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**CITY COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION, ENERGY & UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

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**DRAFT: Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**

**Thursday, April 4, 2013 at 4:30 – 7:00 PM**

**DPW Front Conference Room**

**–MINUTES–**

Members present: Chair, David Hartnett  
Maxwell Tracy  
Chip Mason

Others present: Noted Below

Chair Hartnett called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm.

1. Agenda  
Chip moved to accept. Hartnett second. All in favor.
2. Public Forum  
No public comments.
3. Minutes of 2/19/2013  
Chip moved to adopt. Hartnett second. All in favor.

Item 5 moved up prior to Item 4.

Item 5: Connecting the Drops, A Water Story - Megan Moir, DPW  
(Location Map distributed)

Moir: Art rain barrels on Church Street and College Street to be placed and tell a story regarding stormwater to be a visual art/education piece for the public. Locations start at the Church Street fountain to College Street down to Echo.

Winooski Conservation District, City of Burlington, City of South Burlington, Echo, Frog Hollow, etc. are sponsoring the project. Scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> to August 2013. Volunteer will walk barrels every Monday to ensure good condition. There will be events associated with the

project and will auction off art barrels for funds to the stormwater program. 8 barrels on College Street, 1 in South Burlington, 11 on Church Street, 6 – weekly events.

Item 4: Fuel Agreements – Pat Buteau, DPW  
(Fleet Services Memo distributed)

Buteau: Fuel Depot was built here at DPW; Burlington currently has better pricing than the State. Champlain Oil – rate changes weekly. DPW doesn't own the fuel. We use a voyager credit card and each operator has a unique pin and rates are 12.5 cents per gallon for this service and City can still get tax exempt fuel at any other location. Current pricing at DPW is \$3.33 whereas Cumberland Farms today is \$3.58. We are billed monthly and fuel everyone in the City.

CNG with UVM grant was an 80%/20% match. All 3 DPW recycling trucks use CNG. 95% less particulates, \$2.65/gallon to UVM and \$2.85/gallon to the public for Compressed Natural Gas fuel. We sell about 200,000 gallons per year.

Traditional fuel is from Portland, ME or Albany via truck or train.

Tracey: What is the transition plan for cleaner emissions?

Buteau: BED is working on using hybrid bucket trucks. With a cost of \$30,000 for a small range hybrid truck the surcharge for hybrids for smaller vehicles are not cost effective right now. We promote natural gas wherever we can. Police and school department are the biggest users.

Mason: What is the replacement policy on vehicles?

Buteau: Large plow, front-end loader or sweepers have a 7 year life cycle.

Goodkind: Currently, there is not enough money to replace vehicles let alone pay for the additional hybrid upcharge.

Buteau: Our CNG location is the only fast pump facility in the region. There is a 50 cent rebate per gallon for CNG fuel.

Hartnett: Do all towns do the same lease/purchase?

Goodkind: We need to invest more at the current fuel station to support growth.

Buteau: Our natural gas comes from Alberta.

Item 6: Climate Action Plan - Sandrine Thibault, Planning & Zoning & Jennifer Green – CEDO

Green: Going for a goal of a greener city and move forward with the CAP (Climate Action Plan). There have been changes to density and who implements the plan. The city's green team should oversee it.

Thibault: The position of overseeing should be funded by the cost savings in energy and consumption.

Green: My position could be as simple as a title switch.

Thibault: The plan references the BTV document and the Municipal Development Plan.

Green: Over 36 priorities and need to figure out which ones raise to the top.

Hartnett: Hope we can do low hanging fruit now and not wait. Keep doing the smart grid. What we can do now we should not wait. Costs about \$750,000 per year to heat and cool buildings. What about a revolving loan fund? BED & VT Gas have programs to help with residential efficiency.

Green: City employee/CATMA partnership would be a next step. Met with IBM Team and need to get the word out.

Tracey: Big belly trash compactors in Dewey Park and would like to create branding in all city parks.

Thibault: CAP needs to be adopted by May/June 2013 and add the updated energy element and BTV Municipal Development Plan. This is a policy document.

Mason: Moved to adopt resolution with future changes mentioned, Tracey: Second, All in favor.

Item 7: Waterfront Access North Project Update – Steve Goodkind, DPW  
(Design shown on screen)

Goodkind: explained current design elements.

Mason: Will Moran site be cleaned up and what is the schedule?

Goodkind: Yes, the site will be remediated and schedule of Phase 1 skate park to begin end of summer for construction.

Item 8: Building Inspection Regulation with State of VT – Steve Goodkind, DPW  
(Memo distributed)

Goodkind: Needs to be renewed every 2 years and many departments obtain funding from this agreement. City has building, electrical and Code inspection services. City inspections do not have authority in federal or state buildings.

Moved to approve: Mason, Second: Tracey, All in favor.

Item 9: Green Belt Restoration - Matt Conger, DPW Commissioner

Conger: Looking to create development model for volunteers and staff for maintenance of the greenbelt. Lots of sediment and runoff occur from poorly graded green belts and we are not

getting a treatment value for. We would like to familiarize the greenbelt maintenance. Issues with parking on the greenbelts.

Hartnett: What is the schedule?

Conger: May 1 is the first work day to fix greenbelts, rain or shine.

Item 10: Councilors' Updates

Tracey: Where are we with the toters?

Goodkind: We are phasing them in over a 1 year period and working with the City Attorney's office.

Tracey: Updates on Booth Street traffic calming.

Item 11: Adjourn

Hartnett moves to adjourn. Tracy second. All in favor. Adjourned at 6:56 pm.

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