

AUTHORIZATION FOR A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
FOR AN INDEPENDENT BUDGET CONSULTANT

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Burlington, as follows:

That WHEREAS, the City Charter provides that the Mayor submits an annual City budget to the City Council with the City Council having the authority to reduce the items of such budget, but may not increase such items except by two-thirds vote; and

WHEREAS, over time the annual City budget has become more complex to review; and

WHEREAS, after the City Council’s Work Session on Staffing Issues, the City Council expressed interest in pursuing a consultant to enable Councilors to fulfill their budgetary responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, the City’s Fiscal Year 2009 budget included an additional \$21,000 for City Councilors; and

WHEREAS, the process for development of the City Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2011 is about to begin; and

WHEREAS, the City Council would like to utilize a portion of its money for expenses to retain the services of an independent consultant to perform an analysis of budget requests; and

WHEREAS, each City Councilor will notify the Council President regarding their willingness to contribute all or a portion of the additional \$1,500 that was allocated to their expense accounts in the Fiscal Year 2010 budget to pay the independent budget consultant; and

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WHEREAS, the independent budget consultant will be asked to make an assessment of the Police, Fire, Parks, DPW and HR Departments' Fiscal Year 2011 budget requests to include program effectiveness, consideration of alternative approaches to providing services and opportunity for cost savings; and

WHEREAS, the independent budget consultant will be asked to meet with the City Council to provide analysis and recommendations on the proposed City Fiscal Year 2011 Budget at City Council work sessions or meetings as directed by the President of the City Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk/Treasurer's Office is requested to complete and distribute a request for proposals (RFP) by January 28, 2010, with the selection of the independent consultant to be made by the full City Council no later than February 22, 2010.