

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 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 April 22, 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, Suzanne Woodard.

Absent: Richard Spaulding.

Also present: Mayor Barry Conaway, Administrator Johanna Conyer, Municipal Attorney Donna Platt, Director of Public Works Bill Curry, Finance Consultant Dean Ciminera, Police Chief Ryan Elbertson.

SALUTE TO FLAG

INVOCATION

Given by Timothy Hutton, Pastor, Councilman

EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

An explanation of Ordinance No. 04-2025 was provided.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTIONS

An explanation of Resolution No. 125-2025, 126-2025, 127-2025, 131-2025 was provided by BA Conyer.

An explanation of Resolution No. 132-2025 was provided by Dean Ciminera, Financial Consultant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Timbers, 120 E. Broad – Expressed concern over the limited parking available on E. Broad Street and questioned whether there is an option to offer reserved parking for residents to offset the challenge of sharing parking space with commercial buildings and multiunit housing.

Council President Bergner-Thompson directed Mr. Timers to reach out to the BA.

Phil Augustyn, 307 High Street – Directed his comments to the Mayor thanking him for bringing in the City Boardwalk event series, the first of which is scheduled to take place this Saturday, April 26th.

Devon Punchello, 245 Talbot Street – Asked if there would be a Town Hall meeting scheduled for all Wards – there is a meeting for Ward 1 scheduled for May 17th – and proceeded to share some additional ideas such as: Moving Food Truck Tuesdays to Mondays to reduce competition with/for existing local restaurants who tend to be closed on Mondays; An intercommunity newsletter, separate from the Beverly Bee; Monthly signage with themes/reminders like “Turn the clocks back”; Asked for clarity on the electronic pick-up schedule and began to ask about the Walnut Street Park project, expressing that the equipment being installed is not what was presented, before running out of time.

Councilman Chachis stated that the Ward 1 Town Hall will be held on May 17th at the Burlington County Historical Society.

Council President Bergner-Thompson directed Ms. Punchello to reach out to the BA.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 84, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ENTITLED, “ANIMALS” TO ESTABLISH ARTICLE XI ENTITLED, “FARM ANIMALS”

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, Chapter 84 of the City Code sets forth the rules and regulations concerning the keeping of animals within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to amend Chapter 84 to establish Article XI to regulate the keeping of farm animals within the City; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:48-2, the Common Council is authorized to enact and amend ordinances as deemed necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare and as may be necessary to carry into effect the powers and duties conferred and imposed upon the City by law.

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 84, entitled “Animals”, is hereby amended, supplemented, and revised to establish Article XI, entitled “Farm Animals”, as follows:

ARTICLE XI

§ 84-82 Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

DOMESTIC ANIMAL

Includes those animals which are tame by nature or from time immemorial have been accustomed to the association of man, or by his industry have been subjected to his will and have no disposition to escape his dominion, and for the purposes of this article, animals hereinafter described as "farm animals" shall be excepted from this designation.

FARM ANIMAL

Refers to those domesticated animals which have historically been used in, by or for the production of agricultural income or products and which are generally assumed by prevailing community standards to be associated with farm or agricultural uses. Farm animals shall refer to sheep, goats, swine, horses, cows, fowl, or animals of like or similar nature.

FARMS

Any parcels of land three acres or more in area.

PERSON

An individual, firm, partnership, corporation, voluntary association or an incorporated association.

PLACE

Any farm, plot, lot or other premises, house, garage, barn or other building of any kind whatsoever.

WILD ANIMAL

Includes those animals wild by nature, which because of habitat, mode of life or natural instinct are incapable of being completely domesticated and require the exercise of art, force or skill to keep them in subjection.

§ 84-83 Regulations Established

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, harbor, keep or maintain any pigeons, sheep, horse, cattle, goat, swine, fowl, poultry or other domestic, farm or wild animal, excepting dogs and cats, within the limits of the City of Burlington except in conformity to the rules and regulations hereinafter established.

§ 84-84 Regulation of Animal Housing; Backyard Chickens; Coops; Slaughter of Chickens; Waste

The keeping of backyard chickens within the City shall be subject to the following regulations:

