
DELIBERATIVE AGENDA
LOCAL CONTROL COMMISSION
CONTOIS AUDITORIUM, CITY HALL
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013
7:09 P.M.

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

ABSENT: Commissioner Siegel

CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE: Eileen Blackwood and Richard Haesler

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

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

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

2. CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Bushor inquired how far the café expansions will be extended. Commissioner Blais stated historically, they have let the Marketplace determine those boundaries. This proposal was brought forward by the Church Street Marketplace Office and has been presented to the Church Street Marketplace Commission. They are recommending that they adopt their proposal.

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

2.01. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT EXPANSION: Daily Planet, 15 Center Street
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the outside consumption permit expansion for Daily Planet

2.02. COMMUNICATION: Ron Redmond, Church Street Marketplace, re: Request for Sidewalk Café Expansions
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the request for sidewalk café expansions for Leunig's Bistro, Nika, RiRa and Scuffer Steak and Ale House

2.03. OUTSIDE CONSUMPTION PERMIT EXPANSIONS(specific dates only):

Leunig's Bistro, Nika, RiRa and Scuffer Steak and Ale House
*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the outside consumption permit expansions for Leunig's Bistro, Nika, RiRa and Scuffer Steak and Ale House for specific dates only

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

AS, LLC, d/b/a Junior's Downtown, 176 Main Street

Commissioners Blais and Tracy made a motion to approve the first class restaurant liquor license application for Junior's Downtown. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Panache of Paris, Inc., d/b/a Leunig's Bistro & Lounge, 115 Church Street

Commissioners Blais and Tracy made a motion to approve the first class restaurant liquor license application for Leuing's Bistro & Lounge. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Panache of Paris, Inc., d/b/a Leunig's Bistro & Lounge, 115 Church Street

Commissioners Blais and Tracy made a motion to approve the outside consumption permit application for Leunigs' Bistro & Lounge. The motion passed unanimously.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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

Attest:

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

ADJOURNED MEETING, CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, MAY 20, 2013
7:13 P.M.

PRESENT: see above, Councilor Siegel arrived at 7:16 p.m.

CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHANNON PRESIDING:

1. AGENDA

Councilor Knodell requested that consent agenda items 3.23. through 3.26. be moved to the Deliberative Agenda as agenda items 9.1 through 9.4.

Councilor Bushor stated that consent agenda item 3.35. is a communication from the Chief of Police talking about a strategy for the summertime. She feels it is important that the Chief speak to the Council about the approaches being used to safeguard downtown and the public. It will also alert people of the ramifications of disorderly conduct and other violations. She requested that he be invited to present in June.

On a motion by Councilors Knodell and Decelles the agenda was unanimously adopted as amended.

2. PUBLIC FORUM

City Council President Shannon opened the public forum at 7:30 p.m.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Ward/Affiliation</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Kurt Wright	Ward 4 Resident	Bike Path Improvements

There being no one further coming forward and with no objection from the remaining Council, City Council President Shannon closed the public forum at 7:32 p.m.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Councilors Aubin and Decelles 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 Bueno Y Sano (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.03. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Tables and Chairs with Bueno Y Sano 2013- 2014 Season

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

3.04. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Erect and Maintain A Sign on a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Hotel Vermont (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.05. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Sign with Hotel Vermont 2013-2014 Season

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

3.06. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement for Use of Sidewalk Located on a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Lucky Next Door (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.07. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Use of Sidewalk Adjacent to Handicap Access Ramp with Lucky Next Door 2013-2014 Season

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

3.08. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain A Sign Extending Over a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Patagonia Burlington (Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.09. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Sign with Patagonia Burlington 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 Bike Rack

and Tent on a Portion of The City's right-of-way with The Ski Rack
(Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.11. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Bike Rack and Tent with The Ski Rack
2013- 2014 Season

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

3.12. RESOLUTION: Authorization to Enter into License Agreement to Maintain Tables and
Chairs on a Portion of The City's Right-of-way with Radio Bean
(Councilors Blais, Tracy, Ayres: License Committee)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.13. COMMUNICATION: License Agreement for Tables and Chairs with Radio Bean Coffeehouse
2013-2014 Season

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

3.14. RESOLUTION: Fire Equipment Mutual Sharing Agreement (Councilors Shannon,
Bushor, Knodell: Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.15. COMMUNICATION: Mutual Equipment Sharing Agreement

