

THE WORK SESSION OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025, AT 7:00 PM, IN THE CITY HALL, 525 HIGH STREET, BURLINGTON, NJ, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

This meeting was called pursuant to the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Law. This meeting of January 14, 2025, was included in a list of meetings notice sent to the Burlington County Times and the Trenton Times on January 6, 2025, and advertised in said newspapers on January 10, 2025, posted on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building on January 6, 2025, and has remained continuously posted as the required notices under the Statute. In addition, a copy of this notice is and has been available to the public and is on file in the office of the Municipal Clerk.

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 Ballard, Dawn Bergner-Thompson, George Chachis, Timothy Hutton, Geneva Rijs.

Absent: Richard Spaulding, Suzanne Woodard.

Also present: Administrator Johanna Conyer, Municipal Attorney Stuart Platt, Director of Public Works Bill Curry, Acting Police Chief Ryan Elbertson.

SALUTE TO FLAG

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phil Augustyn, 307 High Street – Welcomed the new Council President and Vice President.

UPDATE(S)

Downtown Lighting

Council Comments

Councilman Ballard – Sentiment, after hearing update from BA, that City has bad luck.

Councilwoman Rijs – Asked when the last time an update was received from PSE&G (A: About a month ago, per BA).

President Bergner-Thompson – If restarting the process and there is a new incentive plan, can the City apply (A: Yes, if the process isn't complete, per BA).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chachis – Questioned if ensuring broadcasts/notifications were sent had been assigned, noting that it was previously the responsibility of the Public Relations Director (A: Yes,

the BA has assumed); Questioned if we are discontinuing calls (A: Notices will be on Facebook and the Website, per BA); Questioned the probability of having a new bandstand on the promenade by July 2026 (A: Moved appropriation from 2024 funds to William R. Allen School project to close funding gap, but reappropriations happening in 2025 and there will be \$1.5 million towards the bandstand, per BA); Asked when Council could begin to nag (A: When the 2025 budget is done, per BA).

Councilman Ballard – Asked if County recreation grant funding is available (A: City was awarded some of that funding for the William R. Allen School project, per BA).

President Bergner-Thompson – Reminded all of the upcoming federal holiday, Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, January 20, 2025. Encouraged volunteering on the day of service.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, this meeting of January 14, 2025, was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council