

**Winooski City Council Meeting**  
Monday, June 17, 2019  
6:00 PM Claire Burke Council Chambers  
27 West Allen Street  
Winooski, VT 05404

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Jessie Baker, City Manager - [jbaker@winooski.vt.gov](mailto:jbaker@winooski.vt.gov)

- I. Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Agenda Review**
- IV. Public Comment**
- V. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval: City Council Minutes of June 1, 2019 and June 3, 2019
  - b. Approval: Payroll Warrant ending 05/19/2019 to 06/01/2019 and Warrant ending June 14, 2019
  - c. Approval: Main Street Bond Issuance & Resolution
  - d. Approval: Pool Bond Issuance & Resolution
  - e. Approval: Internal Controls Checklist from the Treasurer
  - f. Approval: Accept Report on the Implementation of Winooski All-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- VI. City Update**
- VII. Council Reports**
- VIII. Regular Items**
  - a. Approval: World Refugee Proclamation – J Baker
  - b. Approval: E-Bike Agreement –Jon Rauscher
- IX. Public Hearing – Chapter 29 Tree Ordinance - 6:15 PM**
- X. Regular Items**
  - c. Discussion/Approval: Burlington International Airport – J Baker
    - 1. Noise Exposure Map Comment
    - 2. Noise Compatibility Program Comments
  - d. Approval: 2019-2020 Policy Priorities and Strategies – J Baker
  - e. Discussion: Commission Realignment – J Baker
  - f. Approval: Grant Approval: BUILD Grant for Main Street Revitalization – J Rauscher
  - g. Approval: Grant Approval: VTrans Bike & Pedestrian Grant for Main Street – H Carrington
  - h. Discussion: Introduction: Chapter 28: Fee Updates – J Baker
- XI. Adjourn**



## **MINUTES**

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilor Myers.

### **Members Present:**

Mayor Kristine Lott

Councilors: James Duncan, Mike Myers. Councilors Colston and Lafayette were absent.

### **Officers Present:**

Jessie Baker, City Manager; Angel Lane, Asst City Clerk; Angela Aldieri, Finance Director; Jon Rauscher, Director of Public Works; Heather Carrington, Economic Development Director; Alex Anastasi-Hill, City Treasurer; Ray Coffey, Community Services Director; Eric Vorwald, Planning & Zoning Manager;

### **Others Present:**

Samuel Myers, Bob Dale, Judy Lance, David Dube, Bobby Arnell, Cara Montague

### **III. Agenda Review** – None

**IV. Public Comment** – David Dube expressed concerns that the line stripping was not completed in the area of Florida Ave and E Allen St. He feels that this is a “security issue”. He also stated that a green turn arrow should be installed at the Tigan St. intersection for added safety.

### **V. Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

### **VI. City Update**

Reminder: special City Council meeting on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm to set the FY20 tax rate. This should be a brief meeting. If you need to call in, please let us know.

Next Council meeting will be on July 15<sup>th</sup>.

UPWP funding secured for both of our Stormwater projects:

Phosphorus control plan support – \$19k total: Funds inventory and modelling of existing BMPs along with identification of proposed BMPs and modeling to meet updated MS4 phosphorus limits per Lake Champlain TMDL.



Stormwater inspection and inventory - \$75k total. Funds partial stormwater system camera inspection and condition rating. Data will be collected in GIS and used in our asset management system. The info from the inventory will be input into our CIP for repairs/replacement planning.

Pool – Thanks for the attendance at the groundbreaking. Construction mobilization starts this week.

Heather is participating in an initiative led by the Lake Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce to do destination branding and develop an image for Burlington and the surrounding area. The group kicks off this week.

Agency of Commerce and Community Development is hosting a two-part invite only event on Opportunity Zones this summer. As both of our census tracts are designated, she will be attending

Audits!

New annual audit firm RHR Smith started their fieldwork today. We anticipate them being here all week in advance of the year end visit in October.

Angela, Kristine, and I met with the State Auditor's Office for our every 5 year audit of our TIF District last week. Angela is working diligently to provide them requested information.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Hickok Street Waterline Replacement Project Public Meeting – Tuesday at 5:00 pm at OCC. This meeting will provide an opportunity for the public to learn more about the project and to meet with the Department of Public Works, the project contractor (Courtland Construction) and the project engineer (Aldrich + Elliott).

Parking Garage Annual wash-down will be completed the evenings of June 24 to 26<sup>th</sup>

DRB is meeting Wednesday to discuss the appeal of Main & Mansion

Winooski Wednesdays on July 3<sup>rd</sup> featuring TUFA and the Pride

June 22- Trail Crew – Come out and help clean up the trails with the Recreation Team. Will be repeated on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

"Garden Talk" with Charlie Nardoizzi at the Senior Center on Jun 25 at 10:00 AM to 12:00 Free community workshop "Herbs in the Kitchen"

GMT positions available

Recreation

VT Patriots Pick-Up Youth & Adult Soccer. Free and open to the public for all 12 +. Tuesdays this summer from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. At the WSD.

Teddy Bear Picnic: This family-friendly event is perfect for kids - bring your teddy bear and a picnic lunch to Landry Park on July 13 from 1-3PM.



Urban Camp Out: Enjoy a night under the stars in Casavant Park on July 20 with your neighbors and friends! There will be camp out activities, games, a moonlight walk, campfire, & s'mores! You must bring a tent for your family/or yourself and sleeping gear. No alcohol, no smoking, or pets. Kids under 18 must be accompanied by an adult  
Youth Co-ed Football: Practices: Aug 12 - 16, Aug 19 - 23 (5:30 PM - 7:30 PM @WSD). Register now! Or sign up to coach!

