



# City of Burlington

## COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

March 17, 2026  
7:00 pm

NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS ADVERTISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

FIRE EXITS: TURN LEFT UPON EXITING COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND THE ENTRANCE TO THE BUILDING.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Please silence all electronics during this meeting. Thank you.

### GOVERNING BODY ROLL CALL:

_____ Councilman Dave Ballard	_____ Councilwoman Mary Wirth
_____ Councilman George Chachis	_____ Vice President Suzanne Woodard
_____ Councilman Richard Spaulding	_____ President Bergner-Thompson

### ALSO PRESENT:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor Barry Conaway  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Administrator Johanna Conyer  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Municipal Attorney Stuart Platt, Esq. / Justin Strausser, Esq.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Financial Consultant Dean Ciminera / \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director of Public Works Bill Curry / \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Police Chief Ryan Elbertson / \_\_\_\_\_

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

**SALUTE TO FLAG**

**EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCE(S) ON FIRST READING**

Johanna Conyer, Administrator (3)

**EXPLANATION OF ORDINANCE(S) ON SECOND READING**

Johanna Conyer, Administrator 05-2026

**EXPLANATION OF RESOLUTION(S)**

Johanna Conyer, Administrator  
93-2026, 94-2026, 95-2026, 96-2026, 97-2026, 98-2026, 101-2026, 102-2026

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Each Citizen will be allotted up to five (5) minutes to speak, to allow everyone an opportunity to express their concerns.

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONSENT AGENDA**

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) are routine and will be enacted by one motion. Should a Council Member wish to discuss a consent agenda item separately, that item can be removed from the consent agenda and considered in its normal sequence on the regular agenda.

\_\_\_\_\_ Moved that all Consent Agenda items (\*) be approved Seconded by \_\_\_\_\_.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS\***

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES\***

**ORDINANCE(S) - INTRODUCTION & FIRST READING**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 114, LOT 9 (TABLED 03/03/26)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF AN 8.29' W x 118.22' PORTION OF UNPAVED AND UNMAINTAINED ALLEY THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO AND BETWEEN BLOCK 18, LOT 5, BLOCK 18, LOT 1, BLOCK 18, LOT 10, AND BLOCK 18, LOT 11 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 AND UPON COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 306 ARTICLE IV SECTIONS §306-28 "APPLICATION PROCEDURE" AND §306-29 "FEES"

A BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON. COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$716,250 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$716,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING

**ORDINANCE(S) - SECOND READING, FINAL DISPOSITION & PUBLIC HEARING**

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026 OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION(S) / CONSENT AGENDA RESOLUTIONS\***

RESOLUTION NO. 92-2026\* OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ADOPTING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO STONE HILL CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,548.00

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO SHERWOOD LOGAN & ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS AND LEVEL LODOR REPLACEMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,186,021.00

RESOLUTION NO. 95-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY GRANTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR WORK RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD AND GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE LINES

RESOLUTION NO. 96-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ADOPTING THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL RECREATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,075.00 FOR THE WALNUT ST PLAYGROUND PROJECT

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO DECKER'S HARDSCAPING & LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK – JAKES LAW PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$724,233.50

RESOLUTION NO. 99-2026\* 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 (REVISED)

RESOLUTION NO. 100-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 LINDEN AVENUE

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RELATED TO THE FORGIVENESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OF A LOAN MADE TO THE CITY BY THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE 2026 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL RECREATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,595.00 FOR JOHN F KENNEDY PARK PLAYGROUND PROJECT (ADDED)

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO FILL A VACANCY OF COMMON COUNCIL – WARD 4 (ADDED)

**VARIANCE PUBLIC HEARING(S)**

- Floodplain Variance Application – 929 Rigg Road

MOTION TO OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION TO CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**COUNCIL COMMENTS**

**EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE(S) (REVISED)**

- N.J.S.A. 10:4-12(b)(7) - Litigation-Higher Breed vs. City of Burlington

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**ADJOURNMENT** 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_

