

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2019, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The Deputy Municipal Clerk advised the public of the location of the two fire exits; one on the left after exiting the Council Chamber and the other being the entrance to the building.

Members present: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala (7:10pm), Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (5) Absent: Ms. Mercuri, Ms. Woodard. (2)

Also present: Mayor Conaway, Administrator- David Ballard, Municipal Attorney- Lou Garty, Lt. Ekelberg, Det. Cpl. Czajka.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on September 17, 2019 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Councilman Babula, moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilman Chachis. All were in favor.

**APPROVAL OF INVOICES\***

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

**ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 306 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, ARTICLE III EXCAVATIONS, OF THE CITY CODE PERTAINING TO STREET OPENINGS

Upon the motion of Councilman Babula, seconded by Councilman Chachis, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hatala, Ms. Mercuri, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (4); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala, Ms. Mercuri, Ms. Woodard. (3).

**RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS\***

Resolution No. 235-2019

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby wishes all of our residents of the Jewish faith a Happy Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilman Babula, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Swan, Ms. Lollar. (4); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala, Ms. Mercuri, Ms. Woodard. (3).

Resolution No. 236-2019\*

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-4 requires the governing body of every local unit to have made an annual audit of its books, accounts and financial transactions; and

WHEREAS, the Annual Report of Audit for the year 2018 has been filed by a Registered Municipal Accountant with the City Clerk pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:5-6, and a copy has been received by each member of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey is authorized to prescribe reports pertaining to the local fiscal affairs, as per R.S. 52:27BB-34; and

WHEREAS, the Local Finance Board has promulgated a regulation requiring that the governing body of each municipality shall by resolution certify to the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey that all member of the governing body have reviewed, at a minimum, the sections of the annual audit entitled "Findings and Responses"; and

WHEREAS, the members of the governing body have personally reviewed at a minimum the Annual Report of Audit, and specifically the sections of the Annual Audit entitled; "Findings and Responses", as evidence by the group affidavit form of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, such resolution of certification shall be adopted by the governing body no later than forty-five days after the receipt of the annual audit, as per the regulations of the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, all members of the governing body have received and have familiarized themselves with, at least, the minimum requirements of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey, as stated aforesaid and have subscribed to the affidavit, as provided by the Local Finance Board; and

WHEREAS, failure to comply with the regulations of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey may subject the members of the governing body to the penalty provisions of R.S. 52:27BB-52 - to with:

R.S. 52:27BB-52 - "A local officer or member of a local governing body who, after a date fixed for compliance, fails or refuses to obey an order of the director (Director

of Local Government Services), under the provisions of this Article, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, may be fined no more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both, in addition shall forfeit his/her office."

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby states that it has complied with the promulgation of the Local Finance Board of the State of New Jersey dated July 30, 1968 and does hereby submit a certified copy of this resolution and the required affidavit to said Board to show evidence of said compliance.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Derrick Owings, 333 E. Pearl Street- thanked everyone who helped with the Petal Project.

Robert Bell, 122 Mott Avenue- spoke of his request for speed humps on Mott Avenue.

Christine Pelka, 27 W. Union Street- stated the following: "The City of Burlington becoming a dangerous place to live feels Mayor, Police City Council appear to not be doing anything about this.. Its unacceptable, unfair and deplorable for us to live in fear and asking that our elected leaders step up and do their jobs. Also ask, where are the police in all of this? They are out when we have an event, like the Wood Street Fair, after events they disappear."

Nancy Collier, 203 Wood Street- concurred with Ms. Pelka's comments; spoke of quality of life, community safety and crime.

Wendy Segal, 233 Conover Street- spoke of the conditions of vacant properties on Conover Street; spoke of Code Enforcement, it takes weeks for this to be taken care of; spoke of weeds blocking fire hydrant.

Glen Alwood, 233 Conover Street- reiterated comments made by Ms. Segal; stated he spoke with Mr. Ballard, Mayor Conaway and Mr. Curry.

### **COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Chachis asked about a resolution in reference to Land Use Board.

President Lollar said will be on the Agenda in October.

Councilman Babula invited everyone to go to the Burlington Island website to watch the documentary of the recent clean up and the petition regarding the dredge spoils.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of tall grass at a Columbus Road property, it was cut today.

Councilman Swan thanked the residents who came out to express their concerns; spoke of successful events from last weekend; spoke of tractor trailer traffic from Amazon turning into Columbus Park.

Mayor Conaway reminded everyone of a Job Fair on September 21<sup>st</sup> for Amazon, the US Census, UIH Partners, American Works, RCBC from 12 to 3pm at York and Clarkson Streets; spoke of the South Jersey Food Bank.

**CONFERENCES**

- Straight to Treatment Program Update - Det. Cpl. Czajka

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilman Swan, this meeting of September 17, 2019 was adjourned.

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Municipal Clerk