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Minutes of 10/27/2009 meeting of the City Council Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

Members present: Chair, Karen Paul, Bill Keogh, MARRISA CALDWELL

City Staff Dan Bradley, DPW

Others Chris Cole, CCTA

Chair Paul called the meeting to order at 5:50pm.

Agenda

Councilor Caldwell asked that the stop sign request filed with DPW the intersection of Walnut and Willow Streets be added to the agenda.

Public Forum

No member of the public was in attendance.

Minutes

Minutes of 10/6/09 were approved as presented.

CCTA – Regional Transit Authority discussion

Bradley and Chris Cole CCTA General Manager updated the committee on the progress of CCTA's efforts to create a regional transit authority, recounting the cool reception CCTA's draft legislation had received from VTrans and CCTA's decision to approach regionalization through a change to the CCTA charter rather than through enabling legislation. The committee reiterated the city's support for these efforts as expressed in the City Council resolution of December 15, 2008 and advised staff to draft a new resolution for the committee consideration at their next meeting reiterating this support and identifying those issues of most importance to the city to be conveyed to the CCTA board of commissioners as they discuss their charter change: specifically with respect to governance that Burlington's financial position does not suffer from any charter change and that its representation on a newly constituted CCTA board reflect its financial contribution and its contributions present and future as the host community for CCTA's corporate operations and as the hub of their system.

Draft Transportation Plan Review discussion of parking

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Staff provided an overview of the parking discussion from the draft Transportation Plan. The committee requested that staff work with planning staff to devise a forum either through a dedicated public hearing, municipal plan development process or specific parking studies to further engage the public around the issues of downtown parking and residential permit parking and report back to the committee with a plan of action.

The committee expressed its general support for the rest of the draft Transportation Plan and did not feel that additional process was required before they make their recommendations to the Planning Commission.

Intersection of Walnut and Willow Streets

Councilor Caldwell advised the committee that after an accident involving a six year old child at the intersection of Walnut and Willow Streets, that residents had requested that a stop sign be placed at this intersection. Councilor Caldwell asked staff what would happen next. Staff advised the committee that the request had been entered into the DPW request system; that a study would be conducted to determine whether the conditions at the intersection warranted the installation of a stop sign and that the results of the study would be presented to the Public Works Commission with a staff recommendation. Members of the public could speak to the issue at the commission meeting where the report would be considered. Should the commission approve the installation an regulation would be warned and in thirty days a stop sign could be installed.

Bradley advised the committee that DPW would try to schedule a study in time to place the item on the November DPW Commission agenda and would notify the petitioners and the committee when the study was scheduled and when the public works commission would hear the results.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20PM