

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on July 11, 2023, at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The 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.

Governing Body Members present: Dave Babula, Dawn Bergner-Thompson, George Chachis, Xavier Roque, Roosevelt Smith, Suzanne Woodard.

Also present: Mayor Barry Conaway, Administrator Johanna Conyer, Daniel DiGangi, Finance Consultant, Municipal Attorney Stuart Platt, Director of Housing Bill Harris, Director of Public Affairs John Alexander, Director of Public Works Bill Curry, Police Chief John Fine.

INVOCATION

Rev. Clabon Bogan, Jr. of Christ Baptist Church

SALUTE TO FLAG

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNATION ANNOUNCEMENT

City Clerk Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC

Ms. Crivaro announced the resignation of Councilwoman Denise Hollingsworth and read the following statement from her resignation letter:

It has been my pleasure to serve as a member of the Common Council of Burlington, New Jersey. Serving as Council President has been especially gratifying.

Nonetheless, a change in circumstances requires that I relocate to Georgia. As such, I will no longer be eligible to serve in this capacity. This resignation will be effective as of Friday, July 7, 2023.

Sincerely, Denise Hollingsworth, Esq.

SELECTION OF PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (Remainder of 2023)

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Roque, Councilman George Chachis was selected as President of Council for the remainder of the year 2023 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

SELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL (Remainder of 2023)

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, Councilman Xavier Roque was selected as Vice President of Council for the remainder of the year 2023 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

EXPLANATION OF MUNICIPAL VACANCY LAW

City Solicitor Stuart Platt, Esq.

Mr. Platt gave a brief explanation of the Municipal Vacancy Law – 40A:16-11.

PRESENTATION

The Mayor and Council recognized the Garden Club

EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

Johanna Conyer, Administrator

EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 07-2023

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 146-2023, 147-2023, 149-2023, 150-2023, 152-2023

SMALL CITIES GRANT PERFORMANCE PUBLIC HEARING

Bill Harris, Director of Housing & Community Development

Mr. Harris gave a summary on NJ Department of Community Affairs CDBG Small Cities Grant #2021-02292-0301-00 for the demolition of 524-526 High Street.

There were no Public Comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Sam Richter, 2 E. Pearl Street – spoke of a Senior Meeting to be held by Assemblywoman Carol Murphy at City Hall on Thursday at 2:30.

Qahim Moosavi, Business Computing Solutions, Inc., 601 Route 73 North, Suite 305, Marlton, NJ – spoke as the City’s current IT vendor; thanked the City for supporting his company; an RFP was issued for IT services; another company was selected; recommended an IT person review the proposals submitted.

Nancy Curry, 1 E. Pearl Street – reminded everyone of the Food Truck Tuesday events; spoke in favor of the Open Container Ordinance.

Jay Mahoney, 352 High Street – spoke of his brewery, the participate in the Farmers market; spoke in support of the Open Container Ordinance.

322 St. Mary Street – suggested the City explore a traffic study to make St. Mary Street one-way; on Barclay Street at St. Mary Street, the City painted lines over parking spots; yellow curbs are fading, asked if they can be repainted; asked for the status of the vacant property at the end of Tatham Street.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilman Smith moved that all Consent Agenda items be approved. It was seconded by Councilwoman Woodard. All were in favor.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR JUNE 2023

REPORTS - VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

06-10 Monies collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office for the month of May, 2023 \$12,114.

AGENDAS - VARIOUS BOARDS

06-20 HPC Agenda for June 6, 2023, mtg at 7pm
06-21 LUB notice JB Medical Solution application Notice

CORRESPONDENCE FROM CITY ORGANIZATIONS

06-70 Primary Election June 6, 2023, locations and map of polling locations

CORRESPONDENCE FROM BURLINGTON COUNTY - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

06-80 Burl Citywide Health Fair June 23 12-4pm 309 E Broad St
06-81 My Sister Liv @ County Library 6/20/23 6pm
06-82 County Route line striping June 12-Nov 30

CORRESPONDENCE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

06-90 NJ Health College Immunization Status Report
06-91 NJDOT Commitment to Communities Spring 2023 report
06-92 NJLM 2023 legislative Bulletin

