

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021, AT 7:00 PM, VIA ZOOM PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., as amended by A-3850, and in consideration of Executive Orders No. 103 and 107, issued by Governor Murphy on March 9 and 21, 2020 respectively, declaring a State of Emergency and a Public Health Emergency in the State of New Jersey, the City of Burlington does hereby notify the public that to protect the health, safety and welfare of our citizens while ensuring the continued functioning of government, the Regular meeting of the Common Council scheduled for April 27, 2021 will be held electronically only. Members of the public who wish to participate in the meeting may do so by calling in or joining at 7:00p.m. Individuals calling in or joining will be able to fully participate in the meeting, including providing public comment.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2993296844?pwd=UURxMXhYMyxYXIUNUJZTHZwemxqQT09>

Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meeting ID: 299 329 6844

Password: 863459

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Governing Body Members present: Dave Babula, George Chachis, Helen Hatala (7:10pm), Denise Hollingsworth, Tom Swan, Suzanne Woodard, Ila Marie Lollar. (7) Absent: (0)

Also present: Mayor Conaway, Administrator- David Ballard, Municipal Attorney- Lou Garty, Police Chief- John Fine, Director of PW- Bill Curry, Director of PA- John Alexander.

SALUTE TO FLAG

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF INVOICES*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

LIMITING CITIZENS TO SPEAK NO MORE THAN TWO (2) MINUTES, ONLY ONE TIME EACH, DURING THIS MEETING OF APRIL 27, 2021*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 141, LOT 27 (323 JONES STREET)

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala. (1).

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY OWNED PROPERTY IDENTIFIED AS BLOCK 221, LOT 3 (3018 ROUTE 130 NORTH & JACKSONVILLE ROAD)

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Babula, Mr. Chachis, Ms. Hollingsworth, Mr. Swan, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Lollar. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Ms. Hatala. (1).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 122-2021*

RESOLUTION NO. 122-2021 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE CITY WHICH IS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR PUBLIC USE

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington (“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 City has identified certain motor vehicles and equipment owned by the City which are no longer needed for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, although the value of such motor vehicles and equipment cannot be accurately and reliably determined, sale via auction as required by N.J.S.A. § 40A:11-36 will provide the City with the best value in an efficient manner; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department has also identified certain property or equipment used or seized by the Police Department which is no longer needed or able to be used for public purposes; and

WHEREAS, the auction of City property no longer needed for public use is an appropriate means of conveying the aforementioned property, and the City Council finds that a combined auction providing for the sale of these items and equipment is an appropriate and efficient means of disposing of such public property; and

WHEREAS, the City is able to provide the Municipal Clerk with a list of the motor vehicles and equipment to be sold so that the Municipal Clerk can cause an advertisement to be published setting forth the date, time, and manner of the property to be sold at public auction pursuant to N.J.S.A. § 40A:12-13; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the sale of aforementioned motor vehicles and equipment owned by the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Municipal Clerk is authorized to publish notice in the manner and form required by law advising the date, time, location, and manner of the sale of the aforesaid property and equipment by public auction and to coordinate the date, time, and manner for said auction with the City's Administrative staff and Professionals, as necessary.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 123-2021*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes Neptune Hose Co. No. #5 to conduct a "Pass the Boot" fundraiser on Columbus Road at Route 130, they having filed the necessary papers on the following dates pending the proper permits from the County of Burlington for the year 2021:

May 23, 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
July 17, 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
September 11, 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm
October 17, 2021	10:00am - 2:00pm

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 124-2021*

Common Council of the City of Burlington, hereby authorizes Neptune Hose Co. No. #5 Ladies Auxiliary to conduct a "Pass the Boot" fundraiser on Columbus Road at Route 130, they having filed the necessary papers on the following dates pending the proper permits from the County of Burlington for the year 2021:

June 6, 2021 10:00am - 2:00pm
August 15, 2021 10:00am - 2:00pm

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 125-2021*

A resolution providing for a meeting not opened to the public in accordance with the provisions of the New Jersey Open Public Meetings Act. N.J.S.A. 10:4-12: Therefore be it resolved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, assembled in public session on April 27, 2021, that an Executive Session Closed to the Public shall be held on April 27, 2021, via ZOOM for discussion of matters relating to the specific items designated in this resolution:

Contracts/Real Estate

- Propel Opportunity Fund Redevelopment

The nature of the discussion conducted in closed session and or the result thereof may be disclosed to the public in an open public meeting held in April of 2021 or shortly there after.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 126-2021*

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2021 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON SUPPORTING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE SFY21 BODY-WORN CAMERA GRANT PROGRAM

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General is offering grant funds for Body-Worn Cameras through their SFY21 Body-Worn Camera Program; and

Whereas, the Mayor/Public Safety Director and the Chief of Police of the City of Burlington recommend that the City apply for grant funds from the Body-Worn Camera Program; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington, State of New Jersey, do hereby support and authorize the submission of the aforementioned Body-Worn Camera Grant Application.

Be It Further Resolved, that the proper City Officials are authorized to complete and execute any necessary documents pertaining to such Grant Application.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 127-2021*

Whereas, the City of Burlington desires to apply for and obtain a grant from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approximately \$200,000.00 to carry out a project to bring various City parks and playgrounds up to current safety standards.

Be It Further Resolved,

- 1) that the City of Burlington does hereby authorize the application for such a grant; and
- 2) recognizes and accepts that the Department may offer a lesser or greater amount and therefore, upon receipt of the grant agreement from the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs, does further authorize the execution of any such grant agreement; and also, upon receipt of the fully executed agreement from the Department, does further authorize the expenditure of funds pursuant to the terms of the agreement between the City of Burlington and the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

Be It Further Resolved, that the persons whose names, titles, and signatures appear below are authorized to sign the application, and that they or their successors in said titles are authorized to sign the agreement, and any other documents necessary in connection therewith:

(Signature)

Barry W. Conaway
Mayor

(Signature)

William Curry
Director of Public Works

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Babula offered condolences to Deputy Clerk Pat Tocci for the loss of her Nephew, Nicholas Romanoli.

Councilman Chachis ask if the City will be offering a rental assistance program.

Mayor Conaway indicated that no funds have been received yet.

Councilwoman Hollingsworth asked if Burlington Twp. Court is open and holding hearings; spoke in support of the Police Department.

Councilman Swan spoke of drainage problems on Conrow Street and trees down on Chelton Avenue.

Councilwoman Woodard thanked the Police Department and Public Works Department for their work.

President Lollar spoke of the need for brush pick-up in Ward 4.

Councilwoman Hatala spoke of a new group in town giving Historical Tours; offered condolences to Deputy Clerk Pat Tocci for the loss of her Nephew, Nicholas Romanoli.

CONFERENCES

- Proposed Amendments to Criminal Background Checks for Volunteers Ordinance

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCES

- Propel Opportunity Fund Redevelopment

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, this meeting of April 27, 2021 was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk