

THE RE-ORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON COMMON COUNCIL, COUNTY OF BURLINGTON, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, 2026, AT 7:00 PM, PURSUANT TO THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT.

Governing Body Members present: Dave Ballard, Dawn Bergner-Thompson, George Chachis, Timothy Hutton, Richard Spaulding, Mary Wirth, Suzanne Woodard.

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

The following notice of the meeting was sent:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Burlington Common Council Re-Organization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 7:00pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 525 High Street, Burlington, N.J. 08016. The public will be able to access the Agenda from the City's website at www.burlingtonnj.us.

The Regular Meeting of the Common Council will immediately follow.

Official action will be taken.

Cindy A. Crivaro, RMC
Municipal Clerk

The Deputy Clerk called for nominations for **President of Council for the year 2026.**

Councilman Chachis nominated Councilwoman Bergner-Thompson as President of Council for the year 2026. It was seconded by Councilwoman Woodard.

Councilwoman Bergner-Thompson was then voted as President of Council for the year 2026 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Woodard. (5); NAYS: Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Wirth. (2); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

The President of Council called for nominations for **Vice President of Council for the year 2026.**

Councilman Hutton nominated Councilwoman Woodard as Vice President of Council for the year 2026. It was seconded by Councilman Chachis.

Councilwoman Wirth nominated Councilman Ballard as Vice President of Council for the year 2026. It was seconded by Councilman Spaulding. Councilman Ballard declined the nomination.

Councilwoman Woodard was then voted as Vice President of Council for the year 2026 by the following roll call vote: AYES: Mr. Ballard, Ms. Bergner-Thompson, Mr. Chachis, Mr. Hutton, Ms. Woodard. (5); NAYS: Mr. Spaulding, Ms. Wirth. (2); ABSTAIN: (0); ABSENT: (0).

Roberts Rules of Order for the year 2026

Upon motion of Councilman Ballard, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, Roberts Rules of Order for 2026 was adopted. All were in favor.

Consent Agenda for the year 2026

Upon motion of Councilwoman Woodard, seconded by Councilman Ballard, a Consent Agenda for 2026 was adopted. All were in favor.

Limiting citizens to speak no more than five (5) minutes, and only one time, during each meeting for the year 2026

Upon motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the limiting of citizens to speak no more than five (5) minutes, and only one time during each meeting was adopted, for the year 2026 was adopted. All were in favor.

Remarks

Councilman Spaulding asked President Bergener-Thompson if she will be enforcing the “no clapping” rule.

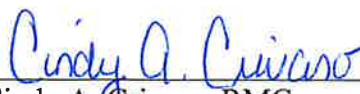
President Bergener-Thompson spoke of the Rules of Decorum and the need to keep the meetings under control.

Councilwoman Wirth asked if the public can applaud.

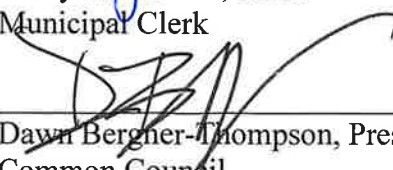
President Bergener-Thompson suggested the Rules of Decorum will be considered at an upcoming meeting.

Solicitor Platt spoke of concerns with the disruption of meetings as a major issue; this subject matter can be reviewed and voted on at the next meeting.

Upon motion of Councilman Chachis, seconded by Councilwoman Woodard, the January 6, 2026, Re-Organization Meeting of the City of Burlington was adjourned.



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Dawn Bergner-Thompson, President
Common Council