THE MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER6, 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 November 6, 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, Economic Development Coordinator Megan Stanley.

INVOCATION
Timothy Hutton, Pastor, Councilman

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Ms. Stanley also provided her background: Licensed Professional Planner in NJ, Member of American Institute of Certified Planners, have worked with affordable housing over the last 15 years, prepared Housing Elements & Fair Share Plans, Monitoring Reports, Affordable Housing Trust Fund Plans, assisted as Administrative Agent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Deputy Clerk Hodgson read the Rules of Decorum.

President Bergner-Thompson reminded everyone that clapping after public speakers is a disturbance. Has been advised by a member of the public that it is offensive. Encouraged following the rules of decorum.

Samuel Ritcher, 2 E. Pearl Street, Apt. 211 – Acknowledged that Monday, October 13th was a Holiday, the previous 2 days were the weekend and the Friday before City Hall closed early (due to an emergency); Complained that the city did not give early enough notice of the 10/14 Council meeting, checked for the Agenda the day before and saw nothing. Noted very low public turnout and objected to Councilman Chachis scolding residents for poor attendance when many were unaware the meeting was happening. Suggested checking the facts.

Phil Augustyn, 307 High Street – Also unaware of the 10/14 Council meeting despite regularly attending; believes many others missed it for the same reason. Suggested Council check with the Municipal Clerk for information. Congratulated Mary Wirth on her election win and thanked outgoing Councilwoman Rijs. Urged all Council Members to make comments at meetings because they represent the public; disappointed when only one speaks. Reminded everyone of the upcoming Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony, encouraged attendance and support.

Mary Wirth, 460 Locust Avenue – Spoke of residents only have 5 minutes to speak. Spoke in opposition to the new rule banning clapping/cheering during public comment, calling it a violation of first amendment rights.

Solicitor Platt responded that we can have rules of decorum that are perfectly legal and appropriate. If the regulations restrict speaking on a specific topic, or about a certain point of view, that would be a violation of the first amendment. As long as rules of decorum are related to one thing, which is the ability of the public to speak and not be interrupted an interfered with, and do not regulate what they are saying, then those rules are %100 legal. Reminded everyone that this is not the only way to communicate with elected officials, this is one of the many ways.

Frank McDonnell, 333 W. Union Street – Called the no-clapping rule infringement. Spoke of trying to get the Administrator to work with the landlords to work something out. Encouraged everyone to work together instead of fighting. Not aware of $10,000 rents on High Street, most range from $500-$1,000. landlords cannot afford expensive buildouts for tenants who may leave after six months. Spoke supportively of one landlord shut down. The rent is for the space only. Each tenant needs fit it out to the needs of their business (colors, special flooring, wallpaper, etc.). Urged homeowners, tenants, business owners, and officials to collaborate to prevent the City from sliding into decline.

Asha Brodie, 215 Stacy Street – Spoke of a parking situation in her neighborhood caused by apartment residents and Pearl Points overflow. Homeowners have no driveways or designated spaces. Has contacted Lt. Matthews, the Mayor, and the Business Administrator with no resolution. Daughter recently ticketed in front of their own house but people who park there for events are not ticketed; family is considering moving out of the City.

Rebecca Spiewak, 122 W. Federal Street – Spoke of ongoing issues regarding the Construction Official. Has been out of her home for 10 months because of delays and issues. Spoke of demands she put on her contractors that were not necessary. This has cost her thousands in extra mortgage payments and caused major financial/mental strain. Spoke of the many similar complaints made by other members of the public. Still awaiting final inspection and certificate of occupancy. Encouraged Council to fix what is wrong so that they can get back on track focusing on other areas in the city. Requested the Official be removed from his position.

Ernestine Brown, 36 E. Federal Street – Congratulated election winners and thanked the Mayor, Business Administrator, Police, Finance Department, Solicitor, and Mr. Curry. Stressed the need to work together rather than "stabbing people in the back" for political gain. Said negative campaigning and personal attacks make cooperation impossible.

Harry Heck, 116 E. Union Street – Asked if an announcement could be made to see if there were more public comments before closing the floor. Reiterated earlier comments made regarding the October 14th Council Agenda. Could not find it online and suggested clearer instructions for the public. Reiterated that inadequate meeting notice hurts participation. Defended residents who repeatedly raise the same issues because it means problems remain unresolved. Stated the City will improve only when the building inspector is replaced. Questioned an unadvertised salaried Administrative Assistant position, arguing that given the City's tight finances, any new salaried role should be publicly disclosed for transparency.

