor Siegel requested a 5 minute recess.

Councilor Hartnett stated he feels it would be wise to wait until May 20.

Councilor Ayres stated he would prefer to wait until May 20 to allow them to be more deliberative and solicit interest about who would be willing to serve.

Councilors Blais and Knodell made a motion to postpone appointment until the May 20 meeting.

The Council took a 5 minute recess.

The motion to postpone action passed unanimously.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Bushor and Worden, 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 to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables
And Chairs on a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Bern Gallery
(Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution
- 3.03. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Tables and Chairs with Bern Gallery 2013-2014
Season
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file
- 3.04. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain A Sign
Extending over a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Liebling
(Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution
- 3.05. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Sign with Liebling 2013-2013 Season
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file
- 3.06. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables
And Chairs on a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Pho Hong
Restaurant (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution
- 3.07. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Tables and Chairs with Pho Hong Restaurant
2013-2013 Season
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file
- 3.08. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain A Roofline
Cornice Overhanging a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with
Shoeless Konstruction (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License
Committee)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution
- 3.09. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for a Roofline Cornice Overhanging the Sidewalk
With Shoeless Konstruction 2013-2014 Season
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file
- 3.10. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain a Sign
Extending over a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Phoenix
Books (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)
*waive the reading and adopt the resolution
- 3.11. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Sign with Phoenix Books 2013-2014 Season
*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.12. TOBACCO LICENSE RENEWAL (2013-2014): The Other Place, 4 North Winooski Avenue
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the 2013-2014 Tobacco Renewal for The Other Place

3.13. COMMUNICATION: Handout from Caryn Long, 4/29/13 City Council Meeting, re:
Newspaper Article: Bike-friendly Portland has parking issues,
Associated Press

*waive the reading, accept the communication and place it on file

3.14. SPECIAL EVENT INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (5/10-5/12):

Spielpalast Cabaret, Contois Auditorium, May 10 – 12, 2013, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the special event indoor entertainment permit application for May 10 -12, 2013 for Spielpalast Cabaret

3.15. SPECIAL EVENT INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (5/17-5/18):

Spielpalast Cabaret, Contois Auditorium, May 17, 2013, 7 p.m. – 11p.m.; May 18, 2013,
7 p.m. – 1a.m.

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the special event indoor entertainment permit application for May 17- 18, 2013 for Spielpalast Cabaret

3.16. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator & Amy Bovee,
Executive Secretary, re: Draft Minutes, Regular, City Council, March 11,
2013

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the April 29, 2013 City Council Meeting

3.17. COMMUNICATION: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting & Records Coordinator & Amy Bovee,
Executive Secretary, re: Draft Minutes, Adjourned Meeting, City
Council, March 18, 2013

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and adopt the minutes as received at the April 29, 2013 City Council Meeting

4. PUBLIC HEARING: Burlington Climate Action Plan

Sandrine Thibault, Planning and Zoning Comprehensive Planner, stated that in 1996 the City was one of the first Cities to join the Cities for Climate Protection Campaign. The City Council passed a resolution in 1998 to prepare and adopt the first Climate Action Plan. This plan is an update of the 2000 Climate Action Plan that is on the books. This implements the vision set in the Legacy Plan, the Municipal Development Plan, and the PlanBTV Downtown and Waterfront and Master Plan. The plan measures greenhouse gas emissions that the City and Government create. The process is to measure what impact the City has on climate change and then plan strategies to mitigate that impact. The plan is a roadmap for the future to help decision making. In Burlington, climate change has already had impacts on daily life, such as flooding from Hurricane Irene a few years ago. Climate change can impact private property, infrastructure, recreation, agriculture, and human health. The plan update has been going on since 2008. They began with a greenhouse gas emissions inventory. They then invited the public to participate in work groups to develop mitigation strategies. They did tremendous works to develop over 200 strategies. The developed criteria to evaluate the strategies selected 39 projects that are included in the Climate Action Plan. They plan to do a greenhouse gas emission inventory every three years and did one using 2010 data. After receiving feedback, they reformatted the plan to emphasize the strategies and policies

that will be used. They have changed the reduction targets to reflect the increase in greenhouse gas emissions that occurred between 2007 and 2010. They changed the targets to be more realistic and achievable. They first hope to level off greenhouse gas emissions by 2016. By 2025, the target is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The target for municipal operations is higher than Airport and Community-wide targets because the City feels that they can make decisions that will have a direct impact. Emission reductions in the community will happen more from encouraging people to change certain behaviors. This also sends a good message that the City is committed to reducing its emissions. They have added a new goal, which is compact mixed-use development. After the planBTV process, they determined that a great way to reduce emissions is to build a compact, dense community so that people can live and work in the same area to reduce single occupancy transportation. They will increase transportation and housing in the downtown. This relates directly to the other goals in the Climate Action Plan. To adopt the Climate Action Plan, they will incorporate it in the "Energy" chapter of the Municipal Development Plan. It serves as a supporting document. They have also updated the rest of the chapter with the information from the Climate Action Plan in collaboration with the Burlington Electric Department.

