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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Minutes – Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:30 PM

1. **Meeting Started at 5:32 PM**
2. **Minutes of 5/26/2020. On motion of Councilor Paulino the minutes were approved as written.**
3. **Public Forum. No comments.**
4. **Champlain Parkway**
 - Chapin Spencer, Norman Baldwin, Susan Molzon (DPW)
 - Staff indicated that this item was referred to the TEUC from the 5/11/20 City Council meeting and referred to the presentation materials on the TEUC's web page. There is a viable pathway to bid the Project by the end of the calendar year with construction beginning in 2021. Legal challenges remain the major risk the project team is managing. Multiple administrations have worked to improve and refine the design. Improvements include additional crosswalks, raised intersections, exclusive pedestrian signal phases, expanded bicycle facilities and undergrounded utilities. Staff summarized recent and upcoming public outreach opportunities related to environmental justice review as part of the NEPA process. Staff reported that its State and Federal partners have indicated that the concept proposed by the Pine Street Coalition does not meet the Project's Purpose and Need and would require a new Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) -- effectively terminating the Champlain Parkway project and initiating a new project.
 - Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Stromberg – Where are the locations of underground utilities? Is there truth in Amtrak suspending service to Vermont? How does this affect existing Amtrak work? How is this project being coordinated with other surrounding towns?
 - Councilor Hanson – What is timeline of construction and how does it coordinate with bringing Amtrak back to Burlington? Expected challenges with coordination? What are the environmental justice implications of the Parkway including traffic? Concerns regarding absence and outreach to Pine Street Coalition in this discussion.
 - Councilor Paulino – What are the concerns/issues of the environmental justice groups in King and Maple neighborhoods? How will traffic levels change? How does the Railyard Enterprise Project relate and could it be connected to the Champlain Parkway? What are the barriers to achieving a better connection between the two project designs?
5. **Consolidated Collection**
 - Lee Perry, Robert Goulding (DPW)
 - Update to last meeting's presentation of the Consolidated Collection Study including timeline for project moving forward. Study and information are posted on City website. City-wide outreach via Front Porch Forum. Communication with local trash haulers. Media advisory on the June 24th for the Public Meeting on June 25th. Subsequent public meeting would occur on July 28th at the TEUC. Desire for motion to bring to City Council. GBB will take input to create final draft report to present to at August or September City Council. If Council supports advancing this effort, City will need to determine several key policy decisions (e.g. how billing would be managed, range of services offered) and develop a procurement process for selecting and licensing haulers.
 - Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Hanson – Universal composting starts in a week and is important to get the whole system in-place. Why doesn't the study include a scenario where the City operates the consolidated collection service? Burlington does things differently, we should have this conversation on Thursday or potentially miss this opportunity. Work to get UVM involved in getting word out for universal composting.
 - Councilor Stromberg – Where can one point constituents to composting information?
 - Councilor Paulino – Funds should be budgeted towards marketing universal composting.

6. Lake Street Pedestrian, Streetscape, and Stormwater Feasibility Study

- Laura Wheelock (DPW)
- Christopher Gendron (Stantec)
- Laura Wheelock – Background of Study. Accepted into CCRPC's Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP), Stantec is Project Manager and City is the Consultant, got assistance to look at Lake Street as it is on list of DPW's Paving Plan.
- Stantec provides presentation on issues in Lake Street from the Feasibility Study found in the TEUC Supplemental Materials. Lake Street has little stormwater treatment, poor sightlines at street crossing, trampled greenbelts, heavy sidewalk wear, etc.
- Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Paulino – Be aggressive on the intersection and project. Lots of people from North Street come down to waterfront, use skatepark, etc. Check design to avoid tricky areas. Lake Street is long overdue for focus. Did not know that 102 Lake Street was owned by City. Consider mixed-use area with the raingarden area. Area near Skinny Pancake is a mess on weekends. Great project.
 - Councilor Hanson – These are all positive steps forward. Let's get it done.
 - Councilor Stromberg – Very interested in this topic. Raise the Blade Campaign relates to these issues at the bottom of the hill. There should be a focus on the mitigation of the sources of stormwater. There should be a focus on raingardens, green roofs, and other permeable surface options to mitigate water problems moving forward. Supportive of this project. What are the difficulties with installing sidewalks in the area of Depot St, Penny Lane, and Lake Street?

7. Director's Report

- Tabled to next meeting.

8. Councilors' Update

- Councilor Hanson – Could you give us a quick update on the downtown section of Winooski Ave? Parking in the Marketplace Garage – Did this get approved by Public Works Commission?
- Councilor Stromberg – No update.
- Councilor Paulino – No update.

9. Next TEUC Meeting

- July 28, 2020 at 5:30PM

10. Adjourn

- On Motion by Councilor Paulino (seconded by Councilors Hanson and Stromberg), meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.