

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022, 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.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

There will be a Meeting of the Common Council of the City of Burlington held on May 10, 2022 at 7:00 PM, prevailing time at the City Hall Building, 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016.

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Municipal Clerk

Governing Body Members present: Dave Babula, Dawn Bergner-Thompson, George Chachis, Roosevelt Smith (7:05pm), Suzanne Woodard, Denise Hollingsworth

Absent: Xavier Roque.

Also present: Administrator David Ballard, CFO Ken MacMillan, Municipal Attorney Justin Stausser, Director of Housing Bill Harris, Director of Public Affairs John Alexander, Director of Public Works Bill Curry, Police Chief John Fine, OEM Coord. Frank Caruso, Fire Battalion Chief Kevin Sexton, Water Super. Mark Zott, Sewer Super. Mark Staravoj.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Agustyn, 307 High Street- spoke of the food truck event in town on Tuesday evenings; asked for the status of the cameras; spoke of rumors of the construction of a 3 story parking garage and installation of parking meters.

Sam Richter, 2 E. Pearl Street, Apt. 211- spoke of no street sign at the street segment between Stacy and Pearl; asked for the status.

Mr. Ballard said the street is not names, but can be; it is just an access to a parking lot; the construction of a 3 story parking garage and installation of parking meters are rumors.

Tiffany Cobourne, 732 Lincoln Avenue- complained about her trash not being picked up; did not receive notification that the trash schedule had changed.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2022 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON REJECTING ALL BIDS FOR THE ELLIS STREET DRAINAGE PIPE MAINTENANCE PROJECT AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATIONS

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington requested prospective bidders to submit bids for the Ellis Street Drainage Pipe Maintenance Project (the “Project”); and

WHEREAS, following a rejection of all bids received pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a), the Common Council for the City of Burlington adopted Resolution No. 112-2022 authorizing the Project to be re-bid; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the re-bid authorization, the City received two (2) bids for the Project; and

WHEREAS, all qualified bids substantially exceeded the estimate provided by the City’s Sewer Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Local Public Contracts Law (“LPCL”), specifically N.J.S.A. 40A:11-13.2(a), allows for the rejection of bids when all qualified bids substantially exceed the estimates; and

WHEREAS, under the LPCL, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)(iii), a contract may be negotiated and awarded without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor if bids have been advertised on two (2) occasions and no bids have been received, or the governing body has rejected such bids on two (2) occasions because it has determined that the bids are not reasonable as to price based on the costs estimates prepared for or by the contracting agent prior to advertising for bidding, or there has been a combination of the foregoing requirements; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has now unsuccessfully received bids for the Project on two (2) occasions.

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

1. All bids received by the City of Burlington for the Ellis Street Drainage Pipe Maintenance Project on April 27, 2022 are hereby rejected as the City has determined that the qualified bids substantially exceed their professional estimates.
2. The City Administrator and the City’s Sewer Engineer, Pennoni Associates, Inc., are hereby authorized to engage in negotiations for a contract for performance of the Ellis Street Drainage Pipe Maintenance Project pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-5(3)(iii).

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

WORK SESSION

2022 Municipal Budget

The 2022 Budget reflects a local purpose tax increase of 5.6 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation; this 5.6 cent increase will result in an additional \$77.61 in local purpose taxes for a resident with an average assessment of \$139,000.

Members of Council and Administration reviewed the 2022 proposed budget, including discussion regarding the Beverly Bee vs. a newsletter, hybrid meetings, an increase in the gas budget and trash tipping fees.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilman Smith, this meeting of May 10, 2022 was adjourned at 9:31 pm.

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