

THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JUNE 3, 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 June 3, 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, Richard Spaulding, Suzanne Woodard.

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

INVOCATION

Timothy Hutton, Pastor, Councilman

SALUTE TO FLAG

EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

An explanation of Ordinances 07-2025 was provided.

EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTIONS

An explanation of Resolutions 152-2025, 153-2025, 154-2025, 155-2025, 158-2025, 160-2025, 161-2025 was provided.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marcy Roderick, 209 E. Broad Street – read aloud content she previously posted on Facebook regarding whether there would be a summer camp for the kids in the City; addressed the flyer for summer camp released by the City; questioned details about summer camp, namely who is running the camp; noted that the recreation position is still vacant; Asked what other programs will be affected.

Samuel Ritcher, 2 E. Pearl Street – spoke of an accident that recently occurred at High & Broad Streets; noted that the “No Right Turn on Red” signs are often ignored; noted that overgrown

foliage from trees make it impossible to see them; suggested it be cleaned up for better visibility.

Mary Wirth, 460 Locust Avenue – spoke of two cars drag racing down the south side of Broad Street going east; spoke of right turn signs and the need for better enforcement.

Sharon Watkins, 130 E. Federal Street – asked years ago to have stop signs placed on Federal and Lawrence and Federal Street, a 3-way stop due to the inability to see oncoming traffic without having to almost come out the middle of the road; suggested the City previously wanted a one-way street on Federal; spoke of the lack of parking on E. Federal Street.

Lottie Benton, 50 Stone Villa - asked what the kids were to do this summer; no summer school, no pools; identified herself as a foster parent with a young child; noted that the recreation position is still vacant; questioned the condition of the parks, the lack of recreation activities, the closure of the YMCA and the cost of the \$300 summer camp fee with such short notice to pay; concerned about the potential for kids to vandalize due to lack of activities.

Phil Augustyn, 307 High Street – commented on the City Boardwalk being cancelled due to the weather; thanked everyone for their efforts; echoed the comments of Mr. Ritcher and Ms. Wirth regarding speeding and accidents; questioned whether Police are being told not to enforce laws.

Seigha Omuso, 233 W. Union Street – spoke of email an sent regarding summer camp; offered the support of The Opportunity League to help the City create and facilitate summer camp; congratulated the City on receiving a grant for \$120,000 to help beautify green spaces in the City; Main Street Burlington will be joining Food Truck Tuesdays starting in July, will send an email.

Christina Cecchi, 10 Riverbank, Beverly – spoke in reference to concerns with her business property, 340 E. Broad Street; the building is a multi-tenant industrial building with tractor trailer traffic in and out; New Jersey Transit recently added a fence along the railroad tracks but now the tractor trailers to her property are having difficulty getting in and out; requested that two parking spaces be eliminated; aware of the problems and own many of the properties on that block; have already provide one parking space for each of her tenants to alleviate some of the parking problems; the two spots requested to eliminate are in front of her property; one has a driveway and the spot is owned by someone else who has been parking on her property for the last 25 years; deliveries are having to be turned away and trucks are getting stuck inside the lot.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. 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. 07-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AMENDING, SUPPLEMENTING, AND REVISING CHAPTER 344, ARTICLE V OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “PARKING” AND CHAPTER 330 OF THE CITY CODE, ENTITLED “TRAILERS, CAMPERS AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES”

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 344, Article V of the City Code sets forth general rules and regulations concerning parking within the City limits; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 330, Section 3 of the City Code sets forth parking regulations for recreational vehicles with the City limits; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington wishes to amend Chapter 344, Article V and Chapter 330, Section 3 to better promote public safety, enhance the aesthetics of our community, and ensure the free flow of traffic by regulating the parking of oversized vehicles, trailers, and similar equipment on public streets and rights-of-way; 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 344, Article V of the Code of the City of Burlington entitled “Parking”, is hereby amended, supplemented, and revised to establish Section 17.1 as follows:

§ 344-17.1 Weight limits.