- A. There shall be a limit of six (6) chickens per household.
- B. No roosters are permitted.
- C. The coop shall be at least two (2) square feet per chicken, with maximum coop size of one hundred (100) square feet.
- D. The coop shall be dry and well-ventilated with windows to admit sunlight.
- E. The coop must be kept clean.
- F. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof.
- G. Clean water must be provided, and food must be kept tightly closed in a metal container away from the coop and run at night.
- H. The yard in the area where the coop is located shall be clean and free from odors.
- I. There shall be no slaughter of chickens in the City of Burlington.
- J. Waste will be handled in such a way as proper composting to prevent offensive odors or disposed in an environmentally friendly manner.
- K. There shall be no selling of eggs.
- L. The maximum permitted height of any chicken coop structure(s), whether or not said coops are stacked, shall be seven (7) feet six (6) inches as measured from the natural grade.
- M. Said animal or animals regulated under the provisions of this article shall remain confined if left unattended within said housing. Animals which are found running at large shall be guilty upon proof of a violation by the property owner of the provisions of this article.
- N. Each coop and enclosed run shall be kept at least fifteen (15) feet from the habitable portion of the closest neighboring residential dwelling unit and at least five (5) feet from the

property line. Garages, attached or otherwise, and accessory buildings shall not be considered a residential dwelling unit for purposes of calculating the required distance.

§ 84-85 Animals restricted in certain areas.

A. Farm Animals

1. Crowing roosters, cattle, goats, horses, sheep, swine or other farm animals, as herein defined, shall only be kept on a farm, as herein defined.
2. The Burlington County Health Department shall have the power and authority to grant exceptions to the regulations contained Section 85 of this Article. Said exceptions shall be granted by the Burlington County Health Department by way of a special permit for this purpose. Said special permit may only be granted upon the written application of the person seeking the special permit or his authorized agent. Said application shall be delivered to the Burlington County Health Department, which shall cause the question of its issuance to be placed upon the agenda of the Burlington County Health Department at its next regularly scheduled meeting, provided that said application is received not less than 10 days prior to the said regular meeting. In the event that said application is received less than 10 days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, the matter shall be placed upon the agenda of the meeting next following. The Burlington County Health Department may grant the permit if, upon a full hearing of the relative facts, it determines:
 - a) The denial of the permit will work a great hardship upon the applicant.
 - b) The applicant has satisfied the Burlington County Health Department that he has, will and/or can comply with the other provisions of this article.
 - c) That the granting of the permit will not violate any other ordinance of the City of Burlington and specifically will not be inconsistent with the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Burlington.
 - d) The granting of the permit will not impair the health, safety and welfare of the surrounding property owners and the community as a whole.

B. Wild animals

1. Wild animals shall not be permitted to be owned or maintained anywhere within the City of Burlington.
2. No exception may be allowed to this section.

§ 84-86 Violations and penalties

Any person who violates any provision of this Article shall, upon conviction in the City of Burlington Municipal Court or any such other court having jurisdiction, be sentenced to a fine not exceeding one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars (\$1,250.00), or imprisonment for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or community service for a term not exceeding ninety (90) days, or all of the above. Each day that a violation occurs shall be deemed a separate and distinct offense and subject to the penalty provisions of this Article.

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 thirty (30) days after final passage by Council or twenty (20) days after approval by the Mayor, whichever comes first.

Upon the motion of Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

Public Comments

None.

Council Comments

Councilwoman Rijs – Good ordinance, thinks Princeton has one.

Council President Bergner-Thompson – Acknowledged that Princeton was the inspiration.

This ordinance was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 124-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 124-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF THE PETTY CASH FUND

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, N.J.S.A. 40A:5-21 authorizes the establishment of a Petty Cash Fund in any municipality; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to increase the Petty Cash Fund for the Department of Public Works Water Division, Wastewater Division, and Public Works Garage to \$750.00 per Division; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council has determined that it is the best interest of the City to increase the Petty Cash Funds accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Petty Cash Fund is authorized to be increased from \$200.00 to \$750.00 for the Department of Public Works Water Division, from \$200.00 to \$750.00 for the Wastewater Division, and from \$100.00 to \$750.00 for the Public Works Garage, for a total of \$2,250.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that two (2) certified copies of the herein Resolution shall be submitted to the Division of Local Government Services, New Jersey Department of Community Affairs for approval.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 125-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 125-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE SERVICES TO EFFLUENT RETRIEVAL SERVICE, INC.

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 landscaping and ground maintenance throughout the City; and

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

WHEREAS, Effluent Retrieval Service, Inc. has submitted a bid to perform the services in an amount not to exceed \$93,896.00; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Public Works has recommended that the City award a contract for landscaping and ground maintenance in an amount not to exceed \$93,896.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Effluent Retrieval Service, Inc.

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

1. The contract for landscaping and ground maintenance is hereby awarded to Effluent Retrieval Service, Inc., as recommended by the Director of Public Works, in the amount of \$93,896.00.