David White, Planning and Zoning Director, stated they are recommending that they defer the action of referring the document to the Planning Commission. An issue was raised about one of the recommended strategies for housing. The wording suggests that all regulatory barriers to constructing housing in the downtown should be removed. There was a concern that someone could construe that to mean that all regulations regarding housing, such as zoning and building codes, should be eliminated. That is not the intended recommendation. It needs to be reworded to be clear about what the objective is. This is part of the Land Use and Development Policy associated with the Municipal Development Plan. The process to amend the Municipal Development Plan is governed by State Statute, which says that it must be adopted within a year of the last public hearing of the Planning Commission. That deadline is May 8, but there is no time to make the change in that time period. Referring it back to the Planning Commission will allow them to make the change and start the adoption process over.

Ms. Thibault stated this will be an opportunity for people to add any comments that they may have.

City Council President Shannon stated this plan is different than the one presented at the last Public Hearing and it is vastly improved. She thanked them for their work.

Councilor Bushor stated this plan is more realistic than the original plan. She is glad that it will be referred back to the Planning Commission because when she read it, it seemed like it needed another critical eye. It referenced things that would happen in 2012, but at this point these things either happened or they had not. There were also some inconsistencies between the Climate Action Plan and the Municipal Development Plan. She noted on the Energy Action Plan they mention they want to develop a comprehensive public outreach program with Planning and Zoning and Public Works. She inquired why the schools, UVM and Champlain College were not included in this approach. They should take advantage of the educational institutions when working to educate the public. This is going in the right direction.

Councilor Brennan stated that this is the most important piece of action that they can look towards for the future. He appreciated the updated graphics and felt that they are meaningful for people looking at the plan. He felt that there are a couple of areas they need to focus on. They have talked about busses for mass transit, but some citizens have discussed other options, such as light rail. There is a group of people from Ward 3 who are very interested in this topic. There are Burlington representatives looking to increase light rail. He also raised concerns about the efforts being made across the country with natural gas. There are supplies out there, but it seems there is a large move towards fracking which can hurt the environment in other ways. As they work towards lowering greenhouse gas emissions, they need to be mindful of what the replacements are. There are goals they all need to strive for.

Councilor Worden stated the plan presents well and looks nice and thanked them for their efforts. They need to find a balance between what is reasonable and achievable and what is really needed. This seems to trend towards what is reasonable and achievable. He understands the challenge of setting goals that are so high that they are disappointed when they do not meet them, but if these goals are not set they will not meet them. There has been an increase in emissions in all areas- municipal, airport, and community. It looks as if the community has benefited from energy efficiency efforts.

Councilor Tracy stated there are competing goals in some places. They are working towards increasing Airport traffic and flights but also working to reduce emissions. They need to consider how they will balance those efforts. He inquired what the Smarter Cities group thought of this plan and if they had other ideas. Jennifer Green, from CEDO, stated this did not take into account fuel being used in airplanes. It is challenging to consider how much they would need to reduce emissions from airport operations while also increasing flights. She congratulated the Airport for the work that they have done. The Smarter Cities group did give a lot of positive feedback, particularly in regards to transportation and electric vehicle use. They suggested bolstering the existing car share program to include electric vehicles. They have been in touch with some European cities that have a robust electric car infrastructure program. They also are considering the energy efficiency pieces they have in the City to communicate to the public about what is available. Currently the Home Energy Challenge is going on, but they have heard from people that there is confusion about where to look for information.

City Council President Shannon stated the comments about the Airport are interesting. She recently attempted a flight out of BTV but ended up flying out of Manchester. Just because they do not have the flight in Burlington does not mean that they have reduced their carbon footprint because people then have to drive to Manchester or Albany. This plan asks for a lot from the citizens of Burlington. She suggested that getting a commitment from the citizens, perhaps through a referendum, may help in their efforts. Advisory questions give government advice about what they should do. In this case, they would be asking the citizens if they are willing to do certain things to reduce their carbon footprint.