**ORDINANCE NO. -2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY LOCATED AT BLOCK 114, LOT 9**

**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**, the City of Burlington has determined that certain City-owned property, identified on the Tax Map as Block 114, Lot 9 (“the Property”), is no longer needed for public purposes as contemplated by N.J.S.A. 40A:12-13; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in the Redevelopment Area designated as the Historic Yorkshire-New Yorkshire and Surrounding Area Redevelopment Area, said Redevelopment Area having been set forth by Ordinance No. 03-1998; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Local Redevelopment and Housing Law, N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-8g and N.J.S.A. 40A:12A-22j, the City may, among other things, authorize the sale of property located within redevelopment areas without the necessity for public bidding; and

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to authorize the sale of the Property to Hagen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.00, pursuant to a proposal submitted by Hagen Construction, Inc., dated November 7, 2025.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey, that the sale of the property identified on the Burlington City Tax Map as Block 114, Lot 9 to Hagen Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$100,000.00 is hereby authorized.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Solicitor is hereby authorized to negotiate an Agreement of Sale for the Property subject to approval by the City Common Council.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. -2026**

Passed Common Council,

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Approved,

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Barry W. Conaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE VACATION OF AN 8.29' W x 118.22' PORTION OF UNPAVED AND UNMAINTAINED ALLEY THAT RUNS PARALLEL TO AND BETWEEN BLOCK 18, LOT 5, BLOCK 18, LOT 1, BLOCK 18, LOT 10, AND BLOCK 18, LOT 11 PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40:67-1 AND UPON COMPLIANCE WITH CHAPTER 306 ARTICLE IV SECTIONS §306-28 "APPLICATION PROCEDURE" AND §306-29 "FEES"**

**WHEREAS**, the alley is unpaved and unmaintained and, as such, is causing property damage to surrounding properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington has established by Ordinance a procedure for Street Vacations under Section 306-28 of the Code of the City of Burlington; and

**WHEREAS**, an application has been filed with the Municipal Clerk setting forth a description of the public property sought to be vacated; and

**WHEREAS**, all adjoining property owners of Block 18, Lot 10 and Block 18, Lot 11 have signed a written statement setting forth that each adjoining property owner has received notice of the proposed vacation and stated his or her consent or objection to the same; and

**WHEREAS**, a copy of the said application has been provided to the City of Burlington Land Use Board, Director of the Department of Public Works, Chief of Police and Fire Chief and each of these respective agencies has provided no objections or comments concerning the application; and

**WHEREAS**, all requirements of the City of Burlington Code Section 306-28 have been deemed met by the application for the vacation of said properties; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council for the City of Burlington finds that the above-described alleyway has no public use and vacating the 118.22' +/- foot-long portion of this alleyway will be in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Burlington;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by Common Council for the City of Burlington that a portion of the alley, that runs parallel to and between Block 18, Lot 1, Block 18, Lot 5, Block 18, Lot 10 and Block 18, Lot 11 is hereby vacated.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the right-of-way described by this Ordinance shall revert to private property of the owner of Block 18, Lots 1 & 5.

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED** that the City Clerk, Tax Assessor, and Administrative Departments are hereby authorized and directed to take all steps pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:67-21 to take all further action necessary for the filing with the Clerk of Burlington County of this Ordinance.

**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.

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026**

Passed Common Council,

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Approved,

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Barry W. Conaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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## CITY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_

**BOND ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE COMPLETION OF VARIOUS PARK IMPROVEMENTS IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY; APPROPRIATING THE SUM OF \$716,250 THEREFOR; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR BOND ANTICIPATION NOTES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, IN THE AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$716,250; MAKING CERTAIN DETERMINATIONS AND COVENANTS; AND AUTHORIZING CERTAIN RELATED ACTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FOREGOING**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, New Jersey (not less than two-thirds of all the members thereof affirmatively concurring), pursuant to the provisions of the Local Bond Law, Chapter 169 of the Laws of 1960 of the State of New Jersey, as amended and supplemented ("Local Bond Law"), as follows:

**Section 1.** The purposes described in Section 7 hereof are hereby authorized as general improvements to be made or acquired by the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("City").