Mayor Conaway responded to the comments regarding the Management Assistant position. We already have a Management Assistant in City Hall. The person that is in that position is provisional. When the State puts it out, it is open. We are not looking to hire an Administrative Assistant. The person is already in the position.

BA Conyer spoke of the City as Civil Service. When we hire a person for any title before the test comes out, they are hired provisionally. 99.9% of the employees are hired provisionally. We hire the person, then inform Civil Service that the person has been hired provisionally. At some point Civil Service then posts it on their site. Because the person already works here, we advertise it in-house. When you see a posting on the website, then we are actually looking for a person. It is not a new person; the person has been here two years or more. It is not a new hire, it just that the position has been posted by Civil Service.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS*

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

CORRESPONDENCE FOR OCTOBER 2025

REPORTS - VARIOUS CITY DEPARTMENTS

10-10 Monies collected by the Municipal Clerk's Office for the month September

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10-20 HPC, Meeting Agenda, 11/5/25

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10-30 Mayor, Notice, NJ Spark Program Internships
10-31 Mayor, Invitation, Veteran's Day Parade & Ceremony 11/11/25

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10-71 Endeavor Emergency Squad, Inc., Statistics, September 2025

CORRESPONDEN CE FROM STATE OF NEW JERSEY - VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
10-90 NJ Dept of Agri., Notice, Municipal Regulation of Beekeeping Prohibited
10-91 NJ I-Bank + NJDEP, Article, City of Burl borrows $1.8m in Water Bank Loans
10-92 NJ Transit, Notice, River Line Modified Schedule
10-93 State of NJ, DOH, NJ Snap, Notice, Freeze on SNAP benefits
10-94 NJ Transit, Notice, River Line Press Conference 10/23/25
10-95 NJ ERMA, Notice, Mortgage Assistance for Homeowners
10-96 Div. Unemployment Insurance, Notice, Fed Employees or Former Military
10-97 NJ DOT, Announcement, App for DOT 2026 Local Freight Impact Fund
10-98 NJ DOH, Report, Respiratory Illness 10/25/25
10-99 NJ DOH, Report, Newly Identified Non-NJ Measles Case
10-100 Office of Senator Singleton, Notice, Rive Line Public Meeting 11/13/25

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10-200 NJLM, Announcements + Announcement of $1.5m Equity Grant Opp
10-201 NJDEP, Weekly Update 9/27/25
10-202 NJLM, Weekly Roundup 9/24/25
10-203 NJLM, Notice, Gov. Murphy Signs Affordable Housing Bill into Law
10-204 NJLM, Notice, Discretionary Property Tax Grace Period
10-205 NJLM, Weekly Roundup 10/1/25
10-206 MCANJ, Notice, Governors Address Regional Electricity Grid
10-207 Civic Plus, Notice, National Flood Insurance Program Lapse
10-208 Civic Plus, Notice, Lame Duck Lunch & Learn
10-209 PSE&G, Notice, 2026 Construction Schedule
10-210 NJLM, Notice, Continuance of Federal Budget Shutdown
10-211 GBCOC, Invitation, Citizen of the Year

NOTICES OF FORECLOSURES
10-300 Block 139, Lot 51, 112 E. Federal Street

FLYERS
10-400 Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Flyer, Turkey Giveaway 11/22/25
10-401 BurlCo Sheriff's Office, Flyer, Annual Veteran's Expo 10/7/25
10-402 BurlCo Sheriff's Office, Flyer, Trunk or Treat 10/18/25
10-403 BurlCo Sheriff's Office, Flyer, Jr. Police Academy 10/4/25 and 10/11/25

10-404 BurlCo Sheriff's Office, Flyer, Defensive Driving Course 10/21/25
10-405 Braven Health, Flyer, Veteran Appreciation Dinner 10/22/25
10-406 BurlCo, Flyer, Breast Cancer Brunch + Learn 10/15/25
10-407 City of Burlington, Flyer, Walk with Ghosts Tour
10-408 BurlCo, Flyer, Fall 2025 Paper Shredding Event
10-409 BurlCo, Flyer, Camp Cardinal Free One Day Camp 10/25/25
10-410 Raccoon Pubhaus, Flyer, Grand Opening Celebration 11/15/25
10-411 Rowan College, Flyer, Volunteer Fair 10/16/25
10-412 NJ SDA, Flyer, Free 2-Day Contractor Training Program 12/9th & 10th
10-413 Rev. Esther Dean, Flyer, ESL Classes
10-414 Faith In Action, Flyer, The Reckoning Event 10/31/25
10-415 Center for Community Empowerment, Flyer, GoGrow & CFCE
10-416 Matinicunk Day & Burlington Island Tours, Flyer 10-26-25
10-417 I Am Unique, Flyer, Mural Art Event 10/25/25
10-418 SPAN Parent Advocacy Network, Support Group, Various Dates (English)
10-419 SPAN Parent Advocacy Network, Support Group, Various Dates (Espanol)
10-420 SPAN Parent Advocacy Network, Flyer, Invite to Family Resource Council

