Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday, November 23, 2021 directly following the 1PM VFH Meeting

–DRAFT AGENDA–

Chair Jack Hanson: Call to order TEUC at 2:24 PM

1. Agenda

Councilor Jane Stromberg moves to approve, seconded by Councilor Mark Barlow. All in favor.

2. Minutes of 9/28/2021

Councilor Jane Stromberg moves to approve, seconded by Councilor Mark Barlow. All in favor.

3. Public Forum

None. Chair Hanson closes at 2:25

4. University Place Update

   - Laura Wheelock, Senior Public Works Engineer
   - Phillip Peterson, Public Works Engineer
   - Action

See presentation.

Phillip Peterson: Seeking sponsorship of the budget and design construction plans submit through the memo.

Councilor Barlow: Price has doubled. Are increases mostly construction?

Phillip Peterson: Construction and scope increase.

Laura Wheelock: Contingency will go up proportionally to construction cost and decorative lighting was large cost. Consultant didn’t have survey at the time so new information impacted cost as designs were adjusted. Still looking to come up with funds on our side but have verbal commitment from UVM to add decorative lighting and come up with their funding match. The City will plan to take this to BOF/CC in January.

Chair Hanson: Is this hinging on the General Fund Capital Bond?

Director Chapin Spencer: Yes, but if the bond doesn’t pass we will look at other alternatives such as Federal Infrastructure Bill or other internal sources such as Street Capital which would then impact paving. We have worked well with Water Resources to get their upgrades done with Water Resources enterprise funds.

JH: Motions to recommend to the City Council approval of the University Place Engineering Design plans as outlined in the Agreement between the City of Burlington and University of Vermont and State Agricultural College regarding the Participation in the City’s Ten Year Capital Plan. This approval includes changes to the line and grade of University Place, see Attachment-1. Seconded by Jane Stromberg. No discussion. All in favor. Passes unanimously. 2:35PM close.

5. Street Seat & Parklet Program: Updates to Guide 2022

   - Elizabeth Ross, Transportation Planner
   - Caleb Manna, Excavation Inspector
   - Information

Director Spencer: Here to identify the transportation component of this program. The key policy change would allow an increase of spaces to be used in the downtown core as parklets. Program has added value to community and been successful but need to balance with parking demand.

Councilor Barlow: How much additional parking will be impacted with changes?

Caleb Manna: Up to 30% of parking on one block to be occupied = ~5-6 spaces on average. Up to three parklets are expected per block. Additional approval must happen beyond this committee. Staff will be bringing the revisions to the License Committee next.

Chair Hanson: supportive of this.

Close out item at 2:40PM

6. Reducing Light Pollution and Nighttime Energy
   - Munir Kasti, BED
   - Andy Elliston, BED
   - Chris Burns, BED
   - Information

See presentation.
Follow up with Andy Elliston for questions.
Close the item at 2:48 PM

7. Director’s Report

DPW’s contractor for Main St Great Streets is doing exploratory utility work starting Monday 11/30/21. Rob Goulding will send more information to TEUC members. Don’t expect impacts to be overly burdensome and have communicated with the downtown community about this.

8. Councilors’ Update

None.

9. Next Meeting 12/28/2021

10. Adjourn

Councilor Stromberg moves to adjourn. Seconded by Councilor Barlow. All in favor. 2:50PM adjourns.