**Section 2.** It is hereby found, determined and declared as follows:

- (a) the estimated amount to be raised by the City from all sources for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$716,250 and
- (b) the estimated amount of bonds or bond anticipation notes to be issued for the purposes stated in Section 7 hereof is \$716,250.

**Section 3.** The sum of \$716,250, to be raised by the issuance of bonds or bond anticipation notes, is hereby appropriated for the purposes stated in this bond ordinance ("Bond Ordinance"). All or a portion of the bonds authorized to be issued hereunder may evidence one or more loans from the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("NJDEP") through the Green Acres Program ("Green Acres Program Loan"), under an Application for Financial Assistance submitted by the City to said entity.

**Section 4.** The issuance of negotiable bonds of the City in an amount not to exceed \$716,250 to finance the costs of the purposes described in Section 7 hereof is hereby authorized. Said bonds shall be sold in accordance with the requirements of the Local Bond Law.

**Section 5.** In order to temporarily finance the purposes described in Section 7 hereof, the issuance of bond anticipation notes of the City in an amount not to exceed \$716,250 is hereby authorized. Pursuant to the Local Bond Law, the Chief Financial Officer is hereby authorized to

sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver the same to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their date to delivery thereof. The Chief Financial Officer is hereby directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this Bond Ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

**Section 6.** The amount of the proceeds of the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance which may be used for the payment of interest on such obligations, accounting, engineering, legal fees and other items as provided in Section 20 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20*, shall not exceed the sum of \$145,000.

**Section 7.** The improvements hereby authorized and the purposes for which said obligations are to be issued; the estimated costs of each said purpose; the amount of down payment for each said purpose; the maximum amount obligations to be issued for each said purpose and the period of usefulness of each said purpose within the limitations of the Local Bond Law are as follows:

<u>Purpose/Improvement</u>	<u>Estimated Total Cost</u>	<u>Down Payment</u>	<u>Amount of Obligations</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
A. Completion of various park and recreational improvements in the City including, but not limited to, improvements to 6 <sup>th</sup> Street Park, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto	\$716,250	\$0	\$716,250	15 years

**Section 8.** Grants and other monies received from any governmental entity including, but not limited to grant funds provided by the NJDEP by and through a Green Acres Program grant under Project No. 05-25-027, will be applied to the payment of, or repayment of obligations issued to finance the cost of the purposes described in Section 7 above.

**Section 9.** The supplemental debt statement provided for in Section 10 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-10*, was duly filed in the office of the Clerk prior to the passage of this Bond Ordinance on first reading and a complete executed duplicate original thereof has been filed in the Office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. The supplemental debt statement shows that the gross debt of the City, as defined in Section 43 of the Local Bond Law, *N.J.S.A. 40A:2-43*, is increased by this Bond Ordinance by \$716,250 and that the obligations authorized by this Bond Ordinance will be within all debt limitations prescribed by said Local Bond Law.

**Section 10.** The full faith and credit of the City are irrevocably pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and interest on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance, and to the extent payment is not otherwise provided, the City shall levy *ad valorem* taxes on all taxable real property without limitation as to rate or amount for the payment thereof.

**Section 11.** The Capital Budget is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this Bond Ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency therewith, and the resolution promulgated by the Local Finance Board showing full detail of the amended Capital Budget and Capital Program as approved by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services, is on file with the Clerk and available for inspection.

**Section 12.** The City hereby declares its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by this Bond Ordinance pursuant to Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(e), promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"), for "original expenditures", as defined in Income Tax Regulation Section 1.150-2(c)(2), made by the City prior to the issuance of such bonds or bond anticipation notes.

