Councilors Keogh, Davis, Decelles: Bd. of Finance

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That WHEREAS, the proposal is to convert the Moran Generating Station into a multi use facility that appeals to a wide range of users, that is publicly owned and provides public benefits but it also be market driven, complimenting and enhancing the local economy and tax base; and

WHEREAS, it is the conclusion of the citizen Moran Advisory Group (MAG), the Mayor and the City Council Parks Arts and Culture Committee that the concept is feasible and the City should move forward to develop the project; and

WHEREAS, the Citizen's of Burlington strongly supported the following question on the March, 2008 ballot:

"Shall the City of Burlington be advised to move forward on the proposal to renovate and redevelop the Moran Plant to include an indoor ice and rock climbing facility; children's museum; outdoor ice skating rink; splash water park; public park; cafe and restaurant; new skateboard park; observation deck and the retention of the Community Sailing Center, with the understanding that voters will have an opportunity in the future to approve any financing that would alter individual property tax rates?"; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is responsible for developing and maintaining all public infrastructure and facilities necessary for the continued success and development of it's downtown, including the waterfront; and

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WHEREAS, Burlington will be economically strengthened through continued public improvements and private investments to public infrastructure and facilities; and

WHEREAS, it is in the interest of the City to retain control and dominion over the Moran Plant and waterfront and that it act a developer for this prominent economic development project; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized Freeman French Freeman to provide Architect and & Engineering services for schematic design work on the Moran building and for the site and this work has been completed and provided more details and another round of cost estimates; and

WHEREAS, the information for the entire project gained through the architect and engineering services is valuable to the City in the event of any future development; and

WHEREAS, this information pertaining to the design development phase of architect and engineering services is useful to the detailed negotiations and finalization of development agreements with the prospective tenants; and

WHEREAS, the City should appropriate funds for this amendment from the City Capital Fund as approved in recent budget discussions; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized a contract with Freeman French Freeman to provide Architect and & Engineering services for the Moran building at its meeting on October 20, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the City Council authorized a contract with Freeman French Freeman to provide Architect and & Engineering services for the Moran site at its meeting on March 30, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, on July 6, 2009 the Board of Finance, unanimously approved and recommended that City Council authorize the amendment of the contract with Freeman French Freeman to provide additional architect and engineering services for phase one of the design development work for the Moran redevelopment project in the amount of \$191,115;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Bob Kiss is authorized to amend the contract with Freeman French Freeman to provide additional Architect and Engineering services for phase 1 of the design development work for the Moran redevelopment project in the amount of \$191,115, subject to the review and approval of by the City Attorney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council hereby expresses intent that these expenditures may be reimbursed from the proceeds of subsequent debt financing for the Moran Redevelopment.

 $lb/rwh/c: Resolutions\ 2009/Moran\ Plant-Amend\ Contract\ with\ Freeman,\ French,\ Freeman\ for\ Architect\ \&\ Engineering\ 7/8/09$