City Council President Shannon opened the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

No one spoke on this item.

City Council President Shannon closed the public hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Councilors Bushor and Siegel made a motion to refer this to the Planning Commission with a report back date of the first meeting in September. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4.01. COMMUNICATION: Sandrine Thibault, AICP, Comprehensive Planner and Jennifer Green, Sustainability Coordinator, re: Proposed Municipal Development Plan Amendment: **MDP-12-01 Burlington Climate Action Plan**

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

- 4.02. COMMUNICATION: Burlington, VT, Climate Action Plan

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

- 4.03. COMMUNICATION: Burlington Municipal Development Plan, VIII. ENERGY PLAN

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

4.04. COMMUNICATION: Public Hearing Notice

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING: 2013 Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development/2013 One Year Action Plan

Marcy Krumbine, from CEDO, stated that they have a draft of the Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The City is required to do this five year planning document as a condition of receiving Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Grants. It is supposed to be rewritten every 3-5 years. It is in the public process comment and has been published on the website. The plan provides detailed information about the City's demographics, the local housing market, and the local economy. It outlines housing, community and economic development needs for the City. It will start in July of 2013 and go for five years. CDBG has three major priorities- decent housing, creating economic opportunities, and a suitable living environment. Through the needs and market analyses, the City will create goals within those three objectives. The goals have remained the same since 2008. Decent housing will continue to be the top priority. Over 51% of the income qualified renters of the City are cost burdened, meaning they pay over 30% of their income on housing. Burlington has some of the oldest housing stock in the country and a low vacancy rate. This makes finding and keeping housing very difficult. They next will work to create economic opportunities. There are low income residents facing barriers to employment such as lack of affordable childcare, limited English, limited opportunities to earn a livable wage. There are businesses having difficulty hiring local people. It is important to continue to invest in economic opportunities through entrepreneurial training, childcare opportunities, and cultural access programs. Finally, a suitable living environment is the third priority. They have aging public and non-profit facilities and infrastructure. There is an increased service need among the non-profit sector. They would continue to invest in those improvements and recommend they use the 15% allowance for public services for that funding. The CDBG Advisory Board has determined how they will allocate the CDBG funding. All of the agencies that applied for funding have received the recommendations. She thanked the Committee members for their work. This was the first time she has experienced the process in this way. The process was very down to earth and involved. This year, the Committee was asked to think strategically, value innovation more, and to have less grantees but give more funds to the organizations. They did that because of the changing environment with HUD and the available resources. Going down the path of very small grants is an administrative nightmare and increases risk with HUD. It does not give the money or support that organizations need. CEDO also did not compete this year. Applications were scored and rated internally between CEDO and the Mayor's Office. They also wanted to put as much money as possible into the community, so CEDO took less. The 2013 Action Plan reflects those projects, combines the recommendations of the Committee and the priorities and the goals of the 2013 Five Year Consolidated Plan. They will continue to fund Thayer School, add 36 units of senior housing, work with Champlain Housing Trust to maintain affordability of 140 housing units, doing pre-development work of housing on Bright Street, home sharing efforts, home based and center based services for seniors, work with homeless residents with emergency shelter, case management, and housing placement services. They will also work with Women Helping Battered Women to do renovations on their facility. Economic Development programs will help the creation and retention of jobs and businesses through technical assistance, business loans, and entrepreneurial training. It is an arduous process but she feels they have a great plan. Last year there were 21 public service organizations receiving funding but this year there are 14. HUD has not released their allocations for next year. They have done this whole process based on a 5% reduction. They recommend nothing be submitted until they have their allocations.

City Council President Shannon opened the public hearing at 8:19 p.m.