**Section 13.** The City hereby covenants as follows:

(a) it shall take all actions necessary to ensure that the interest paid on the bonds or bond anticipation notes authorized by the Bond Ordinance is exempt from the gross income of the owners thereof for federal income taxation purposes, and will not become a specific item of tax preference pursuant to Section 57(a)(5) of the Code;

(b) it will not make any use of the proceeds of the bonds or bond anticipation notes or do or suffer any other action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "arbitrage bonds" as such term is defined in Section 148(a) of the Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder;

(c) it shall calculate or cause to be calculated and pay, when due, the rebatable arbitrage with respect to the "gross proceeds" (as such term is used in Section 148(f) of the Code) of the bonds or bond anticipation notes;

(d) it shall timely file with the Internal Revenue Service, such information report or reports as may be required by Sections 148(f) and 149(e) of the Code; and

(e) it shall take no action that would cause the bonds or bond anticipation notes to be "federally guaranteed" within the meaning of Section 149(b) of the Code.

**Section 14.** The improvements authorized hereby are not current expenses and are improvements that the City may lawfully make. No part of the cost of the improvements authorized hereby has been or shall be specially assessed on any property specially benefited thereby.

**Section 15.** All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 16.** In accordance with the Local Bond Law, this Bond Ordinance shall take effect twenty (20) days after the first publication thereof after final passage.

**Date of Introduction:** March 17, 2026

**Date of Adoption:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

**CITY OF BURLINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026**

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026  
ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS  
AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK  
(N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14)**

**WHEREAS**, the Local Government Cap Law, N.J.S. 40A: 4-45.1 et seq., provides that in the preparation of its annual budget, a municipality shall limit any increase in said budget up to 2.0% unless authorized by ordinance to increase it to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, subject to certain exceptions; and,

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.15a provides that a municipality may, when authorized by ordinance, appropriate the difference between the amount of its actual final appropriation and the 3.5% percentage rate as an exception to its final appropriations in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council of the City of Burlington in the County of Burlington finds it advisable and necessary to increase its CY 2026 budget by up to 3.5% over the previous year's final appropriations, in the interest of promoting the health, safety and welfare of the citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council hereby determines that a 1.5% increase in the budget for said year, amounting to \$277,371.12 in excess of the increase in final appropriations otherwise permitted by the Local Government Cap Law, is advisable and necessary; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council hereby determines that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Burlington, in the County of Burlington, a majority of the full authorized membership of this governing body affirmatively concurring, that, in the CY 2026 budget year, the final appropriations of the City of Burlington shall, in accordance with this ordinance and N.J.S.A. 40A: 4-45.14, be increased by 3.5%, amounting to \$647,199.33, and that the CY 2026 municipal budget for the City of Burlington be approved and adopted in accordance with this ordinance; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that any that any amount authorized hereinabove that is not appropriated as part of the final budget shall be retained as an exception to final appropriation in either of the next two succeeding years; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance as introduced be filed with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services within 5 days of introduction; and,

**BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED**, that a certified copy of this ordinance upon adoption, with the recorded vote included thereon, be filed with said Director within 5 days after such adoption.

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2026**

Passed Common Council,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Approved,

\_\_\_\_\_  
Barry W. Conaway, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO. 92-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ADOPTING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES MANUAL FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE AGENT FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**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 Fair Housing Act and the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, et seq.), the City of Burlington is required to adopt a Policies and Procedures Manual for the Administrative Agent.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby adopts the Policies and Procedures Manual attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

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RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL							
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSED
BALLARD							
CHACHIS							
SPAULDING							
WIRTH							
WOODARD							
BERGNER-THOMPSON							

**RESOLUTION NO. 93-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDED A CONTRACT TO STONE HILL CONTRACTING COMPANY, INC. FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES RELATED TO THE DESIGN FOR THE WASTEWASTEWATERTMENT PLANT ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$147,548.00**

**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 requires professional engineering design services related to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rotary Sludge Press replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, such services are exempt from public bidding pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(gg), and it has been decided that it is in the best interest of the City of Burlington to utilize Stone Hill Contracting Company, Inc. for the aforementioned services; and

**WHEREAS**, City Sewer Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the aforementioned services to Stone Hill Contracting Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$147,548.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council wishes to award said contract to Stone Hill Contracting Company, Inc.

