



Minutes of the Burlington City Council Meeting Virtual Meeting 7:00pm – Tuesday, January 19, 2021

The City Council of the City of Burlington held a regularly scheduled meeting remotely beginning at 7:00pm on January 19, 2021. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, this meeting was convened remotely via Zoom Webinar platform.

Mayor Ian Baltutis presided.

Council Members Present:

Mayor Ian Baltutis
Mayor Pro Tem Kathy Hykes
Council Member Robert Ward
Council Member James Butler
Council Member Harold Owen

Staff Present:

City Manager Hardin Watkins
City Attorney David Huffman
Interim City Clerk Beverly Smith

Council Members Absent: None

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ian Baltutis

INVOCATION: Council Member Harold Owen

The invocation was offered by Council Member Owen.

COVID-19 REMEMBRANCE:

Mayor Baltutis announced the City is Remembering and Honoring Lives Lost to COVID-19 in Alamance County and introduced Community Engagement Manager Morgan Lasater.

Ms. Lasater informed City Council following the discussion at the January 4, 2021, Work Session, City staff put together a ceremonial event lighting 194 luminaries on the front steps of City Hall Municipal Building representing the lives lost in Alamance County to COVID-19. She stated some local churches in the area began tolling their bells beginning at 5:30pm with many community members in attendance to express their condolences and remember those lives. She stated the remembrance has been very moving.

REMEMBRANCE: City Employee Tony Trollinger

City Manager Watkins shared, city employee Tony Trollinger, passed away on January 12, 2021. He stated Tony began his employment with the City of Burlington as a Water Treatment Plant Operator I at the Ed Thomas Water Treatment Plant and will be remembered by the City for his dedication. He shared comments from Tony's supervisor, Hank Trent.

Manager Watkins shared the following words from Water Resources Director, Bob Patterson.
The Water Resources Department will certainly miss Tony's steady presence, his pleasant disposition, and his generous nature.

Manager Watkins invited Council to join the City in offering our sincere sympathies and condolences to his family, his son Caleb, who is employed at Recreation and Parks, and the many colleagues of Tony. He stated the City is extremely grateful for his faithful and dedicated service to the City of Burlington.

Council Member Owen commented Tony was an avid softball player for a number of years at Recreation and Parks and commented on his competitiveness and stated he was an outstanding player and known for his great sportsmanship on the field.

Water Resources Bob Patterson stated Tony will be missed, he was very generous, always had a big smile, pleasant personality and was a bright spot in all of our days.

Mayor Baltutis recognized Boy Scout Troop 1 of Grove Park Baptist Church in attendance to work on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Scout Master Richard Holmes stated there are about five scouts in attendance to share what they learned with their troop following the discussion.

CODE OF ETHICS DISCLOSING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST: Interim City Clerk, Beverly Smith
There were no conflicts reported.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- December 7, 2020 Work Session
- December 8, 2020 City Council

Upon a motion by Council Member Butler seconded by Council Member Ward, it was resolved unanimously to approve the foregoing minutes.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, seconded by Council Member Owen, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. To adopt a Resolution authorizing the donation of two MSA Evolution 5000 Thermal Imaging Cameras as surplus fire equipment and authorize the Fire Chief to execute an Equipment Donation Agreement with Alamance Community College to transfer this equipment to its Fire Academy Program for the training of students in that program.

Resolution #21-02

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DONATION OF SURPLUS FIRE EQUIPMENT TO ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the City of Burlington is a North Carolina municipal corporation that maintains a fire department (hereinafter, "Burlington Fire Department" or "BFD") which provides a full array of fire suppression and emergency responder services to its citizens and residents; and,

WHEREAS, Alamance Community College (hereinafter, “ACC”) offers a Fire Academy Program which is an important curriculum for the training and certification of existing firefighters and those wishing to enter fire service as a career including Burlington fire fighters; and,

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. §160A-280 and §160A-274(a) allow for the City Council to determine and declare items of personal property owned by the City to be surplus and to donate the same to another governmental or educational institution following proper notice and the adoption of a resolution; and,

WHEREAS, the BFD recently upgraded its Thermal Imaging Cameras (hereinafter “TICs”) to newer technology; and

WHEREAS, the ACC Fire Academy Program does not currently have TICs available to train its students; and

WHEREAS, following its upgrade, the BFD retained seven (7) of the used Mine Safety Appliances brand TICs for reserve and training use; and

WHEREAS, the BFD has determined that two (2) of its used Mine Safety Appliance brand TICs are surplus and available for disposal; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.C.G.S. §160A-280, the Burlington City Council has properly posted a notice of its intent to pass a resolution declaring said personal property to be surplus and to donate the same to the Alamance Community College for use in its Fire Academy Program; and

WHEREAS, the BFD firefighters and the students of the ACC Fire Academy Program stand to benefit from said donation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA:

1. That the City Council of the City of Burlington does hereby deem and does declare two (2) Mine Safety Appliance Evolution 5000 Thermal Imaging Cameras as surplus equipment and authorizes the Fire Chief to execute requisite documents to convey ownership of said equipment to Alamance Community College for use in its Fire Academy Program.

