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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Draft Minutes – Tuesday, August 25, 2020 5:30 PM

1. **Meeting Called to Order at 5:33 PM**
2. **Minutes of 7/25/2020.** On motion of Councilor Paulino, the minutes were approved as written. Second by Councilor Stromberg.
3. **Councilors' Update**
 - Councilor Stromberg: Has started process for getting street signs in Ward 8.
 - Councilor Paulino: Thanks to DPW for New North End sidewalks. Has seen a decline in negativity for cones on North Avenue. .
 - Councilor Hanson: Starting the conversation of how we can move the process of bike infrastructure along faster. Must find a better way where it does not take as long.
4. **Public Forum.**
 - No public questions nor comments.
5. **Parking Revenues and Funding Alternative Transportation**
 - Jeff Padgett (DPW) presented a response to the request made in City Council Resolution 5.03. – January 6, 2020
 - Memo summarizing presentation was entered into the record.
 - (1) Revenues of on-street parking, residential permit parking not dedicated nor restricted by law:
 - Non-Restricted revenues for 2019 total \$1.53M.
 - Somewhat Restricted revenues for 2019 total \$ 2.3M.
 - Very Restricted revenues for 2019 total \$ 3M.
 - (2) Current Uses of Funds:
 - DPW Parking: City Charter limits use of funds
 - Fund 264 (right of way and traffic signals): Funds can be used for 'controlling and regulating traffic'
 - Fund 265 (parking facilities): Funds can only be used for garages and lots
 - Parks, Recreation and Waterfront Lots - No limitations on the use of these funds
 - Residential Permit Program - No restrictions but fully utilized in the General Fund budget
 - (3) List of legally acceptable uses of funds for measures that would reduce vehicle miles traveled
 - Revenue from Parks and Recreation lots and Residential Parking Permits are unrestricted but are currently being fully utilized in General Fund budget.
 - (4) A list of revenue raising ideas, with projected revenues from each idea
 - Assistant Director Padgett stated that he wanted the TEUC members to review the background materials first and ask specifically what revenue raising options the TEUC wanted staff to analyze.
 - Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Stromberg – Are you suggesting using the residential permit program to pay for alternative transportation? Staff responded that we're not suggesting anything at this time, but providing background information. Presentation is to lay the groundwork for future policy discussion.
 - Councilor Paulino – Presentation was helpful. Wants a road map of funds and how they may be used.
 - Councilor Hanson – Wants follow up on data showing the expenditure side including managing the program. Interested in conversation about adjusting meter rates and ways to expand flexibility of parking revenue.
 - Additional Discussion

- Jeff Padgett – With guidance from today, staff can bring back additional information to the October TEUC. DPW is working with BPD with the Parking Enforcement transition and with Parks on the management of Parks' lots. The goal is to provide a customer-friendly, efficient and integrated municipal parking system.
- Public Comment: Gene Bergman: How does this mesh with other projects that you are working on? How do you "Bend the Arc" for positive opportunity?

6. South Winooski 2020 Lane Reconfiguration

- Senior Transportation Planner Nicole Losch (DPW) summarized the presentation in the meeting packet
- Corridor Vision: Safe, inviting, convenient travel for all, encourage alternatives to personal vehicles, activated streetscapes, balanced parking and mobility needs, streets that can adapt to changes.
- Why Winooski Avenue? It is a primary north-south transportation corridor but lacks multimodal facilities. It has a high number of accidents and injuries.
- City Council Direction: Implement the downtown segment in 2020 including:
 - Pavement markings Pearl to Main,
 - Bike lanes in both directions on Main
 - Consideration for physical protection
 - Improvements for intersections and pedestrian crossings
- Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Stromberg – Great presentation. Could buffer areas be added to the plan for Pearl to College? Staff responded that it was possible at this time due to budget and time restraints as curb would need to be moved. Have you talked with Wards 1 and 8? No, but can attend if desired.
 - Councilor Paulino – Voted against this project and would vote against again but sees the good in it. East on Main could use traffic calming. Need to make sure we accommodate emergency equipment.
 - Councilor Hanson – Excited for project to move forward.
 - Public comment: Gene Bergman: Concern for plowing with protective elements. Study around City Market important. Asked if other Wards had been involved in the plan. No, staff is conducting public outreach for the project overall and can attend NPAs as requested.

7. Consolidated Collection

- Lee Perry, DPW presented recommendation that was outlined in the memo. Based on the TEUC request to study a municipally-operated model, staff is proposing an in-house study on a municipally run collection system for food scraps, trash and recycling. DPW staff requests up to six months to do the work and proposes a small contract amendment with GBB to provide context on such a model.
- Public Comment: Gene Bergman: Does not believe the hired consultant should make any recommendations. Staff believes this is not a core function. We do not know the right path without more evaluation. Confidence in the public option.
- Councilor Discussion
 - Councilor Paulino – One positive component is the keeping number of trucks down on neighborhood streets. Wants to think big, and turn around and think small. Maybe convert to one neighborhood at a time. Wants DPW to conduct a financial analysis of the municipally-run option. Open to exploring for the best option.
 - Councilor Stromberg – Concerned with implementation of the new organics law as she receives many questions. Composting needs to be a priority along with recycling and trash. Does not want extra cost to be a negative outcome to being green.
 - Councilor Hanson – Wants to see analysis and data before making decisions.
 - Councilor Paulino moved to support staff proceeding with conducting an analysis of a municipally-run consolidated collection program (described as Option 2 in the memo). Councilor Stromberg to Second this. All were in favor.

8. Director's Update

- Director Chapin Spencer provided two updates:
 - CSWD Burlington Drop Off Center (BDOC) – CSWD seeks to reopen the BDOC but only for food scraps because of COVID. Looking for guidance from Councilors.
 - ◆ Councilor Paulino – Significant concern and will go to Council with this.
 - ◆ Councilor Hanson – People rely on it and we should bring this to the Council.
 - Revisions to Traffic Calming Program – Updated the TEUC on the status of the proposed revisions to the Traffic Calming program and requested time at next meeting. Councilors were in support.

9. Next TEUC Meeting

- September 22, 2020 at 5:30PM

10. Adjourn

- On Motion by Councilor Paulino (seconded by Councilors Hanson), meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.