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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday May 23, 2023 - 5PM

DPW Front Conference Room
645 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05482

–DRAFT MINUTES–
Meeting begins 5:00PM

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt amended agenda as shown below. Seconded by Councilor King. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

2. Minutes of [5.3.23](#)

Councilor King moves to accept minutes. Seconded by Councilor Bergman. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

3. McNeil Symposium Update

- Chair Barlow

Chair Mark Barlow – Scheduled for June 13th at Contois 6:30 – 9:30PM time block. We would like to live stream it in addition to recording – will coordinate with BCA and CCTV.

Councilor Bergman – Two of three outside biomass experts are able to attend and looking to get travel expenses compensated. BED has a number of folks to join. Still working on exact format, see last meeting for questions.

MB and Councilor Hannah King support question set up.

MB – Main objective of meeting is to have scientific underpinning around our discussion on policy decisions we are making for McNeil. Would like to provide ample opportunity to panelists to provide information. Post questions and biographies ahead of meeting to save on time.

HK – Will make draft program

MB – Community questions submit ahead of time and can be answered after programmed questions.

Chapin Spencer joins at 5:16PM

Amend number 8 to illuminate question 5 and altering question 4.

Councilor Bergman moves to accept format with edits discussed. All in favor.

4. Water Resources Organizational Assessment

- Chapin Spencer, Megan Moir
- [Presentation](#)
- [Memo](#)

Presentation from Megan Moir.

Councilor Gene Bergman leaves 5:34PM

Chair Mark Barlow – Are there any positions that we are adding as a result of current state of the system that as we made these improvements we would lose?

MM – Potentially the project manager and Plant Operator. Will need positions for 4-5 years.

Director Chapin Spencer – Will be part of budget approval process. Wanted to provide opportunity for public and councilor input tonight.

Item closes 5:42

5. Public Forum

Ashley Adams – McNeil. Submit email with recommendations to councilors on format. Need time for academics to present. Will there be opportunity for public input on format?

Chair Mark Barlow – we will post with material from tonight's meeting. Voted on it tonight but will have some ability to adjust.

Ashley Adams – Important to require citations for any assertions during course of meeting and make them publicly accessible after meeting.

Steve Goodkind – Who chairs the symposium?

MB – TEUC committee

Nick Persanpiery, Ward 2 – Renewable primary heating system ordinance. Definition of renewable sources of heat need to be considered regarding GHG emissions.

Connor Warts, 350 VT – Support what Nick is saying. Striking biofuels would protect future development before these energy types grow in popularity.

Peter Duval – Underhill resident – appreciate the layout of the TEUCs webpage. Bikeshare – E-Bikes are not regulated in US. Should look to Europe's standards.

McNeil – New York and New Hampshire regulations for wood fire powerplants vs Vermont. Fuel Supply – mostly out of state. What is risk that NY will take being burdened with biogenic emissions.

Pike Porter – BTV Slide show regarding Airport emissions from a previous meeting looking at 2019 emissions, have questions about how the airport came up with numbers.

Close public comment at 6:02PM

6. FY24 Fleet Purchases and Dissolution

- Lee Perry, Ashley Parker
- [Memorandum](#)
- [Cost Chart](#)
- [Deferred Vehicle List](#)

Lee provides overview of Memo

Councilor King moves to recommend the Board of Finance and City Council approve the proposed FY'24 Fleet Purchasing List and authorize the Department of Public Works, Fleet Maintenance, to auction the FY24 replaced vehicles/equipment through various online public auctions, or trade in to vendor where vehicle/equipment is being purchased. If there is no public interest, or the vehicle is of no value to the

vendor, Fleet Maintenance will have the vehicle/equipment, hauled away for scrap at the current market price.

Seconded by Chair Barlow
Item closes 6:12 PM

~~7. Ordinance on Carbon Fee~~

- ~~— Councilors~~
- ~~— 20 minutes~~

Motion to postpone to June meeting by Councilor King, Bergman Seconds. All in favor.

8. Director's Report

Chapin Spencer – Champlain parkway update for middle section.

9. Councilors' Update

Barlow – appreciate NNE patching.

Chapin Spencer - Ward 4/7 NPA tomorrow will discuss more about work here.

10. Next Meeting 6/27/23

11. Expected Executive Session: 195-201 Flynn Ave Purchase and Sale Review

- Chapin Spencer, Lee Perry
- 10 minutes

Councilor King moves to enter executive session, seconded by Chair Barlow.

Chapin Spencer – Looking at option for City to purchase this property for a potential CSWD drop off facility or soil management for City. Have talked to Ward 5 NPA about this. Would like to discuss negotiation and terms.

Motion to leave executive session made by Councilor King, second by Chair Barlow.

12. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Councilor King, second by Chair Barlow. Meeting adjourned at 6:46pm.