Adopted this 19th day of January 2021.

- B. To adopt a Resolution to accept bequeathed funds for an existing precatory trust for Daphne’s Fragrance Garden adjacent to the John Robert Kernodle Senior Center and approve Budget Amendment 2021-19 for maintenance of Daphne’s Fragrance Garden.

Resolution#21-03

RESOLUTION OF THE BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL TO ACCEPT BEQUEATHED FUNDS FOR AN EXISTING PRECATORY TRUST FOR DAPHNE’S FRAGRANCE GARDEN

WHEREAS, in early 2009, the City received a substantial donation from a donor, Mrs. Pat Yarbrough, for the construction of a fragrance garden adjacent to the John Robert Kernodle Senior Center which was named “Daphne’s Fragrance Garden” (hereinafter “Garden”) in honor of the donor’s long-time guide dog; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of said fragrance garden was for all citizens, particularly appealing to the visually impaired to enjoy the touch, smell and feel of the flowers and shrubbery throughout this garden; and

WHEREAS, Daphne’s Fragrance Garden was completed in 2009 and the City Council established a precatory trust from the donated monies for Daphne’s Fragrance Garden. On February 3, 2009 it was resolved by City Council that the Garden continue to be maintained as a fragrance garden and remain in its present location for the enjoyment of current and future generations of citizens so as long as it was feasible and consistent with other city or public purposes and otherwise not needed for other city or public purposes. At the request of and funding from the original donor, the garden has continued in its current location.

WHEREAS, following the death of the donor, the City of Burlington has received notice that a variable annuity in the amount of \$27,624.45 has been bequeathed to the City from the Estate of Pat Yarbrough for purposes of maintaining the Garden.

WHEREAS, it is the further desire of the City Council to honor the precatory trust established for Daphne’s Fragrance Garden by City Council on April 20, 2010 in accordance with existing law and to accept the funds bequeathed by the donor to the City of Burlington.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON that:

1. It is the desire of the City Council that said Daphne’s Fragrance Garden be continued for the enjoyment of current and future generations of citizens at its present location adjacent to the John Robert Kernodle Center so long as it is feasible and not needed for other city or public purposes; and
2. It is further the desire of the City Council that in the event said Daphne’s Fragrance Garden needs to be relocated in the future, every effort will be made to relocate said Daphne’s Fragrance Garden on other available and suitable City property; and
3. That the Finance Director shall have the authority to accept, manage and distribute the bequeathed funds and any future donated funds received by the City for the continued upkeep of Daphne’s Fragrance Garden.
4. It is further the desire of the City Council and it does hereby request future City Councils to honor this trust in accordance with the then existing law and the terms and conditions of this Resolution; and
5. It being expressly understood that this resolution shall be deemed only to continue funding the existing precatory trust with specified funds as established herein through bequeathed or donated funds and shall neither be deemed in any manner an alienation of the City’s fee

interest in said property nor otherwise considered a restrictive covenant, or other encumbrance on the free alienability or future use of said garden property.

6. That this Resolution shall take effect upon passage.

Adopted this 19th day of January 2021.

Budget Amendment 2021-19

Increase Revenue:

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| 01017000-39998 | Appr Restricted Fund Balance | \$ 2,010 |
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Increase Expenditures:

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| 01072726-44500 | Maint & Service Contracts | \$ 2,010 |
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C. To approve Budget Amendment 2021-20 for allocation Rehab Loan Program Income to CDBG program expenses.

Budget Amendment 2021-20

Increase Revenue:

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| 55409000-38390 | Operating Transfer In | 116,593 |
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| 05217000-39999 | Appropriated Fund Balance | 116,593 |
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Increase Expenditures:

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| 55446019-56074 | 18-19 Sharpe Rd Ped Crossing | 116,593 |
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| 05246000-49100 | Operating Transfer Out | 116,593 |
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| 55446019-46042 | 18-19 Public Facilities & Infrastructure | 107,642 |
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Decrease Expense

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| 55446019-56074 | 18-19 Sharpe Rd Ped Crossing | 107,642 |
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Upon a motion by Council Member Ward, seconded by Council Member Butler, it was resolved unanimously to approve the foregoing consent agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING:

ITEM 1 – Rezoning 2401, 2451, 2495 Eric Lane:

Mayor Baltutis announced a public hearing has been set to consider an application to rezone from Light Industrial (LI) District to General Business (GB) District. The property is located at 2401, 2451, and 2495 Eric Lane, referenced as Alamance County tax identification number 114301.