**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 design for the replacement of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rotary Sludge Press is hereby awarded to the Stone Hill Contracting Company, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$147,548.00.
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.

RESOLUTION NO. 93-2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL							
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	RECUSED
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BERGNER-THOMPSON							

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**RESOLUTION NO. 94-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO SHERWOOD LOGAN & ASSOCIATES FOR THE PURCHASE OF A ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS AND LEVEL LODOR REPLACEMENT FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT ROTARY SLUDGE PRESS REPLACEMENT PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,186,021.00**

**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 requires the purchase of a Rotary Sludge Press and Level Lodor Replacement related to the Waste Water Treatment Plant Rotary Sludge Press replacement; and

**WHEREAS**, such products and services are exempt from public bidding pursuant to Local Public Contracts Law N.J.S.A. 40:11-5(gg), and it has been determined that it is in the best interest of the City of Burlington to purchase said products from Sherwood Logan & Associates; and

**WHEREAS**, City Sewer Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the purchase of the aforementioned products to Sherwood Logan & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,186,021.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council wishes to award said contract to Sherwood Logan & Associates.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of a Rotary Sludge Press and Level Lodor Replacement for the Waste Water Treatment Plant is hereby awarded to the Sherwood Logan & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$1,186,021.00.
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.

RESOLUTION NO. 94-2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2016

**DRAFT**

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL							
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**RESOLUTION NO. 95-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY GRANTING APPROVAL TO SUBMIT PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK FOR WORK RELATED TO THE REPLACEMENT OF LEAD AND GALVANIZED WATER SERVICE LINES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("City") has determined there exists a need to replace existing lead and galvanized water service lines and to perform investigative work to identify the materials of unknown service lines and confirm the materials of service lines documented as non-lead ("Project"), in accordance with existing state and federal regulations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's Water Engineer has prepared plans and specifications for work to be performed to replace the existing lead and galvanized service lines in the City's service area, identify the materials of unknown service lines, and confirm the materials of service lines documented as non-lead; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Water Engineer has requested approval to submit the plans and specifications to the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank for the purpose of obtaining financing to complete the work described above; and

**WHEREAS**, the City desires to approve the Engineer's request to submit the plans and specifications for the work described above.

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

1. The City authorizes and approves the Engineer's request to submit plans and specifications for the work to be completed to replace the existing lead and galvanized service lines in the City's service area, identify the materials of unknown service lines, and confirm the materials of service lines documented as non-lead.
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 95-2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 96-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON ADOPTING THE REHABILITATION PROGRAM MANUAL FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON**

**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 Fair Housing Act and the New Jersey Uniform Housing Affordability Controls (N.J.A.C. 5:80-26-1, et seq.), the City of Burlington is required to adopt a Rehabilitation Program Manual to ensure that all affordable housing units rehabilitated through the City’s Rehabilitation Program are rehabilitated according to all rules and regulations applicable to rehabilitation programs and participants meet income requirements, particularly those living and/or working within Housing Region 5, the Affordable Housing Region encompassing the City of Burlington.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Common Council of the City of Burlington hereby adopts the Rehabilitation Program Manual attached hereto as Exhibit “A.”

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 97-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL RECREATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$97,075.00 FOR THE WALNUT ST PLAYGROUND 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 City of Burlington seeks to purchase playground equipment as part of the Walnut Street playground improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may contract for these services without the need for open competitive bidding pursuant to New Jersey Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) by virtue of State Contract Number 24-FOOD-118184; and

**WHEREAS**, City Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the purchase of playground equipment in an amount not to exceed \$97,075.00 to General Recreation, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to General Recreation, Inc.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of playground equipment is hereby awarded to General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$97,075.00 by virtue of New Jersey State Contract Number 24-FOOD-118184.