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 Chachis, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

Resolution No. 126-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 126-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARDING A CONTRACT TO VERMEER NORTH ATLANTIC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 VERMEER BC1000XL BRUSH CHIPPER

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, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Public Contract Law P.L. 2011, C.139, N.J.S.A. 52:34-6.2, and Local Finance Notice LFN 2012-10, the below-detailed purchase is permitted without competitive bids from a vendor with a National Cooperative Contract; and

WHEREAS, the City has the need to procure specialized equipment; and

WHEREAS, the City has previously acted in accordance with New Jersey public procurement statutes and regulations as promulgated by formally joining a recognized and compliant national cooperative, being the Sourcewell National Cooperative; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to purchase the 2025 Vermeer BC1000XL Brush Chipper through State Contract #010925-VRM; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Vermeer North Atlantic in the amount of \$52,726.02.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of a 2025 Vermeer BC1000XL Brush Chipper is hereby awarded to Vermeer North Atlantic in the amount of \$52,726.02 through State Contract #010925-VRM.
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 Chachis, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Rijs suggested that this is a great investment.

Council President Bergner-Thomson acknowledged the safety aspect and thanked the Administration/Public Works for the investment in equipment.

The Resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

Resolution No. 127-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 127-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE BURLINGTON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AND LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES AND OAKS INTEGRATED CARE FOR THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS

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, pursuant to NJSA 30:4-27.1, et seq. (“Screening Law”) and NJAC 10:31-1.1, et seq. (“Screening Regulations”), it is the policy of this State to provide for a public mental health system that delivers treatment consistent with a person’s clinical condition, and that screening services be developed as the public mental health system’s entry point in order to provide accessible crisis intervention, evaluation and referral services to persons with mental illness, to offer persons with mental illness clinically appropriate alternatives to inpatient care, and, when necessary, to provide a means for involuntary commitment to treatment; and

WHEREAS, the Screening Law provides officers and mental health specialists with the legal authority to transport or authorize transport of individuals who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis to an emergency department for a full assessment where appropriate; and

WHEREAS, to participate in the ARRIVE Together Program the Burlington City Police Department has been requested to enter into the attached “Memorandum of Understanding” between LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES PARTICIPATING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDER TO ESTABLISH JOINT PARTICIPATION IN THE ARRIVE TOGETHER PROGRAM TO ENHANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSE TO CERTAIN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS CALLS (“MOU”); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of the MOU the Burlington City Police Department will participate in the following two facets of the ARRIVE Together Program:

- Co-Responder Program wherein law enforcement officers and mental health service provider from Legacy Treatment Services respond together to emergency service calls and/or follow up visits that relate to behavioral health crisis.

- Follow-up Program wherein law enforcement officers inform MHSP specialist of individuals encountered by law enforcement that need services of MHSP specialist within a designated timeframe following the law enforcement interaction as determined by the Parties.

WHEREAS, Legacy Treatment Services, 1 East Stow Road, Marlton, New Jersey (“Legacy”) has been designated by the New Jersey Department of Human Services (“DHS”) to provide screening and other medical/health services in accordance with state law and regulation within Burlington County and contracts annually with Legacy for the provision of screening services and other services; and

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety and the DHS have executed a separate agreement which will provide for funding for this program.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington does hereby authorize and approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Burlington City Police Department and Legacy Treatment Services and Oaks Integrated Care for the Arrive Together Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor, Chief of Police, and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and any further documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of the herein Resolution.

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilwoman Woodard asked Chief Elbertson whether the City still has a straight to treatment program (A: Yes, per Chief Elebertson).

The Resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

Resolution No. 128-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 128-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING A LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH PUBLIC SERVICE ELECTRIC AND GAS COMPANY FOR THE ATTACHMENT OF EQUIPMENT TO PSE&G UTILITY POLES

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 seeks to install equipment on utility poles owned by Public Service Electric and Gas Company (“PS&G”); and

WHEREAS, PSE&G has requested the City execute a License Agreement for said

installation; and

WHEREAS, the City therefore wishes to authorize a License Agreement with PSE&G for the aforementioned purpose.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the License Agreement with PSE&G attached hereto for the purpose of the installation of equipment on PSE&G utility poles is hereby authorized.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk of the City of Burlington are hereby authorized to implement this Resolution and execute the License Agreement and any additional documents necessary in connection therewith.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 129-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 129-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR A PERSON-TO-PERSON TRANSFER OF LIQUOR LICENSE NO. 0305-44-017-005

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, an application has been filed for a Person-to-Person Transfer of Plenary Retail Distribution License No. 0305-44-017-005, TIPJ Enterprise, Inc. to Jai Maharaj Beverage, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the submitted application form is complete in all respects, the transfer fees have been paid, and the license has been properly renewed for the current license term; and

WHEREAS, the applicants are qualified to be licensed according to all standards established by Title 33 of the New Jersey Statutes, regulations promulgated thereunder, as well as pertinent local ordinances and conditions consistent with Title 33; and

WHEREAS, the applicants have disclosed, and the issuing authority reviewed the source of all funds used in the purchase of the license and the licensed business and all additional financing obtained in connection with the licensed business.

