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SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET RESOLUTION #2011-02  
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DOWNTOWN PLANNING ACTIVITIES

In the year Two Thousand Ten.....

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

That WHEREAS, the City of Burlington serves as an example of livability for other cities in this country and has won many awards for sustainability, intelligent development and preserving that which makes Burlington unique; and

WHEREAS, it is our desire and obligation to make Burlington inviting and welcoming to all by encouraging an appropriate vision for our Downtown District that includes a place where residents and visitors can work, eat, play and live; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that requiring new development to be limited to no more than 50% residential use is not appealing or practical to developers who want to work downtown; and

WHEREAS, this City Council understands the need to move forward with creating a vision for our Downtown which will provide a balance of living space, work space, retail and recreational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, this City Council also understands that the public must be engaged as a valued partner in this discussion and their input must be sought and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, this City Council fully understands it is in the interest of Burlington residents and taxpayers that we do all we can to promote a vibrant Downtown District both for ourselves and as a tourist attraction; and

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40 WHEREAS, this City Council recognizes that the city is at a disadvantage when various  
41 funding or other implementation opportunities are available because we have not clearly  
42 delineated our goals, priorities and plans; and

43 WHEREAS, the Planning Commission and the Department have worked to develop a  
44 scope of work for the development of this Plan for consideration by the City Council as the  
45 Council requested of the Commission and Department as per the Downtown Plan resolution  
46 passed on August 10, 2009; and

47 WHEREAS, the Commission and the Department appropriately looked at the  
48 recommended scope of the planning area to be studied, a scope of work for the development of a  
49 Plan that includes but is not limited to an analysis and recommendations regarding market  
50 conditions, traffic and parking, infrastructure, urban design and land use; a budget with potential  
51 funding sources and a time line for completion; a strong public involvement plan and likely  
52 project partners and have developed a formal scope of work plan; and

53 WHEREAS, that the scope proposed will require additional funds not currently budgeted  
54 to support the work to be undertaken jointly by the Departments of Planning and Zoning, CEDO,  
55 Public Works, Parks and Recreation, City Arts and Marketplace with a goal of completing their  
56 work in the first quarter of calendar 2012; and

57 WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") recently  
58 announced the availability of the Community Challenge Planning Grants ("Community  
59 Challenge Planning Grants") that are intended to “promote mixed-use development, affordable  
60 housing, the reuse of older buildings and structures for new purposes, and similar activities with  
61 the goal of promoting sustainability at the local or neighborhood level”; and

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68 WHEREAS, the Planning Department intends to submit an application for a HUD  
69 Community Challenge Planning Grant which will require a matching contribution of local  
70 resources no less than 20-percent of the requested grant amount, estimated to be \$85,000; and

71 WHEREAS, an expenditure for such planning activities would be a FY 11 budget  
72 expense which has not been appropriated, thereby necessitating a budget amendment proposed  
73 by the Mayor to authorize the expenditure and keep the adopted City Councilors' FY 11 budget  
74 whole; and

75 WHEREAS, the Mayor welcomes the City Council's action and supports this  
76 appropriation and the amendment to the FY 11 budget contingent on the award of this HUD  
77 grant, and on his proposal at its August 2, 2010 meeting the Board of Finance recommends  
78 approval by the City Council to amend the budget up to the amount requested contingent on the  
79 award of the grant;

80 NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the City Council accepts the scope  
81 of work, budget and timeline as proposed and sees completion of this important planning process  
82 as one of the City's highest priority projects and the requests that the Administration, Planning  
83 Commission, and Planning Department do the same; and

84 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council endorses, approves and authorizes  
85 the city's application for a HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant; and

86 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FY 2011 budget be and hereby is amended as  
87 proposed by the Mayor at the August 2, 2010 Board of Finance meeting for the purpose of  
88 funding the planning activities described above as a Capital Project in the General Fund and to  
89 appropriate up to \$85,500 from the budget's undesignated fund balance to serve as a local match

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95 contribution for the HUD Community Challenge Planning Grant, such amendment being  
96 contingent on the award of this grant; and

97 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Planning will keep the Council  
98 informed as appropriate of the progress being made as all councilors are interested in the  
99 progress being made to encourage economic development of our downtown in a way that  
100 involves the community and all stakeholders.

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103 lb/emb/c: Resolutions 2010/HUD Grant & Budget Amendment for Downtown Planning Activities  
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