

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL BOARD  
Joint Meeting with the South Burlington City Council on Ballot Items  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2018 at 6:55 P.M.  
City Hall Conference Room  
575 Dorset Street**

The South Burlington City Council and the South Burlington School Board attended a reception for Judy Kearns on November 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the City Hall Conference Room at 575 Dorset Street.

The South Burlington School Board and South Burlington City Council joint meeting was called to order at 6:55 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Bridget Burkhardt, Martin LaLonde, Steve Wisloski

**AMINISTRATION/STAFF**

David Young

**GUESTS**

H. Riehle, Chair; M. Emery, D. Kaufman, K. Dorn, City Manager; T. Hubbard, Deputy City Manager; S. Burke, Police Chief; T. Francis, Acting Fire Chief; D. Kinville, City Clerk; I. Blanchard, Project Manager; J. Murray, Librarian; J. Rabidoux, Public Works Director; T. DiPietro, Stormwater Superintendent; C. Holm, Human Resources; J. Kochman, J. Kearns, R. Greco, M. Simoneau, D. Bugbee, M. Leugers, H. Baker, B. Sirvis, S. Dooley, B. Milizia, S. O'Brien, J. Owen, E. Simindinger, and several other members of the public

**CITY COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF A JOINT COUNCIL AND SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING JUDY KEARNS, FORMER OWNER AND PUBLISHER OF THE *OTHER PAPER***

Helen Riehle noted Judy Kearns' fair presentation of issues despite strong differences in the public and added that Judy always made sure the facts were presented.

Helen Riehle and Elizabeth Fitzgerald then alternately read the Resolution.

Ms. Kearns said that to be acknowledged for work she enjoyed was truly humbling. She noted that she fell in love with the community that welcomed and embraced her family. Her mission with The Other Paper became to connect the dots, to shine a light on what connects the community. She also cited the dedication of so many people to the city including The Other Paper "family."

Dave Kaufman then moved on behalf of the Council to approve the Resolution. Meaghan Emery seconded. Motion passed 3-0.

Martin Lalonde moved on behalf of the School Board to approve the Resolution. Bridget Burkhardt seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

**JOINT PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION TO REVIEW AND DISCUSS ITEMS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS IN THE TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6 BALLOT**

Helen Riehle noted there will be four ballot items related to the proposal to build a City Hall/Library/Senior Center in City Center. She directed attention to a rendering of the proposed building and said it would serve as a true center of the city.

Helen Riehle also explained the agreement between the Council and School board for a land exchange to allow for parking and utility lines for the new building and the potential for the School District to lease the current City Hall for administrative offices. There will also be improved, safer access to Rick Marcotte Central School as a result of the land swap.

Patrick Leduc, Chair of the Library Board, outlined the various features of the proposed new building relating to the Library. These include the children's library and 100-seat auditorium on the first floor, the library on the second floor with multi-purpose and study rooms, teen spaces, a digital lab, and a terrace for reading.

Jennifer Kochman noted that the Senior Center will be programmed by the Recreation/Parks Committee. It will include a large meeting room, space for dance/exercise classes, catering kitchen, senior living room with TV. Space can be rented out for events but will be dedicated to seniors from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Helen Riehle said the third floor City offices space will include a large meeting room, staff rooms, and Planning and Zoning offices, and smaller meeting rooms. It also will have terraces.

The building's green design will earn between a gold and platinum rating. It will include a solar roof (which will help pay for the building's energy use), heat pumps, airtight insulation, LED lighting, abundant natural lighting, tile carpeting, green-roof ready, transit service, bike parking, geothermal heating and ventilation, and a heated sidewalk in front.

A photo of the site was shown with the outline of the building property. Helen Riehle stressed there will be no loss of school parking. There will be a new access street to the school with parking on both sides, making access to Marcotte School safer for buses and drop-offs.

Financing is based on cash on hand, TIF funds, Solar Array credits, impact fees, and the Blanchette Fund. Helen Riehle explained how the city has put away funds over the years for this project and will continue to do so. There will be no additional property tax incurred.

Elizabeth Fitzgerald said the project is important for permanent access to the Rick Marcotte Central School and for utilities. David Young added that the building will be a good neighbor for the school. He reminded voters that all four ballot items must be approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Martin Lalonde moved to adjourn the special joint session. Steve Wisloski seconded. Motion passed 7-0.

The joint session was adjourned at approximately 8:12 p.m.

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Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Chair

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Bridget Burkhardt, Clerk