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 97-2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 98-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO DECKER'S HARDSCAPING & LANDSCAPING, INC. FOR THE JOHN F. KENNEDY PARK – JAKES LAW PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$724,233.50**

**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 services for the construction of the John F. Kennedy Park – Jakes Law Playground; and

**WHEREAS**, the City issued a request for proposals for the aforementioned services; and

**WHEREAS**, Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc. has submitted the lowest qualified bid in the amount of \$724,233.50; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the aforementioned services to Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc. Capela in an amount not to exceed \$724,233.50; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc.

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

1. The contract for services related to the construction of the John F. Kennedy Park – Jakes Law Playground is hereby awarded to Decker’s Hardscaping & Landscaping, Inc. as recommended by the City’s Engineer, in the amount of \$724,233.50.
2. The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 98-2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 99-2026 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)(7) and designated below:

- Litigation-Higher Breed vs. City of Burlington

**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 March 17, 2026, for discussions concerning the above-referenced item.

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RM  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 100-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING A FLOODPLAIN VARIANCE FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 511 LINDEN AVENUE**

**WHEREAS**, Raul Gonzalez (“Applicant”) is the owner of property located at 511 Linden Avenue in the City of Burlington (“Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant applied for a construction permit to rehabilitate the Property which is a duplex; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property is located in a FEMA-designated 100-year Special Flood Hazard area; and

**WHEREAS**, the initial Floodplain Development Permit Application was approved based upon the proposed scope of work including, “demolition of interior and exterior walls, bedrooms, kitchen, bathrooms, renovation, porch rehab” submitted by the Applicant and was deemed not a substantial improvement as the cost of the work was \$43,000.00, which was less than 50% of the assessed value of the Property of \$121,200.00;

**WHEREAS**, subsequent thereto, the entire rear porch was demolished and reconstructed by the Applicant without approvals or permits, which was not included in the approved Permit Application; and

**WHEREAS**, in August of 2025, an inspection of the Property revealed that additional work was completed beyond what was initially approved as part of the Permit Application, including installation of new interior framing, complete electrical and plumbing system replacement, construction of a new bathroom and new flooring throughout in addition to the rear porch; and

**WHEREAS**, a Stop Work Order was issued by the City’s Construction Code Official as to the unpermitted expansion of the Work Scope which constituted a direct violation of Chapter

170 of the Burlington City Flood Hazard Code, which also was in violation of the State of New Jersey's Flood Hazard Area regulations and the Federal National Flood Insurance Program requirements, all of which the City is charged with enforcing; and

**WHEREAS**, the complete renovation of the structure is underway, which deviates from the originally approved scope of work that was limited to aesthetic rehabilitation only, and as a result this total renovation cost is approximately \$150,400.00, which exceeds 50% of the assessed value of the Property (\$121,200.00) and as such, 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"), which was marked as Exhibit A-1 at the time of the hearing; 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 February 17, 2026, with the sworn testimony of Allison Iannacone the City Certified Floodplain Administrator and the Applicant, Raed Gonzalez; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant was sworn and testified he has provided construction plans and an elevation certificate to demonstrate how the proposed work will attempt to minimize flood damage to the property, but still falls short of the minimum Federal and State elevation requirements; and

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

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant indicated the mitigation measures he will implement will include abandoning the basement, the basement shall be filled with clean fill dirt and graded,

installation of engineered flood vents, and raise all mechanical equipment including the hot water heater and the air conditioner on a platform at or above the design flood elevation of 13.8 NAVD 88. However, Applicant still needs a floodplain variance for the proposed first floor elevation where 13.8 feet is required and only 10.5 feet for the first floor is provided; and

**WHEREAS**, Allison Iannacone the City Certified Floodplain Administrator was sworn and qualified. She summarized her report dated January 5, 2026, marked as Exhibit A-2 at the time of the hearing. She indicated it is impossible to raise the portion of the duplex owned by the Applicant since it is not in common ownership. It is also her opinion that with the flood mitigation measures, while there will be some risk of flooding, the risk will be minimal and there will not be any additional public expense. It is her recommendation to approve the variance; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Iannacone noted and the Applicant confirmed that he did substantial work outside the scope of the Permit Application including the demolition and installation of a new rear porch, which was a violation of City, State and Federal regulations as aforesaid; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant confirmed that he will comply with all the conditions in the January 5, 2026, report of Ms. Iannacone; and