Trucks, Truck Tractors, Trailers, and Commercial Vehicles. No truck tractor, trailer of any type, or any vehicle exceeding eight thousand (8,000) pounds gross weight shall be parked on any public street or in any municipal parking lot, except that such a vehicle may park on public streets for the duration necessary for the operator to load or unload the vehicle in pursuit of the business for which the truck or other type of motor vehicle is used.

SECTION 2: Chapter 330, Section 3 of the Code of the City of Burlington entitled “Parking prohibition”, is hereby amended, supplemented, and revised as follows:

§ 330-3 Parking prohibition.

Except as specifically permitted and excepted by this Chapter, it shall be unlawful for any person or entity to park or stand—whether attached to a motor vehicle or not—any trailer, camper, camping vehicle, recreational vehicle, watercraft (whether on a trailer or not), oversized vehicle, or stretch/oversized limousine(s) on any public street, public parking lot, public property, or right-of-way in the City of Burlington between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. This restriction applies unless the purpose is to make repairs under a valid permit as specified in § 330-5 of this Chapter.

SECTION 3: Except as set forth in Sections 1 and 2, the balance of the Code of the City of Burlington shall not be affected by this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent they are inconsistent herewith.

SECTION 5: 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 6: 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 Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, the foregoing ordinance was introduced.

Public Comments

None.

Council Comments

None.

This ordinance was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

Resolution No. 152-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 152-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUPPLEMENTAL CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE BROAD STREET TANK PAINTING PROJECT

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, additional engineering services are necessary in relation to the Broad Street Tank Painting Project; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council wishes to authorize and approve the aforementioned engineering services.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes and approves the above-referenced additional engineering services in relation to the Broad Street Tank Painting Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any documents as may be necessary to effectuate the terms of this Resolution.

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

On the question Councilman Spaulding asked whether this cost was based on work that wasn't anticipated.

Ms. Conyer stated that it was anticipated; there are cellular antennas on the tower, we had to negotiate with some of the firms to remove their equipment so that the tank could be cleaned.

Councilman Spaulding then asked if the scenario could happen again.

Ms. Conyer said no the project is done.

Councilman Bergner-Thompson thanked Administration for getting the tank painted.

Ms. Conyer said the tank was also restored.

Mayor Conaway suggested the city has spent almost \$4 million on painting the water tanks in the country and Commerce Square.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 153-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 153-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE PEARL STREET AND ST. MARY STREET ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

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 project includes work at the intersection of Pearl Street and St. Mary

Street; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council wishes to authorize and approve the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the above-referenced project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the above-referenced grant application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “TV-2026-Pearl Street and St. Mary Street Rou-00010” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Burlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Burlington and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

On the question Councilman Chachis suggested that the Pearl Blvd. residents have been concerned about speeding; commented that people are in a rush to get home after work; glad that the City is doing this.

Council President Bergner-Thompson suggested that it has been a cut through for Amazon workers.

Councilwoman Rijs questioned whether cost would cover improvements to the drive at the corner of Pearl and St. Mary Streets.

Ms. Conyer suggested no driveways will be closed; it may be restored but will not be closed off.

Mayor Conaway spoke of a study done a few years ago that has a few items across town of various traffic safety measures that need to be addressed; some had accident data and speeding data; stated that the traffic plan is available.

Councilman Hutton questioned whether there are engineering drawings of the roundabout in the packet.

Mayor Conaway believed so.

Council President Bergner-Thompson stated she would obtain a copy of the study and send it out.

Ms. Conyer suggested the plan was done quite some time ago; ERI will have to prepare schematics; for this grant submission; once they are prepared, Council will receive a copy prior to submission of the application.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 154-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 154-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE 2026 CITY OF BURLINGTON ROAD IMPROVEMENT CONSISTING OF FEDERAL STREET, INDEPENDENCE DRIVE, AND EASTER ROAD

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 Fiscal Year 2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application Phase I consists of work on Federal Street from Washington Avenue to Wood Street, Independence Drive from Columbus Road to Easter Road, and Easter Road from Independence Drive to Flanders Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council wishes to authorize and approve the submission of a grant application and execution of a grant contract with the New Jersey Department of Transportation for the above-referenced project.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the Fiscal Year 2026 NJDOT Municipal Aid Grant Application.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to submit an electronic grant application identified as “MA-2026-Improvements to Federal Street, Inde-00088” to the New Jersey Department of Transportation on behalf of the City of Burlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement on behalf of the City of Burlington and that their signature constitutes acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

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

On the question Council President Bergner-Thompson thanked all on behalf of Columbus Park.