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS*
Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES*
Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING & FINAL DISPOSITION
ORDINANCE NO. 11-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS AND FEES FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) CHARGING STATIONS LOCATED ON MUNICIPAL PROPERTY

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey, pursuant to P.L. 2021, c. 171, has adopted a model ordinance to guide municipalities in supporting electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington seeks to encourage the use of electric vehicles and ensure equitable public access to EV charging stations installed on municipal property; and

WHEREAS, the City finds it in the public interest to establish regulations for the proper use, time limits, enforcement mechanisms, and applicable fees associated with public EV charging stations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1: Definitions

- **Electric Vehicle-** Any vehicle that is licensed and registered for an operation on public and private highways, roads, and streets; and operated either partially or exclusively using an electric motor powered by an externally charged on-board battery.

- **Electric Vehicle Supply Service Equipment or EVSE-** The equipment, including the cables, cords, conductors, connectors, couplers, enclosure, attachment plugs, power outlets, power electronics, transformer, switchgear, switches and controls, network interfaces, point of sale equipment, and associated apparatus designed and used for the purpose of transferring energy from the electric supply system to a plug-in electric vehicle. "EVSE" may deliver either alternating current or, consistent with fast charging equipment standards, direct current electricity. "EVSE" is synonymous with "electric vehicle charging station."
- **Make-Ready Parking Space-** The prewiring of electrical infrastructure at a parking space, or set of parking spaces, to facilitate easy and cost-efficient future installation of electric vehicle supply equipment or electric vehicle service equipment, including, but not limited to, Level Two EVSE and direct current fast chargers. Make-ready includes expenses related to service panels, junction boxes, conduit, wiring, and other components necessary to make a particular location able to accommodate electric vehicle supply equipment or electric vehicle service equipment on a "plug and play" basis. "Make-ready" is synonymous with the term "charger ready," as used in P.L. 2019, c. 362 (C. 48:25-1 et al.)
- **EV Charging Station** – A public parking space that provides electric vehicle supply equipment for charging EVs.
- **Actively Charging** – An electric vehicle that is physically connected to an EV charging station and drawing current.
- **Idle Vehicle** – A vehicle that is plugged in but no longer drawing a charge.
- **Level 2 Charger**- Operates on a forty-to-100-AMP breakers on a 208- or 240-volt AC circuit

SECTION 2: Authorized Use

- EV charging stations shall be used **only** by electric vehicles that are **actively charging**.
- Non-electric vehicles or EVs not connected to the station shall not occupy EV charging spaces.

SECTION 3: Time Limits and Parking Enforcement

- The maximum parking time for a vehicle using a municipal EV charging station shall be **six (6) consecutive hours**.
- After six (6) hours, vehicles are subject to enforcement action including but not limited to **issuance of a summons** or **towing** at the owner's expense.
- EV spaces are for temporary public charging only and shall not be used for overnight.
- No parking is permitted for EV spaces from 12:00am to 6:00am

SECTION 4: Fee Schedule

EV charging stations located on City of Burlington property shall impose the following fees:

A. Parking Fee

- First 3 hours: **No parking fee**

- Hours 4 through 6: **$2.00 per hour**
- After 6 hours: **$20.00 per hour**
  Fees shall be paid via the mobile application or payment method designated at each EV charging location.

B. Charging Fee (energy use)

- $0.50 per kilowatt-hour (kWh)

SECTION 5: Signage and Notification

Each EV charging station shall include clearly visible signage indicating:

- Applicable charging and parking fees
- Maximum parking time (6 hours)
- Enforcement and towing policy
- EV-only restriction
- Technical support contact information

SECTION 6: Administration

- The City may contract with a third-party provider for maintenance, billing, and operations of EV charging infrastructure.
- Fee adjustments may be made by **Council resolution** to reflect market conditions or provider pricing changes.

SECTION 7: Violations and Penalties

Vehicles in violation of this ordinance may be issued a citation in accordance with local traffic enforcement and/or towed per City towing regulations.

SECTION 8: Severability

If any provision of this ordinance shall be declared invalid or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed severable from the remainder of the ordinance.

SECTION 9: Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect after final passage and publication in accordance with applicable law.

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

Public Comments
None.