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

3.16. RESOLUTION: Acceptance of Vermont Department of Public Safety Grant to Purchase
19 Portables and 1 Mobile Radio and Budget Amendment Authorizing
The Purchase (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Knodell: Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.17. COMMUNICATION: State of Vermont Standard Subgrant Agreement (Federal Fund Source to
Non-State Recipient), Vermont Department of Public Safety Agreement
02140-70252-216

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

3.18. COMMUNICATION: Lise E. Veronneau, Business Administrator, Burlington Fire & Police
Departments, re: Vermont Department of Public Safety Grant
Agreement #20140-70252-216

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

3.19. RESOLUTION: Reappointment of William Ward as City Health Officer (Councilor
Hartnett)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

3.20. COMMUNICATION: Lori Cragin, MS. PHD, State Epidemiologist – Environmental Health,
Vermont Department of Health, re: Town Health Officer

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and re-appoint William Ward as the Town
Health Officer

3.21. RESOLUTION: 41 Cherry Street, LLC Amendment to Encumbrance Permit/License
Agreement (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Knodell: Board of Finance)

*waive the reading and adopt the resolution

- 3.22. COMMUNICATION: Amendment to Encumbrance Permit/License Agreement with 41 Cherry Street, LLC July 15, 2011 – July 31, 2013

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

- 3.27. UMBRELLA ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (May 31 – June 9):

Burlington Discover Jazz Festival, various locations around the City, May 31 – June 9

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the Umbrella Entertainment Permit Application for the Burlington Discover Jazz Festival

- 3.28. SPECIAL EVENT INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (specific dates):

Daily Planet, 15 Center Street, jazz for Jazzfest, specific dates only

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the Special Event Indoor Entertainment Permit Application for Daily Planet, specific dates only during the Jazzfest

- 3.29. SPECIAL EVENT OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (5/24, 5/30):

Monkey House, at 420 Pine Street, parking lot/courtyard area, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m., Food Truck Rally

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application for Monkey House, 5/24, 5/30

- 3.30. SPECIAL EVENT OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (one day only):

Burton Snowboards, 80 Industrial Parkway, 5/25/13, 1 p.m. – 6 p.m., Dancing, Amplified Music

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the one day Special Event Outdoor Entertainment Permit Application for Burton Snowboards

- 3.31. COMMUNICATION: Make Your Voice Heard: Burlington Redistricting Committee

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

- 3.32. COMMUNICATION: Marina Collins, Retirement Administrator, re: BERS Experience Study 7/1/07-6/30/12

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

- 3.33. COMMUNICATION: Report on the Results of an Experience Study of The Burlington Employees' Retirement System Covering the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2012

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

- 3.34. SPECIAL EVENT INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (5/23-5/25):

Spielpalast Cabaret, Contois Auditorium, City Hall, May 23 – 25, 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 Spielpalast Cabaret, May 23 – 25, 2013, 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

- 3.35. COMMUNICATION: Chief Michael Schirling, Burlington Police Department, re: Comprehensive Strategy Memo

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

- 3.36. INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT RENEWAL (2013-2014): Finnigan's Pub

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and approve the 2013-2014 Indoor Entertainment Permit Renewal for Finnigan's Pub

3.37. COMMUNICATION: Laura Babcock, Clerk, Board of Electric Commissioners, re: Electric Commission Attendance Record

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

3.38. COMMUNICATION: Mayor Miro Weinberger, re: Appointments to Advisory Committee on Accessibility

*waive the reading, accept the communication, place it on file and appoint the following individuals as outlined to the Advisory Committee on Accessibility

3.39. COMMUNICATION: Paul Sisson, Interim CAO, re: Budget Adjustment Reports

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

3.40. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Special Meeting of the Board of Finance, Thursday, April 18, 2013 Minutes

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

3.41. COMMUNICATION: Amy Bovee, Executive Secretary, re: Board of Finance, Monday, April 22, 2013 Minutes

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

4. INDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (2013-2014):

Panache of Paris, Inc., d/b/a Leunig's Bistro & Lounge, 115 Church Street

Councilors Blais and Bushor made a motion to approve the indoor entertainment permit application for Leunig's Bistro & Lounge. The motion passed unanimously.

5. OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT PERMIT APPLICATION (2013-2014):

Panache of Paris, Inc., d/b/a Leunig's Bistro & Lounge, 115 Church Street

Councilors Blais and Ayres made a motion to approve the outdoor entertainment permit application for Leunig's Bistro & Lounge. The motion passed unanimously.

6. TOBACCO LICENSE APPLICATION (2013-2014):

Bern Nation Inc., d/b/a The Bern Gallery, 135 Main Street

Councilors Blais and Decelles made a motion to approve the tobacco license application for The Bern Gallery. The motion passed by a vote of 13-1 with Councilor Brennan voting against.

