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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:

Tuesday, May 26th 2015 at 4:00 PM

**Burlington Department of Public Works – Front Conference Room
645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT**

–AGENDA–

Members Present: Chair, Maxwell Tracy (TEUC)
Joan Shannon (TEUC)

Others Present: Rob Green, DPW
Martha Keenan, DPW
Chapin Spencer, DPW
Damian Roy, DPW

Chair Tracy called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm.

1. Agenda

Chair Tracy moved to approve the agenda with the exception of moving item #2 to be presented before item #1. All in favor.

2. Public Forum

No members of the public present.

3. Minutes of 2/18/15

Chair Tracy moved to approve the minutes from the 2/18/15 TEUC Meeting.

4. The New Trash and Recycling Bins in the Downtown Area – Rob Green, DPW

Mr. Green: According to the Act 148 Universal Recycling Law the city has to have a recycling container next to every trash can in the downtown area. The city has 18 trash cans costing \$1900/month to empty equating to \$20,000/year. “Bigbelly” recycling bins can be leased for \$114/month in a 5-year contract which includes all maintenance, cleaning, and batteries. Benefits of the Bigbelly recycling bins include self-compaction and an automatic email notification when the bin is 80% full reducing the frequency and cost of emptying the bins and also frees up street crews, and due to their larger capacity the city would only need 14 units instead of 18. Their locations will be re-consolidated to achieve a ‘happy medium’ within the downtown area. With these benefits factored in Mr. Green estimates that the yearly operational costs will be reduced from \$20,000 to \$14,000 using the Bigbelly bins. Parks and Recreation will be purchasing 15 units in addition to Street’s 14 units which enabled the low lease price of \$114/month. At the end the 5 years the city will have the option of leasing new units or buying the Bigbelly bins at a reduced rate.

5. The 10-year Capital Plan – Martha Keenan, DPW

The 10-year Capital Plan has been presented to the various city committees and commissions including the Board of Finance. Martha outlined the FY16 Capital Budget as proposed to the Board of Finance on May 11th with two scenarios, one with major cuts and the other with a various proposed revenues from the FY15 General Fund. There was discussion as to the need to be fiscally responsible and the challenge due to the overall needs of the city. Chair Tracy requested further information on the additional work possible should the Capital Budget include the additional sidewalk, street, and curb work as proposed. In addition, Chair Tracy requested the breakdown of projects proposed to

be cut should funding not be found. Please refer to the following documents that outline the 10-Year Capital Plan.

6. Councilors Updates

None Given.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm

The date for the next TEUC meeting was not decided.