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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 5:00 PM

–DRAFT MINUTES–

Chair Hanson: Call to order at 5:02 PM.

1. Agenda

Councilor Stromberg moved to approve agenda. Seconded by Chair Hanson. Notes Councilor Barlow will not be attending. All in favor passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of 7/27/2021

Councilor Stromberg moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Chair Hanson. All in favor passed unanimously.

3. Public Forum

Closes at 5:04PM. No one present to speak.

4. Sustainable Infrastructure Plan

- Martha Keenan, Capital & Special Projects Director
- Information

Martha Keenan - Looking for committee input prior to taking this to council sometime in the next year. See spreadsheet showing capital funds still needed and associated projects. Need to determine how to best use the money we do have. This plan is looking to balance all our needs with the money we have.

Councilor Jane Stromberg – What is the \$30 million requested for?

MK – Looking to balance the request among all different assets.

JS – Questions the boat house on the barge - is it polluting?

MK – Not Polluting. On list for hopeful repair since 2014.

A lot of outstanding studies in the transportation project numbers.

Other Capital is the public safety radio infrastructure, Flynn Ave Parcel lease-purchase payments where CSWD Drop Off Center could potentially be relocated.

Some federal money may be coming and some projects can be funded by that but this is competitive, time sensitive, and unknown. We can move the bond money around and reallocate if we get federal funds specific to projects.

Chair Jack Hanson – Is there a need to make this more specific before going to voters?

MK – we will show the need to the voters for a realistic amount of work that can be done in the time we have with current staffing and resources.

Timeline is still unknown so TEUC response to this would be helpful. Mindful of construction season next year and getting this voted on in time. Discusses overall debt capacity.

JS – Open to bringing this forward.

JH – Inclined to place a ballot item for this on the potential November special election. There will be added cost if we delay.

Director Chapin Spencer – Would be helpful to understand where Councilors stand on this given the tight timeline and other current City considerations.

JH Closes item at 5:33 PM

5. Parking Services Integration Update

- Jeff Padgett, Division Director - Parking & Traffic
- Information

See presentation

Jeff Padgett – Trying to achieve integrated approach to parking for all aspects of the parking system.

Councilor Stromberg – What are employees thinking about this?

JP – So far there is apparent buy in from staff and have been engaging them along the way

Chair Hanson – Union is supportive?

JP – They have been to date. Adding a high paying Union position with this effort.

JH – How do we reduce or eliminate public subsidization of parking that is only for people who use a car in Burlington? What if any impact does this plan have on that?

JP – Conscious effort through this to allocate expenses appropriately among the various funds.

Director Spencer – Parking Enforcement has a positive financial impact on the City's General Fund.

The Parking and Traffic Funds pay for their associated administrative expenses and debt service.

JP – The meters revenue goes into the Traffic Fund (Fund 264) and pays for bike lanes, signs, signals, crossing guards etc. If we consider a Charter Change for Parking Fund (Fund 265), parking revenue from garages and lots could invest in more broad and creative parking and transportation efforts in the City.

JH – Expense from maintaining infrastructure through plowing and street sweeping. Parking is a considerable portion of the ROW.

JP – Traffic pays the Maintenance Division to maintain garages and parking spaces.

Item closes 5:57 PM

6. Solar Setbacks

- Steven Locke, BFD Chief Engineer
- Matt Stone, Fire Marshal
- Derek Libby, Deputy Chief
- Information, possible action

Fire Marshal Matt Stone – State is looking to adopt new 2021 code in the spring. They are allowing us to use 2021 code ahead of this full approval. Roof access doesn't have many changes since 2015 – they eliminated some but added others. Roof slope and panels, hip and valley requirements, and ventilation minimums discussed. Dormers not covered in the code explicitly.

Chief Steven Locke – On a typical single family home with panels on one side of the roof, will this change give additional roof coverage?

MS – Depends on the size of the roof.

SL – Former requirement at the ridge is reduced from 36" down to 18" if they are on one side of the roof with this change.

MS – Will send requirements, and how they changed, to councilors.

SL – Gain room at valleys through this change by not requiring 36" on both sides of the roof.

Deputy Chief Derek Libby – The code is national and adopted by the State in the winter/spring and then the City adopts to enforce. We want to work with the council to adopt this ahead of the State because it addresses some of the locally heard needs to make solar easier.

SL – We need to have conversations with P&I internally to make sure it gets implemented.

Councilor Stromberg – Supportive.

Chair Hanson – TEUC is very supportive of this and anything we can do.

SL – Don't need a motion but glad to have support. It doesn't need full council approval

Director Spencer – Will confirm with P&I that we don't need Council approval for code adoption.

SL – If we don't need approval we can still bring to the council as information.

JH – closes item at 6:14

7. Director's Report

Director Spencer – South End Construction Coordination Plan update provided. Meeting or connecting with key stakeholders such as CHT, VTRJA, Local Motion, South End businesses, and other stakeholders. DPW is preparing to bring this item to the Sept 13th Council meeting along with a contract amendment for the City's design consultant team for the Champlain Parkway project. Will look to extend

contract with Champlain Parkway. We believe we have arrived at a feasible and pragmatic way to sequence construction in the South End to address community concerns.

Councilor Stromberg – King and Maple neighborhood concerns seem to be addressed.

Chair Hanson– Has there been opposition from any groups?

CS – We haven't heard clear opposition from folks we've met with so far. Some stakeholders needed to review materials more fully. Overall, stakeholders appear to understand the approach and the benefits it presents.

CS – We uploaded document for DPW's FY'22 goals and objectives to TEUC webpage. Positively received by PW Commission earlier this month. Open to TEUC Councilor feedback

CS – Update on Clean Water Resiliency Plan progress and upcoming work. This plan is focused primarily on maintaining our wastewater and stormwater systems. We will come back soon to talk more about capital needs for additional repairs and investments to meet additional regulatory requirements. Much of the equipment at our WW plants are at the end of their life cycle.

JS – TMDL requirements - how are we doing?

CS – Depends on rain flow year to year, but with new TMDL requirements additional investments will be needed. We will have more to share in the coming month or two.

8. Councilors' Update

Chair Hanson – Did we approve in this year's budget compensation for commissioners?

Director Spencer – Doesn't know status. It is a Citywide issue so follow up with the Administration is recommended.

Closes at 6:24PM

9. Next Meeting 9/28/2021

10. Adjourn

Councilor Hanson moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Councilor Stromberg. All in favor passed unanimously. Adjourned at 6:24 PM.