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6 REQUEST TO CHARTER CHANGE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW  
7 POWER OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO)  
8 TO VOTE ON THE BOARD OF FINANCE AND RE-APPOINTMENT  
9 OF DEPARTMENT HEADS  
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14 In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

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

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17 That WHEREAS, at the City Council meeting on December 14, 2009, the City Council voted  
18 in the affirmative on Resolution: Power of the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) to Vote on  
19 the Board of Finance, requesting that the Charter Change Committee review the City Charter as  
20 it pertains to the role of the CAO as a voting member of the Board of Finance; and

21 WHEREAS, a majority of members of the Charter Change Committee did put forward a  
22 resolution at the City Council’s January 4, 2010 meeting requesting a ballot item be placed on  
23 the Town Meeting Day ballot on March 2, 2010; and

24 WHEREAS, said resolution was not voted on at the January 4, 2010 meeting due to a  
25 vote not to suspend the Council’s rule prohibiting a meeting proceeding beyond 10:30 p.m.; and

26 WHEREAS, the language in Section 129 of the City Charter: “...Additionally, the city  
27 council may, on the initiative of the mayor, by an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of its  
28 entire number, remove at any time at its pleasure any city officer or department head it should  
29 determine is no longer effectively serving the city, and all city officers and department heads  
30 shall take and hold office subject to this authority.” is antiquated due to changes in other parts of  
31 the Charter that took authority for reappointment of department heads away from the City  
32 Council and needs to be addressed so the system of checks and balances is appropriate; and

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37 OFFICER (CAO) TO VOTE ON THE BOARD OF  
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39 DEPARTMENT HEADS  
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41 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Charter  
42 Change Committee re-visit this issue and research at least 5 but no more than 10 cities of like  
43 size to Burlington and find models of governance similar to ours and review how their Board of  
44 Finance is configured, how their structure has worked and evaluate the need to change our  
45 current Board structure in a thoughtful and deliberative way; and

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council also requests that the Charter  
47 Change Committee review the re-appointment process of department heads and research cities as  
48 outlined in the last clause to see how other cities address the ability of the City Council to  
49 interact with the Mayor in re-appointing department heads; and

50 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council requests that the Charter Change  
51 Committee report back to the Council with an interim report at our last meeting in May,  
52 recognizing that there may be a change in committee members; and

53 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Charter Change Committee report to the Council  
54 on any recommended Charter changes no later than its meeting in August, 2010 with the  
55 anticipation that any ballot items would appear at a Special Meeting of the City on Election Day  
56 on November 2, 2010.