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2 **Resolution Relating to**

RESOLUTION _____
Sponsor(s): Councilors Brennan,
Paul

Introduced: _____
Referred to: _____

Action: _____
Date: _____
Signed by Mayor: _____

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6 CREATING GREATER EFFICIENCIES
7 THROUGH CENTRALIZED PURCHASING
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12 **CITY OF BURLINGTON**

13 In the year Two Thousand Thirteen.....
14 Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

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16 That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington, with a municipal budget of over \$50 million, in addition to
17 being one of the largest employers in the City, is also one of the largest purchasers of goods and services
18 in the City; and

19 WHEREAS, the City budget is financed primarily by property taxes and fees that are paid by
20 Burlington taxpayers or ratepayers; and

21 WHEREAS, the Administration and the Council are committed to our fiduciary responsibility of
22 spending public dollars wisely and prudently; and

23 WHEREAS, the City must make every possible effort to save money and use its purchasing
24 dollars to leverage economies of scale; and

25 WHEREAS, currently the City has no centralized system for purchasing, meaning at this time,
26 there is no coordinated effort that allows all departments to purchase goods and services together, as a
27 city, but rather many departments are negotiating their own service contracts and purchasing their own
28 goods, at least in some cases; and

29 WHEREAS, it would seem there are greater efficiencies, and therefore greater savings, to be
30 garnered if one system were adopted to coordinate all of the City's purchasing needs;

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council requests that, in an effort to
32 ensure that taxpayer dollars are spent as effectively and efficiently as possible, the Administration
33 investigate the creation of a centralized purchasing system for all contracts of goods and services; and

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if creation of a centralized purchasing system would create
35 savings, the Administration identify procedures that would minimize the risk for fraud and misconduct
36 from such a system; and

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Administration report back its findings to this Council no
38 later than the Council's second meeting in December and if deemed appropriate, how it will create this
39 system to greater maximize purchasing dollars and have tighter controls on how purchasing and
40 contracting for services are conducted in City government.