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

06-100 Final Equalization table, County of Burlington 2023
06-101 Endeavor May Report
06-102 Greater Burl Chamber Meeting June 21 6pm @ Curtin's Wharf
06-103 Endeavor email related to Re-Accreditation
06-104 Burlington Island email Bill A 1089 from Joe Abate
06-105 NAACP Praise on the Promenade
06-106 Juneteenth Burlington Freedom Day June 17-18
06-107 Kids Day June 24 10a-2p Mitchell Field

NOTICES OF FORECLOSURES

06-200 327 Penn Street, Blk 124 Lot 43

06-201 210 St Mary Street, Blk 123 Lot 13
06-202 619 Taylor Avenue, Blk 42 Lot 2.01
06-203 11 E Federal Street, Blk 155 Lot 6
06-204 341 Elm Avenue, Blk 65 Lot 13
06-205 427 Locust Avenue, Blk 32 Lot 9
06-206 228 Conover Street, Blk 17 Lot 44
06-207 323 E Broad Street, Blk 130 Lot 23

FLYERS

06-300 June 2023 Historic Yorkshire News

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING 146 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON CODE, ENTITLED "FEES"

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, the foregoing ordinance was adopted on First Reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (5); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: Mr. Babula. (1); ABSENT: (0).

A BOND ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AND THE ACQUISITION OF VARIOUS CAPITAL EQUIPMENT IN AND FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$2,585,000; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,762,700; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing ordinance was adopted on First Reading by the following roll call vote: AYES: Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: Mr. Babula. (1); ABSENT: (0).

ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION

ORDINANCE NO. 07-2023 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 76 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ENTITLED, "OPEN CONTAINERS"

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is a Faulkner Act municipality with a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:69A-31, et seq., with its organization, positions, powers and duties outlined within the Code of the City of Burlington as set forth pursuant to the Faulkner Act; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey State Legislature recently adopted legislation amending N.J.S.A. 33:1-24.4 to permit municipalities to establish “open container areas” within the municipality where persons are permitted to carry and consume open containers of alcoholic beverages outdoors; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to establish an open container area within the City located at the Burlington City Promenade, subject to restrictions.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council for the City of Burlington, in the County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the Code of the City of Burlington is hereby amended, revised and/or supplemented as follows:

SECTION 1: Chapter 76, Article II, “Open Containers” is hereby amended, supplemented, and revised as follows:

§ 76-8 **Consumption in public places.**

No person shall consume or carry open containers of alcoholic beverages:

- A. While in or on a public street, lane, sidewalk, public parking lot, public or quasi-public place or in any public conveyance;
- B. In a private motor vehicle while it is in motion or parked in any public street, lane, or public parking lot;
- C. While upon any private property not his/her own without the express permission of the owner or other person having authority to grant such permission.

§ 76-8.1 **Open container areas established.**

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 76-8, an open container area is hereby established on a portion of the Burlington City Promenade as set forth in Map A attached hereto and made a part hereof (“BCP Area”) pursuant to the following provisions:

- A. The BCP Area shall only be considered an “open container area” subject to N.J.S.A. 33:1-24.4.
- B. The BCP Area will be limited to operating as an open container area between the hours of 4:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. on Tuesdays only through September 26, 2023.
- C. The carrying and consumption of alcoholic beverages within the open container area created and established herein is subject to the following conditions:

1. This Section only authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages within the open container area by persons who are at least 21 years of age.
2. The container from which the alcoholic beverage is to be consumed must be a bottle, can, cup or similar receptacle.

D. The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption in the Burlington City open container area is expressly subject to the provisions of Title 33 of the Revised Statutes, the rules and regulations promulgated by the Director of the Division of Alcoholic Beverages and all municipal ordinances.

E. The provisions of this Section shall expire on September 26, 2023, at 9:00 P.M.

§ 76-8.2 **Violations and penalties.**

Any person convicted of a first offense under this section shall be subject to a minimum fine of \$224 payable through the City Violations Bureau.