Director of Planning and Transportation Mike Nunn presented on the rezoning application. He reported this request is to rezone 25.6 acres parcel from Light Industrial (LI) District to General Business (GB) District and is a traditional zoning request which will allow all uses in the general business district and does not include any conditions. He explained the property has interstate frontage and shares access from Alamance Road to Eric Lane. He stated the properties are located within a commercially developed area

which makes the request consistent with the Destination Burlington Comprehensive Plan and compatible with the uses in the surrounding area. He stated City staff recommends approval of the rezoning and the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously recommends approval of the request at its December 21, 2021, meeting and no comments were received.

The public hearing was held and there were no written public comments submitted by email or public comments provided during the meeting.

Upon a motion by Council Member Butler, seconded by Council Member Owen, it was resolved unanimously to close the public hearing.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes moved to approve the request to rezone from LI Light Industrial District to GB General Business District. She stated the property is located at 2401, 2451 and 2495 Eric Lane, referenced as Alamance County tax identification number 114301. She stated this motion is based upon the consistency of the proposed rezoning with the Comprehensive Plan, in that:

- The Future Land Use Map in Section 4 “Land Use” of the Comprehensive Plan classifies this area as Regional Commercial and calls for this area to have commercial uses.
- The request is compatible with the adjacent GB General Business District.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes stated this action is reasonable and in the public interest in that:

- The Comprehensive Plan classifies this area as Regional Commercial and calls for commercial uses in the area.
- The request is compatible with the existing zoning and land uses in the area.

The motion was seconded by Council Member Ward and was resolved unanimously to adopt the following Ordinance and approve the Consistency Statement.

Ordinance #21-01

ORDINANCE TO AMEND OFFICIAL ZONING MAP (Rezone property located at 2401, 2451 and 2495 Eric Lane, referenced as Alamance County tax identification number 114301.)

BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Burlington, North Carolina:

Section 1. That the official zoning map, an element of the Burlington Zoning Ordinance, and the Comprehensive Land Use Plan are hereby amended by rezoning from LI Light Industrial District to GB

General Business District. The property is located at 2401, 2451 and 2495 Eric Lane, referenced as Alamance County tax identification number 114301.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 3. That this ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

NEW BUSINESS:

ITEM 2 – Resolution Revenue Refinancing Bonds:

Mayor Baltutis announced City Council will consider adopting a Resolution making certain findings and determinations, authorizing the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission, requesting the Local Government Commission to sell the bonds at a private sale and authorizing and approving the selection of the financing team in connection with the sale and issuance of revenue funding bonds of the City.

Director of Finance and Risk Management, Peggy Reece presented the proposal to City Council. She reported In 2010, the City of Burlington issued Revenue Bond Series 2010A (tax-exempt) and 2010B (taxable) and in late in 2017, federal tax law changed and eliminated tax exempt advanced refunding of bonds for local governments. She explained in the past few months, staff and Davenport (the City's Financial Advisors), have been exploring the possibility of refinancing of the 2010A&B Series Revenue Bonds as well as the 2011 Series Revenue Bonds.

Ms. Reece explained due to the legislation that no longer allows tax exempt advanced refunding of bonds, banks have created what is called a "Cinderella" option. She stated in very basic terms, the bonds are issued as taxable until the original bonds are eligible for non-taxable status. She reported the 2011 Revenue Bonds are one year away from being eligible to refund these bonds with tax exempt advanced refunding and the City could issue a taxable bond for the first year, and then issue non-taxable bonds for the remaining years.

Ms. Reece stated included in the City Council packet, a summary has been provided by Davenport who issued the private bank RFP to over 50 national, regional, and local lending institutions. She explained seven responses were received and the interest rates on the bids received ranged from a high of 3.58% to a low of 1.33%. She reported TD Bank and Truist (formerly BB&T and SunTrust) were the top two bidders, with TD Bank being the top bidder with the lowest interest rates. She stated the City can save approximately \$6 million over the remaining life of the loans, averaging about \$400,000 in savings a year. She noted there is a difference of approximately \$1 million more in savings from TD Bank over Truist, the second closest bidder. She recommended approval of the Resolution making certain findings, authorizing the filing of an application with the Local Government Commission, requesting the Local Government Commission to sell the bonds at a private sale, and authorize and approve the selection of the financing team in connection with the sale and issuance of the revenue refunding bonds.

Mr. Ted Cole of Davenport was in attendance to respond to any questions from City Council. He concurred with Ms. Reece's presentation and stated this would be the first of two approvals required which would start the process for final approvals from the LGC.

