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Minutes of 2/2/2010 meeting of the City Council Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

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

City Staff: Dan Bradley, DPW
John Irving, BED
Bruce Seifer, CEDO
Sandrine Thibault, Planning and Zoning
Mike Flora, Burlington Telecom

Others: Jan Schultz
Chris Cole, Aaron Frank, CCTA

In the absence of Chair Paul, Councilor Keogh called the meeting to order at 7:13.

Public Forum

Bruce Seifer spoke to the committee regarding Greyhound bus companies desire to move services from Pine Street where their lease is about to expire to the airport. The city while seeing the value in service to airport does not want to lose service to the downtown. CEDO Director Larry Kupferman has been communicating with Greyhound on this matter.

Chair Paul arrived at 7:15 and assumed the gavel.

Minutes

Minutes of 12/1/09 were approved as presented.

District Energy

John Irving, Jan Schultz and Bruce Seifer briefed the committee on the status of District Energy initiative.

Clean Energy Assessment District

Tom Buckley and Larry Kupferman updated the committee on the status of the development of a clean energy assessment district, discussed in previous committee meetings and presented a proposal for adoption of a March ballot item. To date the proposal has been discussed at the TEUC on 9/14/09 after referral from the full council, been presented to the BED commission, the

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Economic Development committee of the City Council and the Board of Finance. Once the Council acts on the TEUC recommendation and agrees to place the item on the March ballot, BED and CEDO will make presentations at NPA meetings leading to a Town Meeting vote on March 2, 2010. Details of the program will be worked through in discussions with the Board of Finance.

Transportation Plan

The committee asked staff to convey the Draft Transportation Plan to the Planning Commission, noting that the 25mph speed limit recommendation had been referred back to the DPW Commission for further action and with the further recommendation that while the discussion of parking in the draft was creative and informative a more in depth discussion of both downtown and neighborhood parking should be pursued. The committee would like the Public Works and Planning Commissions to work with staff and develop a scope of work for a comprehensive review of city parking policy. Further the committee would like to review the scope before work is initiated and then receive regular updates on the work's progress. With these two conditions the committee recommends the draft plan to Planning Commission for their consideration.

Bradley distributed a copy of the Vermont Western Corridor Transportation management Plan, recently published by the CCMPO, asking the committee to think about how they would like to work with the document.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.