7. APPOINTMENT: Board of Finance Member (no supporting documentation)

Councilor Paul nominated Councilor Bryan Aubin for the Board of Finance. She stated she received an email about his background which included experience in non-profit finance and that he is the treasurer of his local teacher's union. She has worked with him on the Parks, Arts and Culture Committee and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

Councilor Aubin was appointed to the Board of Finance unanimously.

Councilor Aubin stated he has put forward some information about the concerns people expressed about his political party and the makeup of the Board of Finance. He appreciates what he heard and knows that he tends to be quiet. He hopes he can be open and forthright about explaining each of his votes.

8. RESOLUTION: Transparency, Liquidity, and The Fiscal Stability Bonds (Councilors Knodell, Bushor, Decelles)

Councilors Knodell and Bushor made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Knodell stated last November Burlington Voters approved the issuance of a fiscal stability bond up to \$9 million with the purpose of improving the City's liquidity and avoiding further downgrades in the credit rating. The City had a liquidity problem because of deficits in a number of City funds that were being financed by the general fund. These included Burlington Telecom, Wastewater, Water and five capital projects. The City was determined to be at risk because it was overly reliant on short term borrowing to finance those deficits. The Fiscal Stability Bond replaces short term uncertain borrowing with long term borrowing that amortizes the principle. Those bonds have been issued. This resolution sends a message to the people of Burlington, the capital markets and Moody's. The message to the residents of Burlington is that they want to be transparent about the work that the Fiscal Stability Bond is doing. Unlike many bonds, it is hard to see the work. They are asking the CAO to prepare annual reports that will explain how the bonds have restored liquidity and the costs associated with them. The message to the markets and Moody's is that they have heard their concerns. This says they want to play an active role in monitoring the unassigned cash deficits. It will request that the Board of Finance to receive quarterly reports about the balance of unassigned cash deficits. She received comments from the Mayor's Office and incorporated them. It is important that they take on work that is implementable.

Councilor Bushor stated that they have listed a number of items that will be reported to the Board of Finance. It does not say that they will report how the fiscal stability bonds will be used. She inquired if that will be a part of the quarterly reporting or if it will only be reported annually. Mayor Weinberger stated the quarterly reports will appear as laid out in the resolution. In some cases, it will interact with the fiscal stability bond, but the balances are somewhat independent. The annual report will be more specific to the Fiscal Stability Bond and will make projections as to what would have happened if it had not been passed. It will be a different type of analysis, more involved, and more detailed. Councilor Bushor inquired if they would report quarterly if they begin to use the proceeds to resolve specific issues. Mayor Weinberger stated the quarterly reports will state how much of the Fiscal Stability Bond is in reserve, how much has been used to address cash issues, and how much has been paid down. The balances will be easy to report but they will not use projections as they will in their annual report. Councilor Bushor requested that the quarterly reports be written. Her intent is to make sure the reports can be shared with the rest of the Council so they can track this. Mayor Weinberger stated he has no objection to that.

Councilors Bushor made a motion to amend the resolution to state that the quarterly reports will be written. Councilor Knodell accepted the amendment as friendly.

Councilor Brennan thanked the sponsors of the resolution and stated he feels the citizens of Burlington will appreciate this reporting. When the Council agreed to bring this forward to the ballot, it was portrayed as imminent. It has taken time to actually pull those bonds. It will be positive for everyone to know where that money is and how it is being used.

The motion as amended passed unanimously.

9. ORDINANCE: BUILDINGS AND BUILDING CONSTRUCTION Appeals from Order (Public Works Department, Public Works Commission)(2nd reading)

Councilors Mason and Bushor made a motion to waive the 2nd reading and adopt the ordinance.

Councilor Mason stated that this was a clean-up item that was presented to the Ordinance Committee. They will change the time of notice of an appeal to the hearing from ten days to forty-five days. This is being done to accommodate the Public Works Commissions' meeting schedule. The second change is to change quorum from three members to four members. The Board has been increased in size and this will reflect the larger size. Steve Goodkind, Public Works Director, stated that the Ordinance relates to a time when the Board was composed of five people. They are also trying to make it so that appeals are heard at regular Public Works Commission meetings.

Councilor Bushor stated they originally presented 60 days but settled on 45 days in an effort to increase the turnaround time while still working with the limitations of the Commission.

The motion passed unanimously.