Council Comments
Councilman Spaulding urged Council Members to vote against this proposed ordinance. Spoke in opposition to revisiting a 2019 approval for the free Pearl Street EV chargers. Called it inappropriate/not germane to the current discussion. Suggested if anyone finds free charging unfair, Council can always make a motion to have those chargers turned off. Hoboken/Princeton parking challenges aren't comparable, considered Collingswood to be the closest; argued against being "punitive or restrictive" to EV users who also happen to be town residents. Encouraged voting against any restrictive changes.

Councilman Chachis confirmed the original grant intent was to support downtown commercial use (pre-ERI, continued by current engineer). Suggested that the penalty structure in the ordinance should be updated.

Councilwoman Woodard reminded all that the Pearl Street chargers are unrelated to the current ordinance; and have cost the taxpayers $50k (last 3/4 years) to $75k (including Lyceum with shared billing). Grants enable EV users to patronize downtown.

President Bergner-Thompson highlighted ongoing electricity cost burden of free chargers to non-EV residents.

Mayor Conaway suggested eliminating Section 3. "No parking permitted in EV spaces from 12am-6am". Anyone should be able to park there from 12am-6am.

Councilwoman Woodard asked the Solicitor if major changes to this ordinance requires restarting the process; whether Council can adopt now and amend later.

Solicitor Platt suggested it could be Tabled or reintroduced by title only, then re-advertise for 2nd Reading with the new text and a future 2nd reading on an amended ordinance.

Councilman Chachis suggested the penalties would have to be reconstructed as well.

Councilwoman Rijs said if tabling the ordinance, requested to address residential overnight parking needs as well. Residents fear cars won't fully charge overnight. It can also benefit those who come into town.

Post initial vote-down: Motion to remove Section 3. Later withdrew earlier motion.

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Ballard, the foregoing ordinance was reintroduced on 1st Reading and failed by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (3); NAYS: Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding.(4); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Procedural Outcome: Ordinance initially voted down. Councilwoman Rijs withdrew prior motion.

Councilwoman Woodard moved to reconsider and adopt the ordinance as-is, seconded by Councilman Chachis. The ordinance was then adopted WITHOUT CHANGES by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: Mr. Spaulding. (1); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

ORDINANCE NO. 14-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO VACATE TWO PUBLIC PARKING SPACES LOCATED ON BARCLAY STREET

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, N.J.S.A. 40:67-21 authorizes municipalities to vacate any street, highway or other place by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, CSH Property 3, LLC (the "applicant") has obtained Minor Subdivision and Minor Site Plan approval from City of Burlington Joint Land Use Board to subdivide the existing 0.130-acre lot into two (2) 0.065 acre lots for the development of two (2) semi-detached single-family dwellings as it relates to the property commonly known as 314 E. Union Street and 321 Barclay Street, designated as Block 129, Lot 14 on the City Tax Map (the "Property"); and

WHEREAS, approval was conditioned upon the removal of existing on street parking spaces on Barclay Street in front of the proposed buildings on the Property for the construction of the driveway apron; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested that the City vacate the portion of Barclay Street right-of-way containing two (2) public parking spaces; and

WHEREAS, the City Common Council has determined that it is in the public interest to grant the request by the Applicant to vacate two (2) public parking spaces located at Barclay Street.

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 two (2) public parking spaces located in the right-of-way on Barclay Street, adjacent to 321 Barclay Street, Block 129, Lot 14, more particularly shown in the map attached hereto as Exhibit "A," shall be vacated.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the City Clerk is hereby directed, upon adoption of the ordinance after public hearing thereon, to publish notice of the passage thereof, and shall provide a copy of such ordinance and proof of publication to the applicant.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED 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 Ballard, 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. Hutton, Ms. Rijs, Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Woodard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson. (6); NAYS: (0); ABSTAIN: Mr. Chachis. (1); ABSENT: (0).

RESOLUTIONS / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS*

RESOLUTION NO. 232-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO LUIS CALVO RAMIERZ TO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT 201 ROUTE 130, UNIT 2, ALSO KNOWN AS 587 YORK STREET

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 has received a complete application for the issuance of a mercantile license to Luis Calvo Ramirez of Doggyland LLC to operate a pet grooming establishment at 201 Route 130, Unit 2, Burlington, NJ, also known as 587 York Street.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Luis Calvo Ramirez to operate a business at 201 Route 130, Unit 2, Burlington, NJ, also known as 587 York Street.