Ms. Conyer said she is hopeful that NJDOT will provide enough funding.

Councilwoman Woodard questioned what other roads need improvements.

Ms. Conyer suggested there is an entire list that the city will establish; ERI has created a roads conditions map; the list will be completed soon and it will be provided to Council; the city will select which roads; NJDOT does not require the establishment of which ones will be done at the time of submission.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 155-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 155-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE BURLINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 MUNICIPAL PARK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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 Burlington County Board of Commissioners has approved the Open Space, Recreation, Farmland and Historic Preservation Trust Fund (“Trust Fund”) and established a Municipal Park Development Program (“Program”) to provide grant funds in connection with municipal acquisition of lands for County Park, recreation, conservation and farmland preservation purposes, as well as for municipal public park and recreation development purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Burlington desires to obtain County Municipal Park Development Program funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 to fund Oakland Avenue Playground Improvements, Block 50, Lot 1.02; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the project including all matching funds is estimated to be \$287,500.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes and approves the Mayor to (a) make an application to the County of Burlington for Municipal Park Development Program Funds, (b) provide additional application information and furnish such documents as may be required for the Municipal Park Development Program and (c) act as the municipal contact person and correspondent of the City of Burlington.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Burlington is committed to this project and will provide the balance of funding necessary to complete the project in the form of non-county matching funds as required in the Policy and Procedures Manual for the Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if awarded a grant by the County of Burlington under the Municipal Park Development Program, the City will use the approved funds in accordance

with the Municipal Park Development Program Policy and Procedure Manual, and applicable federal, state, and local government rules, regulations and statutes thereto.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor is hereby authorized to sign and execute any required documents, agreements, and amendments thereto with the County of Burlington for the approved funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately after adoption.

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

On the question Councilwoman Woodard pointed out a typo on the Resolution pertaining to the name of the “Freeholders”.

Per Solicitor Platt, Council should adopt with corrected name “Board of Commissioners”, and the Resolution can be updated.

Mayor Conaway spoke of a map drafted “Projects 2025”, which includes the Jake’s Law playground to begin in Spring of 2026; sidewalks will be put in to connect the bridges at Kennedy Park; spoke of improvements to the Oakland Avenue Park, the 6th Street Park and the Columbus Park, Park.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 156-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 156-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO MUHARREM CAYLOR AND MURAT GUMUS SR. TO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT 690 ROUTE 130, BUILDING A, SUITE A AND PART OF BUILDING B

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 entered into a settlement agreement related to the litigation captioned as Lariat Group, LLC v. City of Burlington; and

WHEREAS, as per the settlement agreement between the parties, the City of Burlington is to issue a mercantile license to M&M Royal Auto, Inc. for vehicle sales and vehicle repairs at 690 Route 130, Building A, Suite A and portions of Building B.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to M&M Royal

Auto, Inc. to operate a vehicle sales and vehicle repairs business at 690 Route 130, Building A, Suite A and portions of Building B, Burlington, NJ.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 157-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 157-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A NJ GREEN ACRES MATCHING GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a **NJ Green Acres Matching Grant** in the amount of \$238,750.00 from the NJ Department of Environmental Protection.

SECTION 1

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$238,750.00 as follows:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Green Acres Matching Grant	\$238,750.00
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SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$238,750.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations Operations-Excluded from "CAP"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

NJ Green Acres Matching Grant	\$238,750.00
6th Street Park Improvements - OE	

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

On the question Councilwoman Rijs asked, leading up to installation, what other work is being

done at Kennedy Park; asked if the pathway was to help with the park coming up.