**WHEREAS**, City 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 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 511 Linden Avenue, 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 May 9, 2025 report of Allison Iannacone, the City Certified Floodplain Administrator; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that as a condition of this approval, the Applicant shall be required to either remove the rear porch or raise the rear porch to an elevation acceptable to the City Certified Floodplain Administrator, all of which must be done prior to the Applicant performing any further work at the Property.

**RESOLUTION NO. 100-2026**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

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CITY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY

RESOLUTION NO. 101-2026\_

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**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A PROJECT AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ACTING BY AND THROUGH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, RELATED TO THE FORGIVNESS OF THE PRINCIPAL OF A LOAN MADE TO THE CITY BY THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK; AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATE CITY OFFICERS TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; AND AUTHORIZING OTHER NECESSARY ACTION IN CONNECTION THEREWITH**

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**BACKGROUND**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Burlington, County of Burlington, New Jersey ("City" or "Project Sponsor") has previously determined there existed a need for various improvements to the City's Water Tank including, but not limited to painting of the interior, installation of a mixing system, safety upgrades, replacement of the cathodic protection system and other miscellaneous repairs, together with the acquisition of all materials and equipment and completion of all work necessary therefor or related thereto (Project No. 0305001-003) (collectively, the "Project"); and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Wastewater Treatment Bond Act of 1985, constituting Chapter 329 of the Laws of 1985 of the State, and the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act, constituting Chapter 334 of the Laws of 1988 of the State ("Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act"), the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank ("I-Bank"), created pursuant to the Environmental Infrastructure Trust Act, has approved an application submitted to it on behalf of the City for financial assistance for payment of a portion of the costs of the Project; and

**WHEREAS**, in anticipation of permanently financing the costs of the Project through the I-Bank's Construction Financing Program ("Construction Financing Program"), the City temporarily financed certain of the costs of the Project with the proceeds of a short-term loan made by the I-Bank to the City ("Construction Loan") pursuant to the Construction Financing Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the I-Bank is desirous to forgive the entire principal amount of the Construction Loan; and

**WHEREAS**, to effectuate the forgiveness of the principal of the Construction Loan, it is necessary for the City to adopt this resolution to authorize and execute an agreement with the State of New Jersey, acting by and through the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("Project Agreement").

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, NEW JERSEY, PURSUANT TO THE LOCAL BOND LAW (NOT LESS THAN TWO-THIRDS OF ALL THE MEMBERS THEREOF AFFIRMATIVELY CONCURRING), AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The form of the Project Agreement, as presented to the City is hereby approved. The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk are each hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Project Agreement, with such changes as the Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk may approve, in consultation with the professional advisors to the City, such approval to be demonstrated by execution of the Project Agreement.

**Section 2.** All actions heretofore taken and documents prepared or executed by the City, The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk or any of the City's professional advisors in connection with the Project, Construction Loan, or matters related thereto, are hereby authorized, approved, ratified and confirmed.

**Section 3.** The Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk are each hereby authorized to determine all matters and execute all documents and instruments in connection with the Project and forgiveness of the Construction Loan, not determined or otherwise directed to be executed by applicable law, or by this or any subsequent resolution, and the signatures of the Mayor, Business Administrator, Chief Financial Officer, City Clerk, and Deputy City Clerk on such documents or instruments shall be conclusive as to such determinations.

**Section 4.** Upon the adoption hereof, the City Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to Parker McCort, P.A., bond counsel to the City, and Richard Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

**Section 5.** All resolutions, or parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed and rescinded to the extent of any such inconsistency.