WHEREAS, a Tax Clearance Certificate for Transfer has been received from the Division of Taxation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington does hereby approve, effective April 24, 2025, the person-to-person, transfer of the aforesaid Plenary Retail Distribution License to Jai Maharaj Beverage, LLC located at 703 W. Route 130 North, Burlington, N.J. 08016, and does hereby direct the Municipal Clerk to endorse the license certificate to the new ownership as follows: “This license, subject to all its terms and conditions, is hereby transferred to Jai Maharaj Beverage, LLC, effective April 24, 2025.”

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 130-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 130-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING CHARITABLE SOLICITATION BY NEPTUNE HOSE COMPANY NO. 5

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, Neptune Hose Company No. 5 has applied for a Roadway Charitable Solicitation Permit pursuant to Chapter 259, Section 10 of the City Code for May 10, 2025, June 14, 2025, September 28, 2025, and October 19, 2025, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. for the roadway located at Columbus Road and Route 130; and

WHEREAS, the City has reviewed the Charitable Solicitation permit application and has determined it complies with all requirements set forth in Chapter 259 and can be granted accordingly.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by Common Council of the City of Burlington that the City Municipal Clerk is hereby authorized to issue a permit to Neptune Hose Company No. 5 for roadway charitable solicitation on May 10, 2025, June 14, 2025, September 28, 2025 and October 19, 2025 between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. for the roadway located at Columbus Road and Route 130 pending the proper permits from the County of Burlington.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 131-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 131-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AWARDING A CONTRACT TO EASTERN SURPLUS & EQUIPMENT CO. FOR THE PURCHASE OF AN M939 6X6 CARGO TRUCK

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, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-3 allows the City to seek quotations in lieu of public bidding if the contract amount is less than or equal to the City bid threshold; and

WHEREAS, the City has the need to procure a cargo truck for use within the Public Works Departments; and

WHEREAS, the City seeks to purchase an M939 6x6 Cargo Truck from Eastern Surplus & Equipment Co. to be used in weather and flood emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Eastern

Surplus & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$43,900.00.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of an M939 6x6 Cargo Truck is hereby authorized and awarded to Eastern Surplus & Equipment Co. in the amount of \$43,900.00.
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 Ballard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Councilman Ballard suggested he was around for the two major floods in the 1950s, expressed the investment in long overdue.

Council President Bergner-Thompson concurred.

The Resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

Resolution No. 132-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 132-2025 TO INTRODUCE THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following budgets shall constitute the Municipal Budget for 2025:

General Fund Budget	\$ 22,206,000.00
Water Utility Operating Budget	\$ 3,144,000.00
Sewer Utility Operating Budget	\$ 3,792,000.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Budget be published in the Burlington County Times in the issue of May 6, 2025.

The Governing Body of the City of Burlington does hereby approve the Budget for the year 2025.

Local Tax for Municipal Purposes including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes = \$9,421,000.00.

Notice is hereby given that the Budget and Tax Resolution was approved by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, on April 22, 2025.

A hearing on the Budget and Tax Resolution will be held at City Hall, 525 High Street on May 20, 2025, at 7:00 P.M. at which time and place objections to said Budget and Tax Resolution for the year 2025 may be presented by taxpayers or other interested persons.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Ballard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: Mr. Spaulding. (1).

Resolution No. 133-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 133-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON PROVIDING FOR A MEETING NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE NEW JERSEY OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT

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 Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12, provides that an Executive Session, not open to the public, may be held for certain specified purposes when authorized by Resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the Governing Body to discuss in a session not open to the public certain matters relating to the item or items authorized by N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(8) and designated below:

- Personnel matters

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that an Executive Session closed to the public shall be held on April 22, 2025, for discussions concerning the above-referenced items.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 134-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 134-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPOINTING A SLEO II FOR A ONE YEAR TERM

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, City Chief of Police Ryan Elbertson has recommended to the Common Council the appointment of a Special Officer pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 28 of the City Code.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby appoints Adam Hwilka as a SLEO II for a one-year term commencing on April 22, 2025.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Chachis said he is glad to see the red stickers going up again.

Mayor Conaway spoke of the Budget Introduction; new water meters have been installed in the schools; the schools will be charged for water beginning this fall.

Councilwoman Woodard acknowledged the passing of Pope Francis.

Council President Bergner-Thompson spoke about the success of the Columbus Park Easter Egg Hunt.

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE

- Personnel Matters

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, this meeting of April 22, 2025, was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council