SECTION 2: Except as set forth in Section 1, the balance of the Code of the City of Burlington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 3: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 4: If the provisions of any section, subsection, paragraph, subdivision or clause of this Ordinance shall be judged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such order of judgment shall not affect or invalidate the remainder of any section, subsection, paragraph or subdivision, or clause of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after final passage by Council and signature by the Mayor.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Roque, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

Public Comments

None.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Begner-Thompson, Councilman Smith and Councilwoman Woodard spoke in support of this ordinance.

Councilman Babula spoke in opposition of this ordinance.

This ordinance was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (5); NAYS: Mr. Babula. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 146-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 146-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT WITH KIJ CONSTRUCTION, LLC, FOR THE REHABILITATION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 521 LAWRENCE STREET IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is desirous of obtaining bids from general contractors for the rehabilitation of the City-owned property at 521 Lawrence Street as part of the City's Market-to-Affordable Housing Program; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of rehabilitating this property is in excess of the State bidding threshold of \$17,500 and requires such work be publicly bid as per N.J.S.A.40A:11-3; and

WHEREAS pursuant to N.J.S.A.40A:11-3, the City advertised for bids for the solicited rehabilitation of the subject property in the May 7, 2023, edition of the *Burlington County Times* with a return date of May 19, 2023; and

WHEREAS, KIJ Construction, LLC, submitted a complete bid package as determined by the City Attorney and the Director of Housing & Community Development with the lowest bid in the amount of ONE-HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$121,000.00); and

WHEREAS, funding is available for the proposed rehabilitation services from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1. The Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute a contract on behalf of the City of Burlington with KIJ Construction, LLC for the sum of (\$121,000.00, to be paid from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund, to perform the services as described in the contract documents prepared by Habitech Architecture, dated May 3, 2023.

2. The Mayor, City Clerk, and such other City Professionals and Administrative Staff as may be necessary are authorized to carry out and/or execute such other tasks, documents, and/or notices as may be necessary to affect this contract.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 147-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 147-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARING A CONTRACT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF FOOT BRIDGES

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington requires the construction of two (2) new foot bridges to cross narrow portions of Kennedy Lake; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a request for proposals for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, Earthworks, Inc. has submitted the lowest qualified bid in the amount of \$317,000.00; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the construction of foot bridges to Earthworks, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$317,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Earthworks, Inc.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1. The contract for the construction of two (2) Kennedy Lake foot bridges is hereby awarded to Earthworks, Inc., as recommended by the City’s Engineer, in the amount of \$317,000.00.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 148-2023*

RESOLUTION NO. 148-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT ALONG THE BURLINGTON CITY RIVERFRONT PROMENADE

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, Adam Pietras, a member of Boy Scouts of America, has offered to design, source, build, and install Fishing Tackle Waste Receptacles along the Riverfront Promenade to fulfill his Eagle Scout Service Project; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington has reviewed Adam Pietras’ proposal and wishes to issue support and authorization for same.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes and supports the design, source, build, and install of Fishing Tackle Waste Receptacles along the Riverfront Promenade as described by Adam Pietras.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 149-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 149-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN FOR THE SMALL CITIES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT AWARDED TO THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE DEMOLITION OF 524-526 HIGH STREET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$135,000

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has entered into a Grant Agreement #2021-02202-0301 with the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs; and

WHEREAS, that Grant Agreement requires the City of Burlington to comply with all federal regulations with respect to citizen participation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has reviewed the Citizen Participation Plan prepared for Small Cities CDBG grantees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington and State of New Jersey, that:

The Citizen Participation Plan developed by the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, Small Cities CDBG Program, is adopted by the City of Burlington; and

The City of Burlington will follow all regulations set forth in that document throughout the term of the Grant Agreement cited above.