Mayor Conaway spoke of items in need of improvement including the sidewalk area by Wood Street.

Ms. Conyer spoke of sidewalks, curbs, handicap parking spaces installed, the pathway was extended, and two footbridges were installed.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 158-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 158-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A NJ FLOOD MITIGATION GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a **NJ Flood Mitigation Grant** in the amount of \$300,000.00 from the NJ Department of Community Affairs.

SECTION 1

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$300,000.00 as follows:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Flood Mitigation Grant	\$300,000.00
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SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$300,000.00 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations Operations-Excluded from "CAP"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

**NJ Flood Mitigation Grant
Assicunk Creek Levee - OE**

\$300,000.00

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, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 159-2025*

RESOLUTION NO. 159-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A FEMA FIREFIGHTER ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a **Firefighter Assistance Grant** in the amount of \$22,334.74 from FEMA.

SECTION 1

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$22,334.74 as follows:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grant \$22,334.74

SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$22,334.74 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations Operations-Excluded from "CAP"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

FEMA Firefighter Assistance Grant - OE \$22,334.74

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

Resolution No. 160-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 160-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO AMEND THE ADOPTED BUDGET FOR A NJ CLEAN COMMUNITIES GRANT

WHEREAS, N.J.S. 40A:4-87 provides that the Director of Local Government Services may approve the insertion of any special item of revenue in the budget of any county or municipality when such item shall have been made available by law and the amount thereof was not determined at the time of the adoption of the budget, and

WHEREAS, said Director may also approve the insertion of an item of appropriation for equal amount, and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington received a **Clean Communities Grant** in the amount of \$29,268.69 from the State of New Jersey.

SECTION 1

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Burlington hereby requests the Director of the Division of Local Government Services to approve the insertion of an item of revenue in the budget of the year 2025 in the sum of \$29,268.69 as follows:

Miscellaneous Revenues - Section F: Special Items of General Revenue Anticipated with Prior Written Consent of Director of Local Government Services - Public and Private Revenues Offset with Appropriations:

NJ Clean Communities Grant	\$29,268.69
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SECTION 2

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a like sum of \$29,268.69 be and the same is hereby appropriated under the caption of:

General Appropriations Operations-Excluded from "CAP"
Public and Private Programs Offset by Revenues:

NJ Clean Communities Grant - OE	\$29,268.69
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Upon the motion of Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Resolution No. 161-2025

RESOLUTION NO. 161-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT WITH THE NJDEP GREEN ACRES PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE JFK PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AND PROVIDE ITS MATCHING SHARE TO THE GREEN

ACRES FUNDING, IF A MATCH IS REQUIRED, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$268,265.00.

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
GREEN ACRES PROGRAM**

ENABLING RESOLUTION NO. 161-2025

WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Green Acres Program (“State”), provides loans and/or grants to municipal and county governments and grants to nonprofit organizations for assistance in the acquisition and development of lands for outdoor recreation and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington desires to further public interest by obtaining a Green Acres grant of \$750,000.00 from the State to fund the following project:

**Project Number: #0305-24-041
Project Name: JFK Park Improvements**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON THAT:

1. The Mayor, Barry W. Conaway of the above-named body or board is hereby authorized to execute an agreement and any amendment(s) thereto with the State known as JFK park Improvements, and;
2. The applicant agrees to provide its matching share to the Green Acres funding, if a match is required, in the amount of \$268,265.00, and;
3. The applicant agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, and regulations in its performance of the project, and;
4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

On the question Council President Bergner-Thompson commented how the footbridges help the kids get to the other side during the Fishing Derby.

The resolution was then adopted by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (7); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Woodard commended Administration for securing various competitive grants; commented on the \$4 million it took to restore the City’s water tanks, often overlooked projects.

Councilman Chachis asked Director of Housing, Bill Harris, if he is retiring; expressed appreciation for his role and support to Council related to redevelopment; asked Mr. Harris if Westrum is trying to build again.

Mr. Harris responded that he is not sure.