Upon the motion of Councilman Chachis, 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. 233-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO GRAND SLAM RESTAURANT GROUP TO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT 219 HIGH STREET

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 has received a complete application for the issuance of a mercantile license to Grand Slam Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Revell Hall to operate a restaurant and bar at 219 High Street, Burlington, NJ.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Grand Slam Restaurant Group LLC d/b/a Revell Hall to operate a business at 219 High Street.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 234-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MERCANTILE LICENSE TO SANDRINE TYLER TO OPERATE A BUSINESS AT 133 E. BROAD STREET

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 has received a complete application for the issuance of a mercantile license to Sandrine Tyler of Ebony and Ivory Hair & Braiding Salon to operate a hair care establishment at 133 E. Broad Street, Burlington, NJ.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby authorizes the Municipal Clerk to issue a Mercantile License to Sandrine Tylor to operate a business at 133 E. Broad Street.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING A CONTRACT WITH EZDOCK FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE EXISTING CITY OF BURLINGTON BOAT DOCKS IN THE AMOUNT OF $94,658.06

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 the replacement of the existing City of Burlington boat ramp docks, including new dock sections, ports, and ladders; and

WHEREAS, the City pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:11-12a and 5:34-7.29(c) may by resolution and without advertising for bids purchase any goods or services through an approved co-op on behalf of the State of New Jersey Department of Treasury; and

WHEREAS, the City participates in the Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program – ID #24/25-01; and

WHEREAS, City Administration has recommended that the City award a contract for the purchase of replacement boat ramp docks, including new dock sections, ports, and ladders in the amount of $94,658.06; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to EZDock.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of replacement boat ramp docks, including new dock sections, ports, and ladders is hereby authorized and awarded to EZDock by virtue of Educational Service Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Program – ID #24/25-01 in the amount of $94,658.06.
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 Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the foregoing resolution was introduced.

On the question, Mayor Conaway said the docks will be put in, in the Spring of 2026.

Councilwoman Woodard noted the funding sources (Response: Assemblyman Singh paying for half, per BA.)

Council President Bergner-Thompson expressed thanks for taking care of the docks; highlighted the fisherman who sponsor the annual kid's fishing derbies are very happy to see the new/improved docks replacing the ones in poor condition. Also mentioned the kayak discharge being added.

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. 236-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO PENNONI ASSOCIATES, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF GIS MAPPING IN THE AMOUNT OF $23,000.00

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 did appoint and award a contract to Pennoni Associates, Inc., Inc. ("Pennoni") as the City Sewer Engineer for 2025 pursuant to Resolution 14-2025; and

WHEREAS, the City did also appoint Pennoni to the pool of engineers for special projects for 2025 pursuant to Resolution 15-2025; and

WHEREAS, Pennoni submitted a proposal for professional engineering services related to the development and implementation of GIS mapping and work order improvements for sewer, water, buildings & grounds, historic sites, infrastructure improvements, zoning, economic development, and a citizen engagement porthole in an amount not to exceed $23,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council wishes to award said contract to Pennoni.

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

1. The contract for professional engineering services related to the development and implementation of GIS mapping and work order improvements is hereby awarded to Pennoni Associates, Inc. in an amount not to exceed $23,000.00.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract in a form to be approved by the City Solicitor.

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

On the question, President Bergner-Thompson asked whether the historic sites were updated for the 250th on the GIS mapping. (Response: In beta-testing, per Mayor.)

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. 237-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPOINTING MEGAN STANLEY AS THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING LIAISON (MHL)/RCA ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON IN THE COUNTY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE YEAR 2025

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington's Fair Share Plan and Project Plan promote an affordable housing program pursuant to the Fair Housing Act (NJ.S.A. 52:27d-301, et seq.) and COAH's Third Round Substantive Rules (NJ.AC. 5:94-1, et seq.); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.S.A 5:94-7 and N.J.AC. 5:80-26.1 et seq. the City of Burlington is required to appoint a Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the City of Burlington's affordable housing program to enforce the requirements of N.J.AC. 5:94-7 and NJ.A.C. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.AC. 5:80-26.1 et seq. the City of Burlington is required to appoint an administrator for the administration of the City of Burlington's RCA Housing Program to enforce the requirements of N.J.AC. 5:94-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 5:95-1 et seq. and NJ.AC. 5:80-26.1 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington has amended Chapter 70 of the Municipal Code to provide for the appointment of an MHL to administer the City of Burlington's affordable housing program and to provide for the appointment of an RCA Administrator to administer the City of Burlington's RCA affordable housing program; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington in the County of Burlington and the State of New Jersey that Megan Stanley is hereby appointed by the Governing Body of the City of Burlington as the Municipal Housing Liaison for the administration of the affordable housing program and as the RCA Administrator for the administration of the RCA affordable housing program, pursuant to and in accordance with Chapter 70 of the City of Burlington's Municipal Code.

