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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday, October 25, 2022, 5PM

Chair Barlow started meeting at 5:08 PM

–DRAFT MINUTES–

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Councilor Barlow. All in favor passed unanimously. Councilor Paul Not Present.

2. Minutes of 8/23/22

Councilor moved to approve minutes with a change to the REP item – striking the word “all” on page 4 to clarify that all stakeholders had not been contacted. Seconded by Councilor Barlow. All in favor passed unanimously.

Councilor Bergman requested that, when possible, agendas should have hyperlinks to supporting documents.

3. Minutes of 9/27/22

Councilor Bergman moved to approve minutes. Seconded by Councilor Barlow. All in favor passed unanimously.

4. Public Forum

No public comment. Closes at 5:10 PM

5. North Winooski Avenue – Project Update

- Chapin Spencer, Phillip Peterson
- Information

See Memo:

https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/10.25.22%20N%20Winooski%20TDM%20TEUC%20Memo_0.pdf

Proposed Resolution: “The TEUC approves distribution of the North Winooski Avenue Transportation Demand Management (TDM) grant funding, with the condition that each organization to receive this TDM grant funding presents written acknowledgment they will provide end of year documentation to DPW Staff and the TEUC that grant funds were used appropriately.”

Councilor Gene Bergman – Staff should try to encourage and see that these funds are used for the plans intended with applications and see that they are implemented to best extent possible.

Councilor Karen Paul joins at 5:15pm.

All in favor. Passes unanimously.

Parking:

KP – The resolution says DPW will come back to council in October 2022 and April 2023 - slightly missed by coming in November. Have heard 6 spaces added is not enough to address concerns of Community Health Center of Burlington. Will take significant investment to find parking needs.

Director Chapin Spencer – The March 2022 Council resolution asked staff to work on securing publicly available parking. 6 Spaces tentatively offered to CHCB from BHA. CHCB is exploring two adjacent parcels for additional off street parking. Securing private parking for public use has not been easy. To give property owners even more clarity on how shared parking arrangements could be beneficial for them, DPW is developing specific plans for turnkey City-managed shared parking agreements. Will be working with businesses in the coming 2-3 months to see how they want the remaining on-street parking allocated and regulated (ADA, Loading, 15 min, etc). The tentative plan is to come to the DPW Commission in January 2023 for approval for the on-street regulatory changes. The City staff will work on ensuring the GMT City loop remains fare free into FY'24 per the Council resolution direction. A full update will be given at the November 7 Council.

Chair Mark Barlow – Would like CEDO to work with CHCB for Community Development Block Grant.

GB – How many spaces removed from Archibald to Riverside, adjacent to CHCB?

Phillip Peterson– Removing 22 spaces on the east side of North Winooski from Archibald to Riverside. Will look into specifics of current and proposed usage here.

MB – Small businesses will be impacted and cascade problem. Want to see impacts on the whole street.

CS – We can be creative with how parking is regulated to encourage turn over. We have talked to CATMA about grants to support a Corridor-wide TDM concept.

Item closed at 5:40PM

6. Shelburne Street Roundabout Evaluation Plan

- Laura Wheelock, Julia Ursaki
- Information

See Memo:

https://www.burlingtonvt.gov/sites/default/files/Agendas/SupportingDocuments/10.25.22%20TEUC_Roundabout%20Evaluation%20Plan.pdf

Julia Ursaki – Goes through evaluation criteria in memo.

Laura Wheelock – Current condition will create queues which is the goal to slow people down – safety improvement. Unintended congestion will be monitored. Data we are collecting will check that what we implemented is the right size and design for the volume of vehicles we have. Will be a communication that has staff's findings and recommendations. 2009 resolution said there would be biannual collection which is challenging. This plan proposes annual collection. Staff asks the Committee where they would like this to be heard. Can be dependent on the findings.

Councilor Paul – Thinks there will be a desire to see this data at the Council level particularly for South End Councilors. Proposes DPW send the report to South End City Councilors and have it appear on consent agenda. Have heard good things so far aside from the perception that there are excess signs.

LW – Signs are per MUTCD design. Opening is tentatively as early as November 3rd. Residents were cooperative and helpful with getting this done.

Chair Barlow – Is the hybrid option in the same footprint of what is there now?

LW – Yes

KP – Greatest concerns with potential queue issues were from Adams Ct where the lanes merge.

Item closes at 6:03PM

7. Recycling Toter Update

- Chapin Spencer
- Information

Director Spencer- Plan is to have totes within the next month. Working with Ordinance Committee on changes to require the use of totes. Totes will be offered at an approximate 50% discount to residents.

Councilor Bergman – Are you working with P&I for landlord communications?

CS – Will follow up.

Councilor Paul – Concerns of people with physical challenges and elderly people moving the totes. Some people are more comfortable with a bin. There is a program for side door or porch service for easier retrieval. Want to make sure residents who need to know about this do. Suggest this is shared more widely. One person at Ordinance Committee was concerned with narrow area to place toter. Multiple sizes are helpful. Bins are very accident prone for workers. Will solve issue of windblown items.

CS – We have 4 staff members for entire recycling program. We have not promoted the back door service broadly, instead responded to people who have requested such service.

Chair Barlow – If Councilors know about it then we can connect people who need to use this service.

Director Spencer agreed to have Staff update Councilors on the service so that Councilors can help constituents who reach out to them.

Item closes at 6:11PM

8. Director's Report

Director Spencer – Ribbon cutting in ~week for the Roundabout. Opening event at U Place to follow in November. Franklin Square project completed this week (issue since 1974). We are solving many legacy issues. Aged water mains are still an issue. Current Pine St water main break is a result of this. Two days of Pine St closed. Many open positions so we are working with contractors to supplement staff and fix this as timely as possible.

Councilor Paul – Did incentives for hiring bonuses help?

CS – Not as much as we needed. Had it been more successful we would have been back to Council to do it again. Personally reaching out to Burlington Tech folks. Welcome any ideas.

Item closes 6:15 PM

9. Councilors' Update

Councilor Bergman – Future agenda items sent in an email. Emissions information from GMT and a resolution that would go to the council. Airport expansion and South Burlington Chamberlin neighborhood affordable housing protection. Carshare plays vital role in transportation, not as timely but does relate to TDM work. CCRPC – want to see what their focus is and get a better understanding of how their county wide transportation view fits with our City view.

Chair Barlow – Share interest for all topics and particularly Airport.

GB – Airport next month, GMT pre legislative.

MB – North Ave progressing well. Potholes have been managed well.

Closed at 6:25PM

10. Next Meeting 11/22/22 5PM

11. Adjourn

Councilor Bergman motions to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Paul. Passes unanimously. Meeting ends 6:27PM.

Nick Longo BTV Director – Maddy will reach out and copy Mark