

BURLINGTON PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
645 Pine Street
Minutes November 17, 2010

The Burlington Public Works Commission held a meeting on November 17, 2010 at 6:15 p.m. at the Public Works Offices, 645 Pine Street. Present were Chairman Alberry, Commissioner Dugan, Commissioner Gundersen, Commissioner Lavery, Commissioner Marshall, Commissioner Sherman and Commissioner Wood.

Commissioner Alberry called the meeting of the Public Works Commission to order on November 17, 2010 at 6:22 p.m.

AGENDA:

Commissioner Dugan moves to amended agenda by moving item #8, ADA Guideline to #2.5.

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL

PUBLIC FORUM

Trevian is an advocate for urban landscaping designs for storm water treatment, such as storm water rain gardens.

Commissioner Gundersen requests that a future agenda includes a discussion of this issue.

ADA EDUCATION ISSUES:

Nicole Losch provided an overview of the various zones that are located along a sidewalk, including frontage zone, pedestrian zone and planter/furniture zone.

Chief Schirling of the Burlington Police Department provided a background of the police department proposal to amend city ordinance. BPD now supports an ordinance that would make sitting on sidewalks completely illegal. Panhandling is the majority of the issue. Chief Schirling attributes increase to unmet social service needs or service resistant individuals.

There was concern expressed that there is not a clear intent there was a lack of clear direction from the City Council on this issue.

Jonathan Leavitt objects to any ordinance that would be used to crack down on panhandling.

PINE STREET PARKING PROHIBITION

Joel Fleming from Public Works recommends a 50 foot parking prohibition on each side of the driveway to Jackson Terrace Apartment Complex. 50 feet was identified as appropriate for the speed and volume of traffic.

Commissioner Marshall moves the acceptance of staff recommendation.

Donal Dugan seconded.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

70 SOUTH WILLIAMS STREET PARKING PROHIBITION:

Joel Fleming recommends that 20 feet of parking prohibition on each side of 70 South Williams Street.

Commissioner Sherman expressed a concern that this request is associated with a parking lot/driveway rather than road. Norm Baldwin notes that precedent for a large volume parking facilities.

Marc Sherman made a move to deny the amendment and requested that staff provide a recommended standard.

Roger Marshall seconds motion.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

REMOVAL OF HANDICAP SPACE

Roger Marshall moved acceptance.

Margaret Gundersen seconds.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

4 WAY STOP AT ST. MARY STREET AND LUCK STREET

Staff recommends that the intersection become a four way stop for consistency. They would then add a crosswalk. This request was brought forward by community members as there are a lot of children walking in the neighborhood to and from school as well as to and from the Girls' and Boy's Club.

Commissioner Gundersen moves acceptance.

Commissioner Marshall seconds.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

HAULER'S LICENSE:

Nicole Losch stated that a last months meeting there were the renewal of two solid waste collection licenses that were not part of the approvals granted at the previous meetings.

Commissioner Dugan moves acceptance of staff recommendation.

Commissioner Gundersen seconds.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

CCTA COMMUTER SERVICE PARKING REQUEST:

Norm Baldwin stated that staff supports CCTA's request to convert metered spaces on St. Paul Street and Cherry Street to accommodate increase commuter service. The loss of the spaces should be offset by increased use of commuter services.

Aaron Frank of CCTA and Donna Rae Decatur (CCCYA) presented the request with associated information to include rider ship increases. He also noted that the buses will no cross the Church Street Marketplace. The spaces are available for parking on weekday evenings and weekends.

There was a request for an update on CCTA's other projects.

Commissioner Sherman moved for acceptance.

Commissioner Marshall seconds.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Commissioner Marshall requested a correction of the date that the meeting was called to order.

Commissioner Dugan moves to accept the minutes.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Distributed final update on city paving program. Contractor is behind and will be paying a penalty fee. Work is expected to be complete over the next couple weeks.

Signal at Colchester Ave and East Ave that there was problematic has been fixed with a new sensor installed.

Flynn Avenue sidewalk work is in the design phase. Construction anticipated for summer 2011.

Shelburne Road roundabout will require addition design work due to utility issue, construction due to being in 2014.

DPW working with BPD to address crime in the parking garages. May add more security cameras.

DPW completed snow week training. Salt is not expected to be a problem this year. We continue to evaluate salt alternatives.

Steve stated he will provide budget updates to DPB, commissioner does not need to approve DPW expenses. Commissioner Gundersen requested the document describing the removal of this responsibility from city commissioners

Commissioner Wood expressed a concern about private snow plowing that simply moves the snow onto sidewalks and suggested the Director submit an information article as to the penalties of doing this.

Commissioner Marshall requested an update on the snow fighting plan at the December meeting.

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Sherman wants to compliment the DPW Water Division for the prompt handling of a water break issue.

Commissioner Sherman requests that Systemic parking issues be place on the January agenda.

Commissioner Lavery complimented the DPW Water Division on administrative efficiency.

Commissioner Dugan encourages the use of the Commission's goals as a guide during the construction of each month's agenda.

Norm Baldwin provided an update on the filling of the vacancies with the department.

Commissioner Gundersen encouraged DPW to provide the new staff with CEDO training for public presentations and to generally provide more training for staff utilizing CEDO resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Commissioner Gundersen reported that the fluoride committee has reviewed the recently public literature and will prepare materials for the commissioner review.

ADJORNMENT:

Commissioner Marshall moves to adjourn.

Jared Wood seconds.

PASSES UNANIMOUSLY