## **VII. Council Reports**

Councilor Duncan has been attending the Equity and Diversity Summits and reported that there is one meeting left to attend. He is looking forward to bringing before Council some more details and ultimately some recommendations to further continue the process moving forward. Councilor Duncan also was able to attend the first Winooski Wednesday event. He highly recommends attending them this summer season.

Mayor Lott was able to attend the conference of the Downtown Association along with Heather Carrington and the new Director of the Downtown Association. The Mayor also attended a meeting with VTang. South Burlington and Burlington were also represented. The meeting was concerning the Noise Exposure/Compatibility Programs. Mayor Lott and the City Manager met with the Superintendent of WSD to discuss shared work in the future. There will be a joint City Council and School District meeting in August. The Mayor also attending the joint Public Works and Planning Commission. They hosted the CCRPC and discussed the East Allen Scoping Study. There will be to come and will be posted on the City site. This is the second public meeting seeking to improve safety and traffic on E Allen St.

Councilor Myers let all know that the Little League season has just wrapped up. Special thanks to Jeff Russell and all his hard work. It has been another great season. Councilor Myers also wanted to express his thanks to all who were involved in the groundbreaking for the Myers Pool. Everyone is very excited about this project moving forward.

## **VIII. Regular Items**

- a. Approval: World Refugee Proclamation – J Baker  
Mayor Lott tabled this item to allow more time for her guest to arrive.
  
- b. Approval: E-Bike Agreement – J Rauscher  
Bob Dell from Gotcha Bikes was present to answer any questions. Some questions and discussion ensued. Bob reiterated that scooters would not be allow at this time as the State of Vermont is still in discussion regarding their use.

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the E-Bike Agreement as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

## **IX. Public Hearing – Chapter 29 Tree Ordinance – 6:26 PM**

The City Manager explained the process. Jon Rauscher went over the feedback. Changes were made to remove the term “shrub”, the definition of a tree was changed



from 3" in diameter to 2" in diameter and the term "trustees" changed to "advisory committee". Questions and discussion ensued.

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the Chapter 29 Tree Ordinance as presented with the mentioned amendments. Voted and passed 3-0. Public Hearing was closed at 6:43 PM.

## X. Regular Items

### c. Discussion/Approval: Burlington International Airport – J Baker

The documents were reviewed. The Mayor also reviewed the purpose of the two statements.. The two items were discussed individually. Discussion ensued. After some additional discussion it was agreed upon to amend the documents to include a specific statement focusing on children ages 0-5 yrs old and the negative effect loud sounds have on young developing brains. It was also suggested and agreed upon to include a statement stating the negative impact to the entire Winooski community. The Mayor and Council will approve the two statements tonight and then at the next meeting on June 27, 2019 reapprove the statements to include all five of the Council members signatures.

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the Noise Exposure Comment and the Noise Compatibility Program Comments as presented with the addition of two statements addressing the negative effect on the entire Winooski Community and young children in particular. Voted and passed 3-0.

### d. Approval: 2019-2020 Policy Priorities and Strategies – J Baker

City Manager, Jessie Baker reviewed the documents and addressed questions. Discussion ensued. Eric Vorwald was able to discuss the Planning Commission Memo and the Planning Commissions' desire for guidance from Council. Discussion ensued.

**Motion** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve the 2019-2020 Policy Priorities and Strategies as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

### e. Discussion: Commission Realignment – J Baker

City Manager Jessie Baker reviewed the documents and sought direction from the Council. Discussion ensued. Some areas of discussion included the Commissions meeting on the same night and providing childcare during the meetings; meeting at the School in order to have space for all the various meetings; Charter formatting and updating is needed. Discussion ensued. Mayor Lott suggested to table these concerns until July allowing more background work to be done. The City Manager laid out a plan through this Fall which included: presenting updated Charters at the July meeting for Council's approval. Begin an appeal for new members in August. Hearing the Equity Work results. In September the new Commissions will begin meeting having been informed by the completed Equity Work. All were agreeable to this plan.



**The Mayor called for a two minute recess at 8:45 PM. The meeting was called back to order by the Mayor at 8:47 PM.**

- f. Approval: Grant Approval: BUILD Grant for Main Street Revitalization – J Rauscher**  
Public Works is seeking approval to submit the BUILD Grant application as the continued effort to obtain additional funding sources for the Main Street Revitalization project. This grant is 80% Federal funding with a 20% local match. The City submitted an application for this grant in 2018 and was denied. Questions and discussion ensued.

**Motion** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve the BUILD Grant for Main Street Revitalization as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

- g. Approval: Grant Approval: VTrans Bike & Pedestrian Grant for Main Street- H Carrington**

Staff requested permission to apply for an \$800,000 grant through VTrans Bicycle & Pedestrian Program. The funds would be utilized for a portion of the Main Street Revitalization. Project proposed sidewalk and bike lane improvements.

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve the VTrans Bike & Pedestrian Grant as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

- h. Discussion: Introduction: Chapter 28: Fee Updates – J Baker**

Ray Coffey and Angela Aldieri were available to answer any questions/concerns. The fees were reviewed. Some discussion/questions ensued.

**Motion** by Councilor Myers seconded by Councilor Duncan to approve the Chapter 28: Fee Updates as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

- i. Approval: World Refugee Proclamation – J Baker**

Revisited tabled item at the end of the meeting. Mayor Lott spoke to the significance of the proclamation. Unfortunately Mayor Lott's guest was unable to attend the meeting.

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to approve World Refugee Proclamation as presented. Voted and passed 3-0.

## **XI. Adjourn**

**Motion** by Councilor Duncan seconded by Councilor Myers to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 PM. Voted and passed 3-0.