Councilor Bushor inquired what window of time they have to adopt the plan after receiving notification from HUD. Ms. Krumbine stated she expects they will be extremely flexible this year. Normally, the year begins July 1, but she does not see how that will happen. Typically they are allowed 30 days. It may be easier to adopt the plan and then make amendments to it. Councilor Bushor stated she would rather wait until they know the allocation. She stated this was challenging to review and thanked everyone who was involved in the process. Having citizens involved is key. They review applications and make recommendations to the Mayor and the Council. She looked at categories of funding and defined them with things like age, housing, food, and new Americans. She hopes they can add that to the equation in the next cycle to endure they are not leaving out categories of people. She understands that small grants are not effective. The Police Department comes forward with small grants of a few thousand dollars that they use to piece together their budgets. She also understands that small grants require a lot of work to review. She believes that these agencies piece together their budgets too, and it makes her uncomfortable to see that. She hopes that they will reaffirm that is what agencies want in coming years. She cares less about the administrative work than she does about the agencies that are in need of this funding. She found the Decent Housing Synopsis incredibly informative. There are things that they have done well and other areas that have been more challenging. She would like to understand obstacles better in cases that they will not meet the goal. Ms. Krumbine stated every year they do the Consolidated Performance and Evaluation Report. That is the time when they will come back with the goals and a status update. She believes they will make many of the housing goals this year because of the purchase of South Meadow. They will likely still fall short on homeownership.

Councilor Tracy inquired how they will continue to fund CEDO in light of declining federal funding and sequestration. He inquired if they have considered other funding sources or if CEDO will be fading. Peter Owens, CEDO Director, stated they are in an environment of dwindling federal resources and they want to optimize the funding that is available. They feel they have opportunity to grow revenue outside of the federal funding. They will hear more about that at their budget work session. They have initiatives in the formative phase that will create alternative revenue streams that will pick up the slack for staff funding and release a lot of the dollars to the programs that need that funding. Councilor Tracy stated having that aggressive approach will be helpful and beneficial.

Councilor Worden stated he attended the first CDBG Meeting and noted there is a lot the Council cannot do and they must rely on people to contribute. Many people are upset with the results, but they need to applaud the process. He inquired about the words "develop units" listed in the affordable housing section. He inquired if that is specific to developing new units or if it applies to converting existing units. Ms. Krumbine stated it is divided. Councilor Worden stated so many of the problems they encounter revolve around the vacancy rate and encouraged the department to focus on developing new units rather than converting existing ones. Ms. Krumbine stated their goal is to develop 128 new units. 54 have been completed and there are nearly 100 more in development. That is how they will meet that goal. The key is that it costs much less to maintain the units that are already affordable. They have tag teamed with planBTV to promote infill housing and downtown development to create more housing opportunities at every level. Councilor Worden stated he wants to be clear he is requesting they focus on building new units that are also affordable. They heard during the Climate Action Plan presentation that dense urban infill neighborhoods are an important goal. The current Zoning Ordinance says that increased density is allowable when affordable housing is included. He encouraged them to develop new units that are affordable whenever possible.

Councilor Siegel thanked them for their work and presentation. She inquired about a portion of the memo where they state they are waiting for information from HUD that explains what would happen if they receive more or less funding. She inquired what is meant when they stated they will follow the citizen participation plan and amend the action plan without adding or subtracting activities. Ms. Krumbine

stated if the Council approved the plan and then the funding level changes, the Citizen Participation Plan says that if the funding changes by more than 10% they have to go through another public process. Her suggestion would be to use the projects that they have already selected and add or subtract to the existing projects. Councilor Siegel inquired how they would follow through if there were less funding. Ms. Krumbine stated they would come through Council for review or they could wait for the allocation and then resubmit it.

City Council President Shannon inquired if they are seeking adoption at this meeting. Ms. Krumbine stated they are not. They first have to have a public hearing.

City Council President Shannon closed the public hearing at 8:34 p.m.

- 5.01. COMMUNICATION: Peter Owens, CEDO Director and Marcy Krumbine, Assistant Director For Community Development, re: Proposed 2013 Five Year Consolidated Plan Community Development Block Grant Proposed Allocations Proposed 2013 Action Plan for Housing & Community Development

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

- 5.02. COMMUNICATION: Marcy Krumbine, CEDO, re: 2013 Consolidated Plan for Housing & Community Development

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

- 5.03. COMMUNICATION: Needs Assessment

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

- 5.04. COMMUNICATION: Housing Market Analysis

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

- 5.05. COMMUNICATION: Strategic Plan

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

- 5.06. COMMUNICATION: CDBG Advisory Board Recommendations

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

- 5.07. COMMUNICATION: Marcy Krumbine, CEDO, re: 2013 Action Plan for Housing & Community Development