Upon a motion by Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, seconded by Council Member Owen, it was resolved unanimously to adopt the following Resolution:

Resolution#21-04

RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION,

REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL BONDS AT PRIVATE SALE AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SELECTION OF THE FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the “City Council”) of the City of Burlington, North Carolina (the “City”):

Section 1. The City Council does hereby find and determine as follows:

(a) The City currently owns and operates a water system and a sanitary sewer system, both of which provide service to the residents of the City and its environs.

(b) Pursuant to a Trust Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2010 (the “Trust Agreement”), between the City and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the “Trustee”), the City created a combined enterprise system (the “Combined Enterprise System”) consisting of the City’s water system and sanitary sewer system. The Trust Agreement provides for the issuance of Combined Enterprise System revenue bonds thereunder, secured by the net receipts of the Combined Enterprise System as set forth therein, to finance improvements to the Combined Enterprise System and to refund all or a portion of any bonds issued pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

(c) Pursuant to the Trust Agreement and a First Supplemental Trust Agreement, dated as of December 1, 2010, between the City and the Trustee, the City has heretofore issued its \$11,825,000 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A (the “Series 2010A Bonds”), \$2,630,000 of which are currently outstanding and its \$10,700,000 Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds, Series 2010B (Taxable Build America Bonds) (the “Series 2010B Bonds” and, together with the Series 2010A Bonds, the “Series 2010 Bonds”), \$10,250,000 of which are currently outstanding.

(d) Pursuant to the Trust Agreement and a Second Supplemental Trust Agreement, dated as of October 1, 2011, between the City and the Trustee, the City has heretofore issued its \$18,370,000 City of Burlington, North Carolina Combined Enterprise System Revenue Bonds Series 2011 (the “Series 2011 Bonds”), \$14,300,000 of which are currently outstanding.

(e) The City may be able to realize significant debt service savings through the refunding of all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2010 Bonds and the Series 2011 Bonds (the “Refunded Bonds”).

(f) The City wishes to commence procedures at this time for the issuance of a Combined Enterprise System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021A and a Combined Enterprise System Revenue Refunding Bond, Series 2021B (collectively, the “Bonds”) in the combined aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (i) refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds and (ii) pay the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds.

(g) The City has solicited proposals from various financial institutions to provide the financing for the proposed refunding of the Refunded Bonds through a private negotiated sale of the Bonds and, upon careful review and consideration of such proposals, the City has determined to accept the proposal of TD Bank, N.A. (the “Bank”).

(h) The amount of the proposed Bonds will be sufficient, but not excessive, for the purpose of paying the costs associated with the proposed refunding.

(i) The annual audits of the City show the City to be in strict compliance with debt management policies, and the budgetary and fiscal management policies of the City are in compliance with law.

(j) The proposed Bonds can be marketed at a reasonable interest cost to the City.

(k) No projected rate increases for water and sanitary sewer service are expected in connection with the issuance of the proposed Bonds.

Section 2. The City Manager and the Director of Finance and Risk Management of the City are each hereby authorized and directed to file an application with the Local Government Commission of North Carolina for approval of the issuance of the Bonds in a combined aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$27,000,000 for the purpose of providing funds, together with any other available funds, to (a) refund all or a portion of the Refunded Bonds and (b) pay the fees and expenses incurred in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds.

Section 3. The Local Government Commission is hereby requested to sell the proposed revenue bonds at private sale without advertisement.

Section 4. The proposal of the Bank to provide the financing for the proposed refunding of the Refunded Bonds through a private negotiated sale of the Bonds is hereby accepted, subject to the adoption by the City Council at a subsequent meeting of a bond order authorizing and approving the sale and issuance of the Bonds and the relating financing documents. The Director of Finance and Risk Management is hereby authorized to execute and deliver such documentation as may be necessary to accept the proposal of the Bank, and all actions heretofore taken in connection therewith are hereby authorized, ratified and confirmed.

Section 5. Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP is hereby appointed to serve as bond counsel to the City, Davenport & Company LLC is hereby appointed to serve as financial advisor to the City and U.S. Bank National Association is hereby appointed to serve as Trustee, Bond Registrar and Escrow Agent in connection with the sale and issuance of the Bonds and the refunding of the Refunded Bonds.

Section 6. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Upon motion of Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, seconded by Council Member Owen, the foregoing resolution entitled "RESOLUTION MAKING CERTAIN FINDINGS AND DETERMINATIONS, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION, REQUESTING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMISSION TO SELL BONDS AT PRIVATE SALE AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE SELECTION OF THE FINANCING TEAM IN CONNECTION WITH THE SALE AND ISSUANCE OF REVENUE REFUNDING BONDS OF THE CITY" was adopted by the following vote: **Ayes:** Mayor Baltutis, Mayor Pro Tem Hykes, Council Member Butler, Council Member Owen, and Council Member Ward

Noes: None.