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

On the question, Councilman Chachis though in favor of Ms. Stanley's appointment, raised several concerns for Council as the Redevelopment Authority, when is he being replaced? Is she taking over the former Director of Housing, Bill Harris' old duties; are we backfilling his position; have Mr. Harris' duties been assigned; Who will keep Council updated on the projects such as Senior Housing (Response: No backfill, all Mr. Harris' old duties were assigned internally. Ms. Stanley is taking on more as the Zoning Official, Grant Administrator and Project Manager and the Business Administrator will continue to provide Council updates as needed, per BA). Questioned the three (3) vacant middle-management positions, noting that when key people leave with no replacement, we are losing critical "corporate memory". (Response: Concerns acknowledged, but the original posting didn't attract qualified candidates, assured Council that Ms. Stanley's expanded role full absorbs Mr. Harris' responsibilities, per BA).

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. 238-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH CGP&H, LLC FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT AND OTHER SERVICES

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is in need of administrative agent and other services related to the City's affordable housing settlements and plans; and

WHEREAS, CGP&H, LLC provides professional administrative agent services related to implementation and compliance with affordable housing settlements and plans on a professional basis; and

WHEREAS, the City has the need to acquire the professional services of CGP&H, LLC to be provided hereunder as a non-fair and open contract pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 19:44A-20.4 and 20.5; and

WHEREAS, CGP&H, LLC has submitted a proposal entitled, "Professional Services Agreement" outlining its Affordable Housing Consultation and other Services to be provided to the City; and

WHEREAS, CGP&H, LLC has or will complete a Business Entity Disclosure Certification which certifies that it has not made any reportable contributions to a political or candidate committee in the City of Burlington in the previous one (1) year and CGP&H, LLC shall be prohibited from making any reportable contributions through the term of the contract; and

WHEREAS, The Mayor and Common Council have determined that it is necessary and in the best interest of the City and its residents to retain the services of CGP&H, LLC to undertake and perform the Affordable Housing Consultation and other Services; and

WHEREAS, the City's CFO has certified that funds are available for this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the proposal for professional services between the City and CGP&H, LLC is hereby authorized and approved subject to the final review and approval of the Professional Services Agreement between the City and CGP&H, LLC consistent with this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of Burlington is hereby authorized to execute the Professional Services Agreement on behalf of the City and sign any other documents necessary to effectuate the intent and purpose of the Professional Services Agreement and this Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the clerk shall publish such notice, if any, as required under the law.

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. 239-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING CHANGE ORDER NO. 1 WITH MAC ROSE CONTRACTORS FOR THE COLUMBUS ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,572.00

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, Resolution No. **213-2025** authorized a contract with Mac Rose Contractors, Inc. in the amount of $101,950.00 for the Columbus Road Construction project; and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of City Engineer, Environmental Resolutions, per their correspondence dated October 27, 2025, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington authorize an amended agreement with Mac Rose Contractors, Inc. in the form of Change Order No. 1, in connection with the Columbus Road Construction project; and

WHEREAS, this Change Order No. 1 is an increase of $8,572.00, making the revised total contract amount $110,522.00: and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that the Mayor and Business Administrator are hereby authorized to execute a change order in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor, with Mac Rose Contractors, Inc. for an increase in the amount of $8,572.00, to a contract total of $110,522.00, in connection with the Columbus Road Construction project.

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

On the question, President Bergner-Thomspon asked if the road would be completed before spring. (Response: Likely, per BA.)

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. 240-2025 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) and designated below:

- Personnel matters, the terms and conditions which are proposed for inclusion in any collective bargaining agreement, including the negotiation of the terms and conditions thereof with employees or representatives of employees of the public body

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 November 6, 2025, for discussions concerning the above-referenced items.

Approved by Consent Agenda. All were in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 241-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 439 ST. MARY STREET

WHEREAS, Nice Homes, LLC/Hasan Ceylon ("Applicant") is the owner of property located at 439 St. Mary Street in the City of Burlington ("Property"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant proposes a full interior renovation of the structure at the Property; and

WHEREAS, the work is defined as a Substantial Improvement as per the City's Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has applied for a floodplain variance pursuant to City Code Section 170-04 ("Application"); and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requests a floodplain variance due to the stated hardships contained therein; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to City Code Section 170-04, a public hearing was held on October 7, 2025 with the sworn testimony of Allison Iannacone the City Certified Floodplain Administrator and the Applicant, Hasan Ceylon and the Applicant's Architect, Lee Heckendorn; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant and Mr. Heckendorn were sworn and testified concerning the scope of work and the comments raised in Ms. Iannacone's July 14, 2025 letter; and

WHEREAS, it was noted that a floodplain variance is required for the proposed scope of work; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant indicated the first floor elevation of 13.71 feet meets the minimum standards, however the existing basement is noncompliant and requires a variance; and

WHEREAS, Allison Iannacone the City Certified Floodplain Administrator was sworn and qualified. She summarized her report dated July 14, 2025, marked as Exhibit A-1 at the time of the hearing. She requested testimony from the Applicant's Architect that filling the basement and relocation of the mechanicals were not feasible solutions.