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roque, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 150-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 150-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the "City") is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington requires information technology services; and

WHEREAS, the City issued a request for proposals for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, AComp IT Services, LLC has submitted the lowest responsive bid in the amount of \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended that the City award a contract for information technology services to AComp IT Services, LLC in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to AComp IT Services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1. The contract for the information technology services is hereby awarded to AComp IT Services, LLC in the amount of \$30,000.00.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Smith, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 151-2023*

RESOLUTION NO. 151-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT 306 WEST ROUTE 130 N

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has received a complete application for the issuance of a mercantile license to Mohamed Kelany to operate Tri States Auto Group at 306 West Rt. 130 N., Burlington, NJ; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Mohamed Kelany to operate a business at 306 West Rt. 130 N.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 152-2023

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2023 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARDED A CONTRACT FOR WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT AND HOSTING SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (the “City”) is organized as a Mayor-Council form of government pursuant to the Optional Municipal Charter Law, N.J.S.A. 40:69A; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington requires website development and hosting services as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.5; and

WHEREAS, the City solicited quotes for the aforementioned services; and

WHEREAS, Hopeworks has submitted a proposal to provide the aforementioned services in the amount of \$23,500.00; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended that the City award a contract for website development and hosting services Hopeworks in an amount not to exceed \$23,500.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Hopeworks.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington as follows:

1. The contract for the website development and hosting services is hereby awarded to Hopeworks in the amount of \$23,500.00.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Roque, Mr. Smith, Ms. Woodard. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 154-2023*

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2023 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL DISTRIBUTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PEARL LIQUORS, LLC FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

WHEREAS, this applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has reported that the proper fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, no written objections to the renewal application have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no one appeared before the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control, whether in person or by Counsel of duly accredited representatives objecting to any renewals; and

WHEREAS, this is a pocket license and needed a Special Ruling to Permit Renewal of an Inactive License pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 prior to granting the renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Special Ruling to Permit Renewal was granted by the Director for the 2023-2024 license year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the renewal of the Plenary Retail Distribution License for Pearl Liquors, LLC, license number 0305-44-009-011, is hereby granted for the 2023-2024 license term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified and true copy of this resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 155-2023*

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2023 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE RENEWAL OF PLENARY RETAIL CONSUMPTION ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR PEARL POINTE LICENSEE, LLC FOR THE 2023-2024 LICENSE TERM, PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39

WHEREAS, this applicant is qualified to be licensed according to all statutory, regulatory and local governmental Alcoholic Beverage Control laws and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has reported that the proper fees have been paid; and

WHEREAS, no written objections to the renewal application have been submitted; and

WHEREAS, no one appeared before the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control, whether in person or by Counsel of duly accredited representatives objecting to any renewals; and

WHEREAS, this is a pocket license and needed a Special Ruling to Permit Renewal of an Inactive License pursuant to N.J.S.A. 33:1-12.39 prior to granting the renewal; and

WHEREAS, the Special Ruling to Permit Renewal was granted by the Director for the 2023-2024 license year, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Municipal Board of Alcoholic Beverage Control of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey that the renewal of the Plenary Retail Consumption License for Pearl Pointe Licensee, LLC, license number 0305-33-001-009, is hereby granted for the 2023-2024 license term.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transmit a certified and true copy of this resolution to the Director of the New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

PRESENTATION

Flower Power Wellness, LLC, Class 5 Retail Dispensary at 450-460 Veterans Drive

Rich Wells, Esq. of Archer Greiner, P.C, Chief Executive Officer Ms. Bharti Surti & Chief Operating Officer Mr. Varun Arora, MBA

Discussion ensued regarding Flower Power's request for a resolution of support to satisfy a statutory standard for a Class 5 Retail Cannabis Dispensary to be located at 450-460 Veteran's Drive; there is a current lease; received zoning verification and a conditional license from the State of New Jersey; Officers gave personal backgrounds; will be owner operators; cameras and armed security; gave an explanation of the process; dummy products on the floor, with real products in a safe room; all prepackaged products; no on-site consumption allowed; 12 employees; anticipate 30 customers per day; no odor, all prepackaged; can pre-order and pick up.

Consensus: None. Presentation only.

CONFERENCE

Draft RFP for Redevelopment of 320 Commerce Square

Mr. Platt gave a summary of the draft RFP for the redevelopment of 320 Commerce Square.

Consensus: Council to send comments and questions to Mr. Platt by the end of August.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Roque, this meeting of July 11, 2023, was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