Adopted this 19th day of January, 2021.

ITEM 3 – CPAT Advisory Board Appointments Discussion:

Mayor Baltutis announced City Council will discuss appointments and process for appointments to Advisory Boards and Commissions for the 2021 Community Police Advisory Team (CPAT).

City Manager Hardin Watkins provided an overview of the framework involved in the creation of Community Police Advisory Team process . He stated the three goals for establishing the CPAT included improve the quality of policing in Burlington, to provide an outlet for review and discussion of police policy, and to help further enhance trust and confidence amongst the community. He explained Council considered a Charter for the creation and unanimously adopted a Charter on November 17, 2020. He reported there was robust community response, with fifty-five applicants which included 14 out of city limits, and 6 serving on other boards. He reported City staff provided applications to City Council on January 11, 2021, with some updated content on January 15, 2021 to review for this evening's discussion. He explained the Community Engagement Division will be assisting and leading the selection process and introduced Community Engagement Manager, Morgan Lasater. He stated there are a total of thirty-five applicants for consideration and asked for direction from Council on the applicants that live outside the City limits and those that serve on other boards.

Council Member Butler inquired about the City's Ordinance as it relates to being a reside in the city limits of Burlington.

City Attorney Huffman responded the current Ordinance for Boards and Commissions requires them to be a City limits resident.

Mayor Pro Tem Hykes commented her preference would be the same applies to the CPAT.

Mayor Baltutis stated there were very qualified applicants outside the City limits and expressed appreciation for their enthusiasm and believes there are enough qualified applicants that meet the City limits residency requirement. He inquired if there were any comments about the standing policy for members holding one Boards and Commissions position. He explained generally if there's an applicant that's a good fit for another board, staff reaches out to ask their preference to switch as they did in this situation and supports the City continuing with that policy.

Council Member Owen responded and addressed advisement from the City Attorney on the history and options for applicants serving on other boards and concurs with the applicant process remaining the same in that those applicants can chose to resign from the current board to serve on another if that wish to do so.

Council Member Butler concurred with Council Member Owen's statement.

Mayor Baltutis asked if there was any objection to Mr. Thomas and Mr. Sayed being included in the pool of candidates for consideration of appointments who have indicated they would resign from other boards and prefer to serve on CPAT.

City Manager Watkins recapped the number of candidates and proposed next steps for Council include revieing the applications, the Charter, spreadsheet summary of applicants, map of each candidate's geographic representation, and a summary of member categories from the CPAT charter. He explained City Council would be asked to consider adopting a slate of CPAT members 15-20 persons at the February 16, 2021, City Council Meeting.

Community Engagement Manager Morgan Lasater noted she and John Vernon are available to respond to any City Council questions and to manage the process.

Mayor Baltutis expressed appreciation for the affiliation rubric and believes a lot is covered but inquired about the “youth category” and wanted to address and discuss the applications received for that category which were all out of the City limits.

Ms. Lasater addressed the Mayor’s inquiry and explained City staff has had discussions and would most likely need to do an all call to find members for specific categories that would remain open to fill those appointments.

Following a brief discussion, Council consensus was to appoint seventeen members at the February 16, 2021, City Council Meeting and directed City staff to work with ABSS to potentially secure a youth applicant, seek a mental health applicant, and seek a judicial system applicant for a designated seat to serve which would include a re-write amendment of the CPAT charter and fill the remaining seats in the next round.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Alex Alfonso, 1105 Hawthorne Lane, Burlington spoke on the installation of disc golf at The Valley Golf Course and addressed comments made at the January 5, 2021 Council Meeting related to disc golf being a free sport and clarified if provided disc golf players would be willing to pay a fee. He addressed comments on the installation of the disc golf on the same course and potential revenue.

Andy Reynolds, 616 Rolling Meadow Lane, Burlington spoke in favor of the installation of disc golf at The Valley Golf Course. He asked Council to look at the counters at the county Cedar Rock Park for the amount of use at that course from 2019-2020.

Council Member Owen responded to Mr. Reynold’s comment on the counters at Cedar Rock Park.

Mayor Baltutis called for written comments received.

Interim City Clerk Beverly Smith responded that City Council had received twenty-five emailed comments from several individuals in favor and in reference to the installation of disc golf at The Valley Golf Course in Burlington. She explained Mr. Brad Smith is in attendance and is experiencing technical difficulties addressing his comments and has been notified that his written comments have been provided to City Council.