WHEREAS, Mr. Heckendorn provided testimony that neither filling the basement nor relocating the mechanicals were feasible; and

WHEREAS, it was Ms. Iannacone's recommendation to approve the variance; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant confirmed he will comply with all the conditions in the July 14, 2025 report of Ms. Iannacone and any conditions as placed on the record; and

WHEREAS, City Common Council opened the hearing to the public and no members of the public made any comments; and

WHEREAS, upon motion duly made and seconded, City Common Council determined that there was substantial credible evidence in the record to grant the floodplain variance application based upon the hardships set forth in the Application as well as the testimony provided at the hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby grants the floodplain variance application for the property located at 439 St. Mary Street, Burlington City, New Jersey pursuant to City Code Section 170-04 subject to all the representations set forth in the Application and which the Applicant made on the record and further subject to the Applicant's acknowledgment that he will comply with all conditions set forth in the July 14, 2025 report of Allison Iannacone, the City Certified Floodplain Administrator.

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. 242-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT FOR PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES FOR AN AFFORDABLE HOUSING RENTAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECT LOCATED AT BLOCK 121, LOT 2 ON THE OFFICIAL TAX MAP OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

WHEREAS, the Sponsor is the contract purchaser of a site described as Block 121, Lot 2 as shown on the official assessment map of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, and State of New Jersey and commonly known as Burlington Manor Apartments, located at 255 E. Pearl Street, Burlington City, New Jersey 08016 (the "Property");

WHEREAS, the Sponsor proposes to rehabilitate one-hundred twenty-six (126) units of multifamily low-income housing consisting of one-hundred twenty-five (125) one-bedroom apartments and one (1) two-bedroom superintendent unit with other improvements and amenities in connection therewith (the "Project");

WHEREAS, the Sponsor will receive financing for the Project from the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency (the "Agency");

WHEREAS, the Municipality is authorized, pursuant to the New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency Law of 1983, N.J.S.A. 55:14K-1 et seq. (the "HMFA Law"), to grant an exemption for real estate taxes to housing projects that meet an existing housing need if the project's owner agrees to pay to the Municipality an annual charge for municipal services supplied to the Project;

WHEREAS, the Municipality has determined in a Resolution of Need (Resolution 266-2023) by the Mayor and Council of the Municipality (the "Resolution"), adopted on December 25, 2023 that the Project meets an existing housing need;

WHEREAS, the Municipality has agreed to grant an exemption to the Project for real estate taxes and the Sponsor has agreed to make payments to the Municipality in lieu of real estate taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor and the Municipality desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the Sponsor's exemption from real property taxes and its obligation to make payments in lieu of such real property taxes;

WHEREAS, pursuant to HMFA Requirements, the governing body of the City hereby determines that there is a need for this housing project in the Municipality; and

WHEREAS, the Sponsor has presented to the Municipality a revenue projection for the Project which sets forth the anticipated revenue to be received by the Sponsor from the operation of the Project as estimated by the Sponsor and the Agency.

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

1. Council finds and determines that the proposed Project will meet or meets an existing housing need;

2. Council does hereby adopt the within Resolution and makes the determination and findings herein contained by virtue of, pursuant to, and in conformity with the provisions of HMFA Requirements with the intent and purpose that the Agency shall rely thereon in making a mortgage loan to the Sponsor, which shall rehabilitate, own and operate the Project;

3. Council does hereby adopt the within Resolution with the further intent and purpose that from the date of execution of the Agency mortgage, the proposed Project, including both the land and improvements thereon, will be exempt from real property taxation as provided in HMFA Requirements, provided that payments in lieu of taxes for municipal services supplied to the Project are made to the City in such amounts and manner set forth in the Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes attached hereto as Exhibit "A";

4. Council hereby authorizes and directs the Mayor of the City of Burlington to execute, on behalf of the City, an Agreement for Payments in Lieu of Taxes in substantially the form annexed hereto as Exhibit "A"; and

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

On the question, Councilwoman Rijs asked Financial Consultant, Dean Ciminera, whether the Manor is required to provide the City with an annual audit report. (Response: Yes, by statute it must be provided by the end of March, per Mr. Ciminera.)