Councilman Chachis asked if Hagan Construction has spoken to the Baptist Church and the Rowing Club.

Mr. Harris responded he is still trying to get an answer.

Councilman Chachis spoke of his May 19th Town Hall; questioned the timing of the stormwater issue in the city ally affecting the residents of E. Union Street.

Ms. Conyer suggested it was already in the works; the back of those properties have no stormwater drains; they are only at the ends; we are installing a French Drain; some will receive a letter from the city recommending that they divert their drains to the front of the house instead of the back.

Councilman Spaulding thanked Doug Ghaul for the opportunity to tour the Neptune Firehouse; it was very informative; there is a treasure-trove of history; acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Bill Harris and the work he has done for the city; hardworking, he will be missed; spoke of concerns expressed by the public regarding the Recreation Department and the kids summer program; asked for the status of the programs for the kids and expressed concerns with the functioning of the department.

Mayor Conaway suggested the city has approved \$3.5 million to fix up the Allen School; it should be done by December and will be a more appropriate place for recreation; the Keegan Center is a Senior Center; the goal is to have sports and programming at the Allen School; spoke of the need to hire someone and re-imagine the programming; the people previously at the Keegan Center did a good job but have moved on; this year's summer camp program will be 6 weeks; the goal is to have camp in the Keegan Center, but are looking into All Saints School; the programs will be similar as last year, no swimming.

Councilman Spaulding asked about the Fall Season.

Mayor Conaway suggested sports will remain the same; the Senior Program has improved; encouraged all to come out.

Ms. Conyer spoke of the former recreation leader who was also the events coordinator; Amanda Mackie has now taken over the events; JC will still do sports; the former employee moved on, now we have the ability to make changes; the charge is \$300 for 6 weeks; the city subsidizes the rec department; the new person being hired, recommended by Councilwoman Woodard, has been an educator for almost 30 years; spoke of year round programming at the Allen School.

Councilman Hutton asked if the city camp is for city residents only.

Ms. Conyer suggested it is for Burlington City residents, and a certain amount is reserved for non-city residents.

Councilman Hutton suggested the opportunity be given to city residents first; encouraged

transparency, especially due to the current time constraints so that the parents can plan. Discussion ensued regarding the kid's summer recreation program.

Councilwoman Rijs reminded everyone of the 5th Annual Garden Party on June 12th.

Councilman Spaulding asked if the 14-year-old girl who jumped in the river and saved a 9-year-old boy would be honored.

President Bergner-Thompson indicated Councilman Ballard is working on the matter; reminded everyone of the 16th Annual Fishing Derby on June 1st and the Police K-9 Jeep Show on the same day.

Mayor Conaway stated there is a posting on the city website listing things for kids to do this summer.

PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

Christina Cecchi, 10 Riverbank, Beverly; Business Owner 340 E. Broad Street

Discussion ensued regarding the removal of two parking spaces near the entrance of the property to 340 E. Broad Street.

City Solicitor Platt provided an overview of the request, and read the report provided by the Chief of Police which called the location a high-demand area and included a recommendation that the request be denied.

Councilman Ballard noted that the property itself takes a lot of traffic off the street and expressed concerns about a trailer getting stuck and shutting down Broad Street; spoke of the need to weigh this decision carefully.

Councilwoman Woodard expressed sympathy with the property/business owner but cannot go against the logic or recommendation of the Chief of Police; questioned whether moving the spaces forward would be a viable option.

Councilman Chachis spoke on advice from Fire Chief and Police Chief and school traffic at the Lawrence School.

Ms. Christina Checchi spoke of parents parking in her property parking lot; spoke of kids on her property along with bus and tractor trailer traffic; upon hearing the recommendation and Council comments, requested that the two parking spaces be moved forward closer to the corner.

Chief Elbertson said he would go back to the site to reinspect and see if it is a possibility.

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilman Hutton, discussion was TABLED pending Chief Elbertson reinspection of the site for the possible relocation of the two (2) subject parking spaces.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Chachis, this meeting of June 3, 2025, was adjourned.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council