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**Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**  
**Wednesday May 3, 2023 - 5PM**

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

**–DRAFT MINUTES–**

**Meeting starts at 5:02PM**

**1. Agenda**

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt agenda. Seconded by Councilor King. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

**2. Minutes of [3.28.23](#)**

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

**3. Public Forum**

Liz Curry, Ward 3 – N Winooski Ave bike lane: Requests evaluation of impact of bike lanes on low-income neighborhoods effected. Parking equity around the city – evaluation could start with the ratio of free parking spaces to businesses in residential commercial areas. Spaces to business ratio for free parking.

Phillip Merrick – Ecco Liz.

Andy Simon, Locust St resident– Sent an email ahead of the TEUC. Reddington roundabout advocate. Ward 5 NPA steering committee member previously. Ward 5 NPA voted unanimously to rename roundabout. May 1<sup>st</sup> CC meeting airport was renamed for Patrick Leahy which is under federal provision. Would like it to be named and apprise the FHWA of the change. Deliberations of TEUC are important and would like them to be on CCTV.

Ashley Adams – McNeil emissions needs immediate action.

Peter Duval – Supports Redington roundabout and evaluation of McNeil.

Item close at 5:13PM

**4. New Committee Organization and Priorities**

– Chair Barlow, Director Spencer

Chair Mark Barlow – Wants to set up objectives for committee for next year.

Councilor Gene Bergman – McNeil and the Airport continued, new ordinance on carbon fee, GMT and sustainable funding and transit equity otherwise – TDM, carshare, bikeshare. N Winooski Ave. Solar Instillation and building code for private homes – state codes. Electricity and encouraging more solar in town.

Councilor Hannah King – Have heard alot about cost of transit. N Winooski Ave. Solar.

MB – McNeil and Airport, carbon fee. Sustainable GMT funding and TDM, N Winooski Ave. Meetings available on CCTV. Fine with recordings or live. Vehicle for Hire Board: review and recommend how to update system through council supported ad hoc committee or TEUC.

Ordinance on Carbon fee later this month

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McNeil and Airport and GMT ongoing

Item closes 5:22PM

#### **5. VPSP2 – Colchester Barrett Intersection**

- Laura Wheelock, Maddy Suender
- [Memorandum](#) and [Presentation](#)

Christine Forde, CCRPC – Gives overview of presentation providing project history and logistics of grant.

Jason Charest, CCRPC – Gives overview of preferred alternatives as manager of 2019 study. Main reason the advisory committee did not prefer alternative 3, the roundabout, was because of historic impacts. Very constrained site, likely no way to avoid taking historic house.

Norm Baldwin, City Engineer – Federally funded and we would be following their process. Even if we wanted to, VTrans process would not allow us to choose roundabout.

JC – Councilor Bergman's [email concerns](#) can be pursued in design phase of project if Alternative 1 moves forward.

Laura – These questions could be addressed in tandem with bridge work.

Councilor Gene Bergman makes a motion to have TEUC sponsor Alternative 1 with consideration of ped/bike and safety concerns listed in email. Seconded by Councilor Hannah King. Unanimously passes.

5:57PM closes

#### **6. North Winooski Ave Metrics/Time Limited Parking Violation Changes**

- Norm Baldwin, Chapin Spencer
- [Memorandum](#)

Chapin Spencer – Provides overview of parking mitigation strategies for three revisions on ordinances going to commission. Metrics for parking and modal counts around corridor. What additional metrics would TEUC like to see?

Norm Baldwin – Need to determine what stats can be available to us to see impacts of these changes and what resources and access City has to these metrics.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Would like request from Liz Curry to be part of evaluation - an assessment of this zone and equity in relation to the rest of the city.

Chair Mark Barlow – Requests we continue to engage businesses on corridor. Anecdotal data will show if there are issues. Walking tours, were helpful, continued engagement of Community Health Center, survey at some point like parks and rec did for off leash dogs.

Liz Curry – There are neighborhood commercial zones, it makes sense to use these zones.

CS – Propose we draft a scope of work based on committee input tonight and then confirm next steps.

GB – Would like for us to evaluate bike racks, carshare, bikeshare, and head times for transit, that could help neighborhood.

Councilor Hannah King – Monitor how many parking tickets are given out in comparison to before changes.

CS – Five tickets related to VTrans paving. One ticket for clean sweep in two block area.

GB – Expand the scope of this to see side streets. Area looked at in Parking Management Plan study.

Councilor Melo Grant – Tracking parking tickets is good. Put in a request to see if mayor can reach out to landlords who have been unresponsive to opening up private parking spaces.

CS – Passed it on to the mayor's office and know he reached out to Michael Montey as owner of many properties here, can reach out for update.