The following comments were received via email on January 19, 2021. A total of twenty-eight comments were received by the end of the evening of January 19, 2021.

Chris Courtright, Winston Salem, NC

Good morning to whom it may concern, I support establishing a disc golf course at The Valley golf course in Burlington. I would most definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. I appreciate the development of high-quality courses that are well maintained and have no problem paying for quality. I live in Winston Salem and would make the trip to have new courses to play in the area. I also enjoy the courses at Cedarrock park and Springwood park and am grateful for the support from the city of Burlington and Alamance county. Thank you for your consideration.

Brad Smith, Carson Farms West, Burlington, NC

I just wanted to first, thank Burlington Parks for providing support for disc golf in our community. As a homeowner in Carson Farms West and avid disc golfer, I have appreciated Burlington Springwood Park and the efforts that Dean and team puts in towards the beautiful upkeep of the park. As my wife and I are daily users of the walking trail and disc golf course, we have seen a large upswing in the amount of disc golfers utilizing the amenities. Burlington is becoming a hot-spot for disc golf, and it would be great to see more courses in the Burlington Area. The Valley would be a perfect spot for disc golf, and there are definitely a large amount of players that would frequent the course. I am connected with many disc golf clubs in the area, and they are all seeing a large growth in their league attendance over the last year. In addition, I run a local monthly traveling event called H2O Disc Golf, and our registration has been selling out in a matter of minutes each month.

I would love to be a part of growing our disc golf community and making Burlington a go-to spot for disc golf! Please feel free to reach out to me at any time.

Brett Smith, 423 Retreat Lane, Burlington, NC

Hello: As a resident of Burlington and active member in the community, I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the golf course with a rented cart. I think this is a new opportunity that would provide a family friendly atmosphere for recreation and additional revenue streams for local businesses.

Ryan Wilson, High Point, NC

I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart.

Taylor Shaw, Snow Camp, NC

I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart.

Sarah Austin, Elon, NC

I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart.

Alma C. Robinson, Burlington, NC

To Whom It May Concern: I am not a disc golfer but a supporter of a grandson who is and of all those who are and I'm requesting that more Disc Golf Courses be added in Alamance County. Disc Golf is a sport that can be enjoyed by any age, any degree of talent and those who participate reap the benefits of outdoor exercise and the camaraderie of co-players. Thank you for considering my request.

Kelly Minor Rudd, Alamance County, NC

I wanted to email and say I support the development of a disc golf course at the "The Valley". I have just started playing in the last year and the idea of a more upscale course is appealing to me. My husband and I love to spend our weekends visiting the courses around Alamance County and surrounding areas. If a course has amenities and more upscale than the typical park courses we are willing to pay a fee. The sport is growing by leaps and bounds. It is a race to see who can get their registration in for any tournaments. It amazed me how many tournaments sold out in minutes just recently. A facility like this would draw people to drive from other areas of the state to play at "The Valley" As a resident of Alamance County I thank you for allowing me to share my support of a disc golf course at "The Valley".

Daniel Faulkner, Swepsonville, NC

I am writing in support of the possibility of installing disc golf courses at Valley Golf Course. I myself would most definitely frequent the courses and pay to play. Disc golf right now is a booming sport. It is growing by leaps and bounds. ESPN has even started covering disc golf events. A disc golf course such as what has been envisioned for Valley would bring tons of outside players to our county, and of course another enjoyable activity for the residents of the town. Having a well designed and maintained course will attract more players of higher levels, and even professional disc golfers. In time, a successful course could even bring professional disc golf events to our area as well the benefits that come with them, such as increased revenue at the golf course, increased tourism and revenue in Burlington. I can see nothing but benefits for Burlington, and the surrounding areas, should you decide to move forward with these courses and I very much hope that you do!

Coty Wheeley, Wheeley Lane, Mebane, NC

I support establishing a disc golf course at "The Valley" golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. Disc Golf is growing at a rapid pace, I've seen it first hand. I am a casual disc golfer of 10+ years, an although 10 years ago you could drive to Cedar rock park any time and be able to play throughout both courses easily without any daily — I'm elated to say that's just not possible anymore (people are loving disc golf). The new courses at an "actual" golf course would create even more of a BUZZZ!!! Which in turn would grow the sport of disc golf and make "The Valley" a hotspot for the community an beyond!!!!

Matt, Graham, NC

Hi this is Matt from graham, I would love to see a disc golf course put in at the valley golf course in Burlington. I would play there often and would be willing to pay to play.