9.1. (was 3.23.) RESOLUTION: Authorization for Execute Amendment #4 to Cooperative Agreement With The State of Vermont for The Champlain Parkway Project (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Knodell: Board of Finance)

Councilors Knodell and Bushor made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the resolution.

Councilor Knodell stated that this item came before the Board of Finance. It addresses an extension to the contract for the Champlain Parkway. This was approved unanimously and requires full Council approval.

Councilor Siegel stated she will support the resolutions because they request more money because of inflation that has happened over the years. She has concerns about the Champlain Parkway. The resolution states that the Champlain Parkway provides public benefit through the reduction of commuter traffic along Pine Street. It does not say that the way they do that is by moving the problem to another section of Pine Street. It brings increased traffic into a neighborhood that is much poorer. She finds this disturbing. They cannot amend the design of the Champlain Parkway without losing funding. Those who have been opposed to the current design were given the idea that another project would help ease this problem. The Railyard Enterprise Project will hopefully move that traffic so that it does not impact that neighborhood. The timeline is such that the Champlain Parkway project is moving much faster than the Railyard Enterprise Project. There may be years during which that traffic gets moved into that neighborhood. She hopes that they can slow the process of the Champlain Parkway as much as they can and speed up the Railyard Project as much as possible so that the timing may line up.

City Council President Shannon stated this is the first time over the years that they are not being asked to approve money that has already been spent. She appreciates that the Administration is being proactive about this. They now have an actual choice. She shares the concerns about the project and hopes that the Railyard Enterprise Project is not moving slower than the Champlain Parkway. She feels that the Railyard Enterprise Project is essential to the King and Maple neighborhoods.

Mayor Weinberger stated this amendment is not about inflation. This is about work getting done on this project. The work is legal, engineering and design related. The Council will be agreeing to a contract ahead of time so they will have money to do that work. The Champlain Parkway is not moving faster than the Railyard Enterprise Project, but there have been decades of work on that project that preceded the Railyard Enterprise Project. They are moving with unusual haste on the Railyard Enterprise Project. They have gotten the Federal Government to expedite permitting and design of that project. They are also moving forward with the Champlain Parkway and are doing their best to stay ahead of contract

amendments. They will see more amendments like this one. They do need to move forward to prevent problems with the State and their consultants.

Councilor Mason stated the biggest complaint in Ward 5 is that the Parkway has not been built. There is cut through traffic that has been coming down side streets. He receives a lot of emails about safety concerns on those streets. Everything is on hold until the Parkway goes in. He has received emails about upgrades needed on Pine Street that cannot happen until the Parkway goes in. He does not want to slow the process any further. He also represents King Street and feels they are all trying to move that project forward as quickly as possible. They should move both projects forward to provide some relief.

Mayor Weinberger stated that this amendment allows for more refined design work for the section on Pine Street between Lakeside Ave and Main St. While they cannot fundamentally change the design, there are many details that have not been fully resolved about what the stretch of road will look like. They are pushing to include as many pedestrian safety improvements, alternate transportation facilities, good landscaping and good lighting as possible. After four plus decades of work, this should be more than a repaving project. This contract amendment will help make sure that happens. The largest and fastest growing employer in that area, Dealer.com, has stated they are in favor of the upgrades. In order for them to keep investing in that area, they need the Champlain Parkway and want the area to be safe for their employees and visitors. There is a sense that nothing can be done until the Champlain Parkway is built, but that is not entirely true. They have added markers to crosswalks and are looking to what they can now to make Pine Street a better place.

City Council President Shannon stated they have been told that putting in traffic lights from the section of Pine Street from Lakeside Ave to Main Streets cannot happen because the project has been federalized. They have also been told that would help alleviate the traffic that they have today. If there is any way that they could have traffic lights along that route, it would make a big difference for safety today.

The motion passed unanimously.

9.2. (was 3.24.) COMMUNICATION: Norman Baldwin, P.E., Assistant Director –Technical Services, DPW, Re: Champlain Parkway-Cooperative Agreement Amendment and Amendment to Clough Harbor Design Contract

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

9.3. (was 3.25.) RESOLUTION: Authorization to Amend Champlain Parkway Design Contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates, LLP (Councilors Shannon, Bushor, Knodell: Board of Finance)

Councilors Knodell and Bushor made a motion to waive the reading and adopt the resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

9.4. (was 3.26.) COMMUNICATION: Norman Baldwin, P.E., Assistant Director-Technical Services, DPW, Re: Champlain Parkway Design and Legal Services Contract Amendments

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

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS (5 mins.)