LC– Would like for requested free parking study to be done before time limits signs are implemented.

HK – Would be interesting to see how landlords communicate parking changes to tenants.

GB – What is timeline of parking signage and outreach?

Chapin – Turnover needs came from property owner meetings. Approved at DPW commission. Motion was that once paving was finished that those would go into effect. Commission would need to do some other action to change this. Paving projected to be done in June, state schedule, not ours.

NB - Generally the City's parking management ties back to adjacent use. It is foreign to think that one street could be compared to the other. We want to best support adjacent props depending on the demand.

MB – If you think there are constraints, bring them back and we can process.

GB – Can be phased approach.

Item closes at 6:43.

## **7. Roundabout Naming**

- Chapin Spencer, Hayley McClenahan

Director Chapin Spencer – We have reached out to City Attorney's Office for FHWA and VTrans guidance.

Hayley McClenahan – Memorial or dedication for roundabout is most feasible. TEUC would have to make recommendation to full City Council and by resolution a road feature could be recognized. There are federal requirements for where and how a memorial can be placed and its size. I don't think we have the authority under Title 23 for it to be the official e911 name for road feature. Memorial would name it with a plaque and in City's records.

Councilor Gene Bergman - Motion to have Roundabout dedication with a plaque for the Reddington Roundabout.

Councilor Hannah King – Seconds.

Chair Mark Barlow – Supportive.

GB – Will draft a resolution with help of Hayley and share with committee.

Peter Duval – How was Montpelier able to name Spring and Main roundabout?

MB – We can look into this.

Unanimous approval.

Item closes 6:46PM

#### **8. McNeil Symposium Update**

- Chair Barlow
- [Draft Questions](#)
- [Draft Invite](#)
- [Draft Format](#)

List of presenters to be invited:

John D Sterman – MIT

Juliet Nicole Runivarga – UMass Lowell

William Mooma – Fletcher School at Tufts

General Manager Springer at BED to invite staff and Local Forester Harris Roan

Hannah King – Male heavy panel, be mindful of who is speaking. Over an hour before there is public forum, might be better to have this sooner. Maybe let people write down notes and leave them with contact info.

Chair Mark Barlow – Idea is to solicit feedback to consolidate similar questions to have them ready to ask to panelists. Idea for public forum at the end was to allow people to react.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Supports additional public forum after intros. Purpose is to get scientific info out.

MB – Contois so would have screen and set up on stage.

HK – Second 10-minute reflection time with the people next to you and then 10 minutes of a group question where one person from each group can ask a question.

HK – Supportive of questions. If there is public forum before this then that will help guide conversation.

MB – Potential dates for evening week days: 6/2, 6/6, 6/12 – 6/14, 6/21 – 6/23, 6/26, 6/28 – 6/30  
We have council meetings on the 5th 12th and 20th is TEUC

MB - Will take request to BOF

Councilor Gene Bergman moves that we request up to 5k from City Council Councilor Initiatives Fund to pay for cost of honoraria and other expenses for a symposium on the burning of biomass at McNeil plant and its associated impact on environment.

HK Seconds.

Item closes 7:08PM

#### **9. Director's Report**

- [195-201 Flynn Ave and 339 Pine Street](#)

Lee Perry, DPW, provides overview of presentation.

Chair Mark Barlow – How was it received at Ward 5?

LP – Well, a lot of questions were about drop off center and interest in expanded services.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Supportive.

- Hazard Mitigation Plan

Director Chapin Spencer provides overview of what was given to council. May 1, 2023 Item 6.24

<https://go.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/Public>

- [Written Bikeshare Update](#)

CS – Update on bikeshare in packet. Dockless system – E-bikes placed at existing city racks and virtual hubs. Late May early June launch with Bird. We are one partner of many, goal is for opportunity each year to meet with provider and see what is and is not working and ability to terminate contract. Will follow up with prices.

Item closes 7:25PM

**10. Councilors' Update**

Chair Barlow – Paving: Staniford Rd and other streets in bad shape. Would like to talk about this as we get into budget season to understand how we can address needs.

Ticketing and towing during clean sweep. In NNE, cars were moved onto other streets creating noise and activity. Have heard people were ticketed/towed before or after they were supposed to be off the street. Hoping there can be some ticket forgiveness. Can follow up with specifics.

Chapin Spencer – We want to encourage people, that some areas need a second pass. We pivoted today to not towing cars to residential areas.

Closes 7:32PM

**11. Next Meeting 5/23/23**

Councilor King – Has CEDO orientation on May 23. Can follow up on TEUC date if it needs to change.

**12. Adjourn**

Chair Barlow adjourns at 7:34PM