Solicitor Platt said the City keeps 100% of the PILOT.

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 Rijs expressed excitement that the Mercantile License for Revell Hall (replacing Riverview) was approved. Thanked Veteran Council Members Ballard and Chachis; noted that she is granddaughter of two Veterans. Explained that meeting dates are posted on the City's website at the beginning of the year. Referenced the tragic house fire in Patterson, NJ that killed a family of five; stressed that working together must include tenant safety and proper permitting/code enforcement to prevent such tragedies. Congratulated election winners and wished everyone a good 2026.

Councilman Ballard briefly congratulated election winners and shared high praise for outgoing Councilwoman Rijs – "You've done a great job."

Councilwoman Woodard requested a new clock in Council Chambers. (A: A new clock has been ordered, per Deputy Clerk Hodgson.) Reminded everyone this is a formal business meeting; Council is legally restricted from responding to many public comments for risk of liability. Council also serves as the Redevelopment Agency and must hold itself accountable when projects stall. Called the retired Director of Housing, William Harris, "irreplaceable."

Councilman Chachis apologized if his earlier comments about low public turnout at a previous meeting offended anyone. Clarified he was referring to poor attendance at all meetings, not just one. Asked when the signage for the new senior housing will go up and requested a progress update from Administration.

Councilman Hutton thanked everyone for election sentiments and congratulated winners; also praised his opponent, Mr. Melton, and said his voice should still matter. Stressed cooperation, respect, and listening. Strongly opposed the President's "no cheering/clapping" rule; compared it to telling a church congregation they can't say "Amen"; it silences citizens and over-relies on strict rules when common sense should prevail.

Councilman Spaulding agreed with Councilman Hutton that clapping/applauding does not infringe on anyone's rights or time at the podium. Congratulated Mary Wirth for winning without political support. Clarified confusion between "Working Sessions" (open to public) and "Executive Sessions" (closed), which he thinks confused some residents resulting in low/no attendance for Work Sessions. Urged residents to attend as many meetings as possible. Echoed calls to work together and to avoid blanket negative statements about landlords; praised recent progress with one landlord and said good landlords deserve respect.

Council President Bergner-Thompson explained the no-clapping issue arose because someone formally complained; Council's job is to maintain order in a business meeting (no back-and-forth). Congratulated former Endeavor Chief David Ekelburg as Citizen of the Year. Promoted upcoming community events: Library Fundraiser, Turkey Giveaways, Holiday Parade & Village (12/6), Children's Society event, River Line public meeting, Rep. Herb Conaway's Town Hall (12/2), free social security, and Virtua cancer-screenings services will be available that day. Thanked residents for attending.

PRESENTATION

Doane Academy - Request to Vacate Three (3) On-Street parking spaces

Doane Academy representative David Frank, Esq. reviewed the request to vacate 3 on-street parking spaces on W. Pearl for a driveway to be used as access to Doane's parking lot.

Councilman Chachis questioned whether Ellis Street is the first access for the parking lot (Response: Yes).

Councilwoman Rijs asked whether the gated road between W. Pearl and Riverbank will be opened for public access (Response: It is opened daily for carpool). Confirmed that residents would lose three parking spaces with this traffic plan.

Council President Bergner-Thompson raised the issue that cars currently park (illegally) across the street on the dirt lot or on the other side of the bridge because existing on-street spots fill up. Questioned whether it is legal public parking. Asked whether the gates, referenced by Councilwoman Rijs, would be open during events as overflow parking. (Response: Gates will not be open for events. The legality of parking in the dirt spaces was/is not a consideration for the current decision. The proposed off-street parking was deemed adequate.)

Councilwoman Woodard reminded all that she is the Council representative on the Land Use Board (LUB) and that LUB typically yields/deferred to the engineer's recommendation on such matters – in this case the recommendation is to vacate the three (3) spaces.

Councilman Hutton noted that his grandkids attend Doane and when attending events, he parks in the dirt field across the street. Questioned whether people will still have the option to park there and asked whether it would be gated. (Response: Area will be gated and not available for parking.)

2025 Best Practices Inventory Review– Dean Ciminera, Bowman & Company

Mr. Ciminera gave a brief overview of the Best Practices Initiative questionnaire as required by the State of NJ.; the City's total score was 34/40, resulting in no aid being withheld.

There were no questions or comments. See attached 2025 Survey*

ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING - ADDED

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2025 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO VACATE THREE PUBLIC PARKING SPACES LOCATED ON WEST PEARL STREET

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

EXECUTIVE CONFERENCES

- Personnel Matters - Dean Ciminera, Bowman & Company

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Ballard, this meeting of November 6, 2025, was adjourned.

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council