Councilor Knodell stated that the Public Safety Committee has met. They will discuss the communication from the Police Chief about their summer strategies. They will also discuss the Neighborhood Safety Initiative with residents and Community Justice Center staff. They are working on a neighborhood safety survey to identify issues in that part of the City and connect neighborhoods. There will be a big community meeting to address this. The idea is that strong neighborhoods are a tool to deter certain kinds of crime. They will also discuss the assault weapon resolution and will hear a report of the implementation of the no-trespass ordinance. They will be inviting the Police Chief and Police Commissioners to their next meeting to hear about enforcement efforts against illegal drug trafficking.

Councilor Bushor requested the Ordinance Committee chair update the Council of their upcoming work. Councilor Mason stated they will be holding a livable wage hearing. They have asked the City Attorney to walk the Committee through her report.

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

Councilor Decelles stated they all get excited when the City of Burlington is named in publications for being a livable place. For many citizens, that is not the reality. Last week there was a bust of a meth lab. There was a child living in the apartment. The neighborhood thought there was a war zone that day. This shows that there are drug or crime issues and the City is not a tranquil place to live. He is glad to hear the Public Safety Committee is starting to meet and they will hear from the Chief. The Council clearly needs to do something and urge those in power to act more forcefully. He visited the street and saw the child entering the home that had been busted just the day before. They need to begin to act more forcefully.

Councilor Brennan stated he will be running the marathon and thanked the Mayor and Police for ensuring they have a safe and fun weekend. He has set up a fundraising site to benefit the One Fund to recognize those who were hurt in Boston.

Councilor Bushor stated there is a communication from the Mayor regarding appointments to the Advisory Committee on Accessibility. The group felt that there were some unrepresented members and this will address that. There is also a statement about which members will continue to serve on that committee. She hopes that there will be resolutions about training as recommended by the Committee. The communication from the Police Chief references the No-Trespass Ordinance. It is a delicate balance between keeping people safe and dealing with the utilization of those tools in an effective way. She wants the public to hear how the Police approach these issues.

Councilor Tracy stated there will be a community meeting regarding the F-35.

Councilor Worden read an email from a Ward 1 resident who stated the City is looking clean and has been quieter. They thanked City staff who contributed to these efforts.

Councilor Knodell stated she received an email from a constituent who lives in a very student heavy neighborhood. They received extra attention from the Police Department on commencement weekend and felt that it made a big difference.

City Council President Shannon stated the Railyard Enterprise Project will be holding a public hearing to discuss alternative transportation options. This is an important infrastructure project and this is the opportunity for people to weigh in. The more the community is involved, the better it will be. It offers the potential to connect Pine Street to the lake and bike path.

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

Mayor Weinberger stated TIF Legislation did pass this session. Burlington Representatives played a big role in this work. There will be a resolution for final approval of this agreement in the coming weeks.

He participated in a multi-modal tour of the City. This year, stopping at the Sustainability Academy was a highlight of the tour. The new Principal has set a goal that every student learn to swim and bike. They have partnered with Local Motion to have a bike trailer there. Many students joined a portion of the tour. They also stopped by the new Hotel Vermont on the first day they were receiving guests. They have teamed up with Old Spokes Home to provide their guests with use of free shared bikes for up to two hours. They stopped at the Mass Transit Site. CCTA expressed confidence that they will begin work on the new center in the next year and will open it two years from now. They ended the day at Dealer.com who sponsored the Go for Gold Challenge announcement that day. Their involvement in investing in bike and pedestrian infrastructure improvements is a real change in the conversation. When they talk about improving this type of infrastructure, they are talking about more than a change in transportation. It affects quality of life, health, the independence and upbringing of children, and economic development. There will be many more conversations about this.

They held a Bike Path press conference about the progress they have made. They agree that they need to move forward as quickly as possible to widen and enhance it. They have retained a world class design team to move forward with the permitting and design process. They expect to break ground with Waterfront Access North this summer. They have heard that a founding Board of the Parks and Recreation Foundation has been named and will be taking on fundraising efforts. He feels that there is momentum on this project moving forward.

He spoke with the Charter Change Committee today about the assault weapons and large magazine clip ban that group was tasked with exploring. He has offered a sample resolution that 24 other communities in the US have approved. It calls for Congress to fix the National Background Check system. He believes it is a strong resolution that they can modify to Burlington, Vermont's needs.

He watched a production of the Canterbury Tales at BHS. They are lucky to have such wonderful drama programs.

13. ADJOURNMENT

Without objection, City Council President Shannon adjourned the Adjourned City Council Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Attest:

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