Robert Bohinski, Greensboro, NC

My name is Robert Bohinski and I live in Greensboro NC. I regularly come to Burlington and enjoy the wonderful parks you have put up throughout the region. I am writing to you to show my support in establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. I think this is a great opportunity that would bring in people from all over NC and beyond to play disc golf at a ball golf course

Matthew Douth

To whom it may concern, I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. Disc Golf has played a huge role in my life, and if it wasn't for me spending full days at Cedarrock Park playing when I was a kid the amount of other things I could have gotten in to would had lead me down a path in life that I didn't need to be on. It is a fun filled sport that is enjoyable for the entire family. And since the pandemic has started the sport has done nothing but grow in communities all around the world. In my opinion having more courses in towns is a great way to get people off of their couches and away from the television to get back in touch with nature and the outdoors. The city of Burlington is growing bigger everyday with people who want to get away from the big city life in Raleigh and Greensboro so why not have more outdoor recreational activities for them to do. Though I do not live in Burlington anymore, I visit very frequently throughout the year to come see my mother. And every time I visit I always have my disc with me so that I can enjoy the beautiful days that North Carolina offers.

Brad Clayton, Kernodle Drive, Burlington

Hi, my name is Brad Clayton. I am a home owner here in Burlington on Kernodle Drive. I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. Across the nation, plenty of ball golf courses have implemented disc golf courses with positive results. Players coexist and get along just fine. It also brings in more revenue for the course. A couple of ball golf course owners states that putting in a disc golf course on their ball golf course saved their businesses. (See links below)

https://www.reddit.com/r/discgolf/comments/an6gl6/combining_disc_golf_courses_with_ball_golf/?utm_source=amp&utm_medium=&utm_content=post_body

<https://udisc.com/blog/post/join-the-clubs-bringing-disc-golf-to-ball-golf-courses>

Also, adding a disc golf course to The Valley would be a cheap investment with hardly any maintenance. As I see it, this is a win-win situation for Burlington, The Valley, and disc golf in the area. Thanks for your time and consideration.

Eric Hawkins, No Address Provided

I support establishing a disc golf course at The Valley golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or links course. I started playing disc golf in 2002 at Carolina. I played pretty regularly for a couple of years, then work got in the way and I played less and less. During the pandemic/quarantine I have gotten back into disc golf and have been playing 1-2 times a week, and I hope my schedule will allow me to play some tournaments this year. As the popularity of disc golf has sky rocketed during quarantine local courses are starting to get more crowded. Having new courses in area would definitely ease the course crowding issue some. Thank you for your time in considering this proposal.

Kevin, No Address Provided

I am hearing that there is potential to put a disc golf course (or even 2!) at the current golf course in burlington. I would be very interested in this happening as it would be the closest course to my home in Mebane. Everything is at least 25 minutes away so this would be an amazing option. I would be willing to pay to play the golf course one as I know the greens have to stay nice and golf cart rentals are a possibility. I would hope to see low prices if not free on the wooded course.

Jason, No Address Provided

I just wanted to let the board know how great it would be for the sport of disc golf to have a course at the Valley. Myself and many others would be more than happy to pay to play and pay for cart rentals. Disc golf brings in people from all ages and allows them to compete in friendly matches or large tournaments. I have met so many great new friends from this sport and hope this course will bring many more.

Jose Flores, Graham, NC

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Darrell Ray, Alamance County, NC

Good afternoon my name is Darrell Ray. Residing on melody lane and lived in Alamance County my whole life I love it here. Im a very avid disc golfer and when I heard about the idea of a course coming to The Valley, I jumped on bored. I travel over an hour to another hybrid course to pay and play on a nice

golf course. I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart multiple times a week. We would have people traveling all over to come here. Pro tour stops to come to Burlington. It would build The Valley and build our town. It would make so much revenue. Im in this and I believe the whole disc golf community feels the same way! Let's start this build and bring disc golf to The Valley where everyone plays!

Carol Spratley, Jamestown, NC

Good afternoon. My name is Carol Spratley and I live in Jamestown, NC. I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely make the drive and pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. Thank you for your time.

John Svec, Rogers Road, Graham, NC

My name is John Svec and I live in Graham on Rogers Rd. I am a fervent, okay I admit it, obsessed disc golfer. I play every chance I get with multiple rounds every weekend day. While I lived in the Denver, CO area, I would travel yearly to play the Tarheel Open tournament and play other local courses, especially Cedarock. A group of us recently played The Arsenal, a disc golf course on a ball golf course in Danville, Virginia. I would love to be able to experience that kind of a course without having to travel out of the state! As a member of "everyone", I'm certain that I would regularly play both courses at The Valley. I'm excited to be among the players for our first Underground Disc Golf Club event at The Valley! Thank you for your consideration,

Cristal Blas Santamaria, Graham, NC

I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. I live in graham Nc 27253

Trey Lynn, Gibsonville, NC

Members of the Burlington City Council,

I wholeheartedly support a disc golf course at The Valley Golf Course.