**Section 6.** This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption this 17th day of March, 2026.

Recorded Vote

AYE

NO

ABSTAIN

ABSENT

The foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Common Council of the City on March 17, 2026.

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CINDY CRIVELLO, City Clerk

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**RESOLUTION NO. 102-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS AS ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR THE 2026 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT 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 City of Burlington ("the City") desires to further the public interest by applying and accepting a grant from the New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety for the 2026 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program in the amount of \$45,150; and

**WHEREAS**, a resolution by the Governing Body is required, approving acceptance of federal funds and participation in the federal grant program as administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety; and

**WHEREAS**, the following information must be provided as part of the acceptance Resolution:

- Name of Subrecipient's Unit of Government - City of Burlington, New Jersey
- Name of the Federal Grant Program - 2026 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program
- Subaward Number - 26-0305
- Subaward Period - August 1, 2025 to July 31, 2026
- Total amount of the award and match:
 

State:	\$45,150.00
City of Burlington Match:	\$144,087.28
Total:	\$189,237.28

**WHEREAS**, the City wishes to accept the aforementioned grant.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Common Council of the City of Burlington formally does hereby accept the subaward grant in the amount of \$45,150.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City of Burlington is accepting these grant funds for the purpose as described in the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program's Administration and Funding Guidelines.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Mayor, Municipal Clerk, CFO, and Chief of Police are hereby authorized to sign the grant agreement and documents, where applicable, and that their signature(s) constitute acceptance of the terms and conditions of the grant agreement and approves the execution of the grant agreement.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Cindy A. Crivaro, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a Resolution that was adopted by the Common Council of the City of Burlington at the meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 102-2026

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 103-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH GENERAL RECREATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$239,595.00 FOR JOHN F KENNEDY PARK PLAYGROUND 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 City of Burlington seeks to purchase playground equipment as part of the John F. Kennedy Park Street playground improvements; and

**WHEREAS**, the City may contract for these services without the need for open competitive bidding pursuant to New Jersey Public Contract Law (N.J.S.A. 40A:11-1 et seq.) by virtue of State Contract Number 24-FOOD-118184; and

**WHEREAS**, City Engineer has recommended that the City award a contract for the purchase of playground equipment in an amount not to exceed \$239,595.00 to General Recreation, Inc.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Common Council wishes to award the aforementioned contract to General Recreation, Inc.

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

1. The contract for the purchase of playground equipment is hereby awarded to General Recreation, Inc. in the amount of \$239,595.00 by virtue of New Jersey State Contract Number 24-FOOD-118184.

The Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to facilitate this award of contract.

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 103-2026

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**RESOLUTION NO. 104-2026 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON TO FILL A VACANCY OF COMMON COUNCIL – WARD 4**

**WHEREAS**, a vacancy exists on the City of Burlington Common Council upon the resignation of Ward 4 Timothy L. Hutton, Sr. effective March 1, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, N.J.S.A. 40A:16-5 and 16-11 provides for the vacancy to be filled by appointment in the following manner:

- a. Within fifteen (15) days after the occurrence of a vacancy, the municipal committee of the political party shall present to the Governing Body the names of three (3) nominees for the selection of a successor to fill the vacancy.
- b. Within thirty (30) days after the occurrence of a vacancy, the Governing Body shall appoint one of the nominees as the successor to fill the vacancy.

**WHEREAS**, the Municipal Chair of the City of Burlington Democrat County Committee submitted correspondence dated March 13, 2026, providing the names of three (3) nominees to fill the vacancy of the Council Member, a copy of which is attached hereto and made apart thereof as Exhibit “A”, with the nominees being:

- 1. Clayton Long
- 2. Dante Barry
- 3. Shanta Smith

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Common Council of the City of Burlington that for the reasons set forth herein, it hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_ to temporarily fill the vacancy as Council Member – Ward 4 until the next general election, wherein the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term shall be filled.

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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President  
Common Council

Attest:

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Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

March 17, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. 104-2026

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EXHIBIT "A"

Letter dated March 13, 2026

**DRAFT**