

RESOLUTION NO. 235-2021 OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A PLAN ENDORSEMENT CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Common Council of City of Burlington desire to obtain Plan Endorsement from the State Planning Commission; and

WHEREAS, Plan Endorsement is a voluntary review process developed by the State Planning Commission to provide the technical assistance and coordination of the State for municipalities, counties, and regional agencies to meet the goals of the State Planning Act and State Development and Redevelopment Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Act recognizes that coordination of State action is necessary to help municipalities develop New Jersey's economy while protecting the ~~and~~ historic and recreational resources, providing adequate and diverse housing, and redeveloping our cities and older suburban areas;

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Plan Endorsement process is to increase the degree of consistency among municipal, county, regional and state agency plans with each other and with the State Plan and to facilitate the implementation of these plans with the primary focus on where and how development and redevelopment can be accommodated in accordance with the State Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines establish a comprehensive and coordinated planning process in order for a municipality to consider, and update as necessary, master plans, functional plans, development regulations and capital plans to be consistent with the State Plan and achieve plan endorsement; and

WHEREAS, through plan endorsement, master plans, functional plans, development regulations and capital plans should be coordinated and supportive of each other; and

WHEREAS, the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines incorporate, and expand upon, the principles of the Municipal Land Use Law in order to help towns plan for a sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Municipal Land Use Law, N.J.S.A. 40:55D-27, the Mayor may appoint one or more persons as a citizens' advisory committee to assist or collaborate with the planning board in its duties, including adoption of, and amendment to, the master plan to guide the use of lands within the municipality in a manner which protects the public health and safety and promotes the general welfare of the community; and

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WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Guidelines and State Planning Rules require reappointment of a Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee to guide the municipality through the Plan Endorsement process; and

~~WHEREAS, the Plan Endorsement Advisory Committee shall consist of between five (5) and ten (10) members, including one representative of the governing body, a Class IV member of the planning board; one representative of a local board, commission or committee who is not a member of the planning board; and two representatives of the public that do not hold a position, employment or office with the municipality.~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Common Council of City of Burlington hereby approves and adopts the following:

The City of Burlington establishes a Plan Endorsement Citizens' Advisory Committee consisting of between five (5) and ten (10) members as follows:

1. Councilwoman Helen Hatala, Member of the Governing Body
2. Claudine Conaway, Class IV Member of the Planning Board
3. Richard Spaulding, Representative of local board, commission or committee
4. Lorenzo Christmas, Member of the Public
5. Jeanette Mercuri, Member of the Public
6. David H. Ballard, Optional Member

The members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall report findings and conclusions of its actions performed pursuant to the State Planning Rules and Plan Endorsement Guidelines, and make recommendations to the Land Use Board on next steps, but shall have no power to vote or take other action required of the Land Use Board; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee shall also report to the Common Council of City of Burlington at least annually on the status of plan endorsement; and

The Citizen Advisory Committee shall be entitled to call to its assistance any personnel of any municipal department or consultant thereto as it may require in order to perform its duties; and

The Citizens' Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of: Guiding the plan endorsement process for the municipality; and

Increasing public awareness of, and participation in, the plan endorsement process for the community; and

Serving as the liaison with the state, county, regional agencies and local officials throughout the plan endorsement process; and

Assisting the municipality in meeting the deadlines of plan endorsement; and

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Take the lead on completing the municipal self-assessment and submitting the required planning documents to the Office of Smart Growth; and

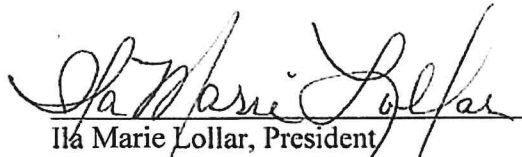
Helping to facilitate community visioning as described in the Plan Endorsement Guidelines and community visioning standards; and

Reporting the findings and conclusions of the self-assessment and community visioning to the Land Use Board for its review; and

Negotiating a draft Action Plan with the Office of Smart Growth, in collaboration with the planning board and governing body, to consist of actions that should be taken to adopt and/or update plans, ordinances and regulations in order to meet the plan endorsement requirements;

Facilitating completion of the Action Plan items in order to achieve endorsement by the State Planning Commission and enjoy the benefits available to the municipality as a result of the endorsed plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the City of Burlington shall transmit a copy of this resolution and the notice as required in the State Planning Rules to the State Planning Commission.


 Ila Marie Lollar, President
 Common Council

Attest:


 Cindy A. Civarro, RMC
 City Clerk

September 21, 2021

RECORD OF VOTE OF PASSAGE BY THE COMMON COUNCIL						
	MOTION	SECOND	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
BABULA			✓			
CHACHIS			✓			
HATALA			✓			
HOLLINGSWORTH		✓	✓			
			✓			
WOODARD	✓		✓			
LOLLAR			✓			