I've been playing disc golf for 31 years. This sport has grown so much over that time. The Burlington area is host to two disc golf clubs and hundreds of players. I know many would be willing to pay a small fee in the woods, or a cart fee on a larger course. This sport is full of people from all ages and skill sets.

You can really help boost this area into a premier disc golf destination.

Thank you for your consideration!

Trey Jeffords, Burlington, NC

My name is Trey Jeffords. I had originally intended to speak tonight with my good friend Alex Alfonso and other members of our local disc golf community but unfortunately I am unable to do so. I have lived in Burlington for almost 30 years and hold this area dear to my heart. I work at a local business, Kemco of Burlington and spend the majority of my free time playing our local disc golf courses. I live less than 5 miles from The Valley and my childhood home, where my parents still reside is within walking distance. So I know the area very well. The idea of having a disc golf course put in at The Valley has always been a dream of mine. I know our local community and disc clubs would be ecstatic. This type of thing can bring long term growth and money to the area. Disc golfers relish the ability to experience the game they love with the same level of care, beauty and respect that ball golf receives. And are willing to travel and pay for it. Which will be very obvious once implemented. Dennis Kernodle, the owner of Kemco and my employer is more than willing to sponsor a hole, as well as multiple other local businesses. Which I think

speaks volumes to the level of interest and desire behind this movement. I fully support the installation of a disc golf course at The Valley!

Chad Yerbry, No Address Provided

"I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart." A disc golf course at a regular ball golf course, as we call it, would not only increase revenue for the golf course but it will also bring more people to the area. Disc golfers are likely to play two rounds a day if they travel to a "ball golf" style course. A course like this could also set up future tournaments that could bring more people and interest to the area. Thank you for listening to our thoughts and interests on this project.

James Sloop, Alamance County

Hello, I am James Sloop and I have lived in the Alamance County area since 2003. I have played ball golf at Indian Valley, now The Valley golf course, dozens of times over the past 17 years. I have been playing disc golf for going on 3 years now and have found that I play disc golf multiple times per week compared to once a month for ball golf at this point in my life. I have played pay to play disc golf in Virginia where I rented a golf cart on a traditional golf course. This was played with ball golf players playing at the same time using the same tees. Pace of play never backed up and flow of play was not slowed for either ball golfer or disc golfer. The design of both ball and disc golf hole layouts was done well. I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented car. Please consider adding a disc golf course at The Valley. There is a large number of people in the county who play disc golf and I believe would play the course bringing more revenue to the course.

Brandon Brewer, No Address Provided

I am interested in the idea of a disc golf course installed at The Valley golf course. The course is close to our home and with four children who love to play disc golf I see this as a great idea. If the land is available and the council is willing it would make a great addition to our community. The Valley is a beautiful course and I believe many wonderful memories could be made. "I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart."

Matt Durham, Snow Camp, NC

My name is Matt Durham and I live in snow camp NC. I have been a golfer in the past and am now a disc golfer for over 13 years. I have introduced many to the sport and am a proud brother of a young professional in the sport. As a lover of the outdoors and all things recreational and competitive I have never found anything as relaxing yet difficult and rewarding as disc golf. It is a unique sport in that it only requires as much as you wish to put into it. It has been a wonderful family bonding experience for many and a way of life for many more. It's community is made up of every demographic and I have never witnessed such amazing humanity and positive sportsmanship in any other competitive sport.

I support establishing a disc golf course at 'The Valley' golf course in Burlington. I would definitely pay to play at either the wooded course or the course on the links with a rented cart. I hope this email finds whoever it needs to and that it may aid in the decision to add disc golf to "the valley". Thank you for your time and if you haven't tried it yet, go throw some discs and let it make you smile!

Mayor Baltutis commented on the amount of comments submitted about disc golf and asked City Manager Watkins, if amendable to Council, if City staff could coordinate and report on the scope of a hybrid operation to bring some insights to Council on what this would look to include the disc golf experience.

City Manager Watkins responded and stated he would ask City staff to respond and involve Recreation and Parks Director Tony Laws and Golf Manager Jonathan Dudley to advise in the conversation.

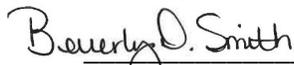
Council consensus was for City staff to report on feasibility of disc golf at The Valley course at the March 1, 2021, City Council Work Session.

CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mayor Baltutis expressed appreciation for staff involved in the moment of remembrance held in honor of the lives lost to COVID-19 and commended the support and operations for vaccinations in Alamance County. He announced the City of Burlington celebrates it's 128th on February 14th.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21pm.



Beverly D. Smith, NCCMC
Interim City Clerk

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