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

5.08. COMMUNICATION: Public Hearing Notice

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

5.09. COMMUNICATION: Barbara Rachelson, Executive Director and Lisa Pizzagalli, Board Chair, Lund, re: CDBG funding

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

6. APPOINTMENT: Chief Administrative Officer

Mayor Weinberger thanked Interim CAO Paul Sisson for serving the City admirably for a much longer period of time than expected. The Administration has gone through a lot in the last year and achieved many successes that would not have been possible without his hard work. He also thanked the search committee who worked to complete a national search for a permanent CAO. They reviewed dozens of resumes. Their work has resulted in finding an individual who will build on the successes of the last year to move the City in a positive direction. Bob Rusten has extensive experience as a State and Municipal Official having served as a Town Administrator and later as the Deputy City Manager for the City of South Burlington. He has also served as an elected official in the State Legislature. Through this, he has experience in working with credit rating agencies, pension shortfalls, and internal control issues. He also brings qualities that will make him a great CAO. He is an excellent communicator, he is tough but fair with all parties involved, and has an extensive track record around finding consensus around difficult issues.

Councilor Bushor thanked Mr. Rusten for the time he took to meet with Councilors. She is confident that he will be appointed and looks forward to serving with him.

Bob Rusten, CAO Appointee, stated it has been a pleasure meeting everyone.

Councilor Brennan thanked Mr. Rusten for sharing his wealth of experience and thanked Interim CAO Sisson for his efforts over the last year.

The Council voted unanimously to appoint Bob Rusten as Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Rusten stated he is looking forward to work with everyone and it has been exciting to meet Councilors, the Mayor and Staff at the Clerk/Treasurer's Office. He looks forward to this opportunity.

City Council President Shannon thanked Interim CAO Sisson for his service.

6.01. COMMUNICATION: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Appointment of Chief Administrative Officer

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

6.02. COMMUNICATION: Robert "Bob" Rusten's Resume

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

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 mins.)

Councilor Knodell stated that the Public Safety Committee will be meeting to hold an Organizational Meeting.

City Council President Shannon stated that June 20th will be the City Council Retreat. An agenda will be prepared and Councilors will be contacted by the facilitator to determine what they would like to discuss.

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

Councilor Brennan stated that he has been running on the Bike Path and will be challenging himself to run the full marathon. He will be having people sponsor him to support the One Fund in Boston. The Vermont City Marathon has stepped up to the plate for the people in Boston and it will be a great opportunity for the City to shine.

Councilor Tracy stated they had an incredible Green Up Day and did work in Pomeroy Park. He thanked everyone who was involved. He also went to Center City Opening Day to watch the Mayor catch the first pitch. It was incredible to see how involved people are outside of the Council. It was great to see that involvement and the impact it had.

Councilor Bushor stated a delegation from Russia, including some members from Burlington's Sister City, Yaroslavl, arrived in Boston. They are spending time there before coming to Burlington. They will be meeting with the Mayor and others. There will be an opportunity for those who went to Yaroslavl to get together on Friday night. The interpreter who helped them while in Russia will be there to assist them. Their focus is on opportunities for youth. She values the Sister City Programs that they have for cultural diversity, the exchange of ideas, and broadening horizons.

Councilor Siegel stated the Commission Appointment Process has begun. She noted that the resolution they passed places an emphasis on qualifications, expertise and geographic location of applicants garners greater attention than political affiliation and incumbency. It also notes that they value having more diversity in terms of gender, race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic status or profession. To her, this means that incumbents will not automatically be reappointed. Obviously, incumbents will have experience from having served, but they need to consider the full person and the full board. She also stated she sent an email to Councilors about supporting diversity and equity initiatives. She also shared a flyer regarding redistricting committee meetings that Councilors can share with constituents. It has information about upcoming meetings with information about upcoming meetings and contact information for the facilitator. There has been a sense of dissatisfaction with the work of the facilitator to date. They have not yet clarified the policy for setting agendas, running the meetings, making decisions and more. There have been communications with her regarding that and she hopes they will turn it around.

City Council President Shannon stated she went to her first Opening Day for the dedication of the field for Bentley Seifer. She had never attended Opening Day before but it was a moving event. She commended Brian Pine and Jeff Smith and everyone who contributed to rebuilding the field for Bentley. It was a moving day and a time to reflect on his values, which were also the community's values.

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

Mayor Weinberger stated the event at Callahan Park was very moving and he was honored to attend. It was an Opening Day that no one will forget.

Minutes, Regular City Council Meeting, May 6, 2013

This Thursday's budget work Session, which will focus on DPW, will be held at the Department of Public Works on Pine Street.

There was a resolution passed authorizing him to make additional appointments to the ADA Committee. They will be receiving a communication with those names. They had to coordinate with other organizations to compile that list.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, City Council President Shannon adjourned the Regular City Council Meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Attest:

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