Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

DRAFT MEETING MINUTES:

Tuesday, August 4th 2015 at 11:00 AM

Burlington Department of Public Works – Front Conference Room
645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT

—AGENDA—

Members Present:  David Hartnett (TEUC)
                  Joan Shannon (TEUC)

Others Present:   Chapin Spencer, DPW
                  Nicole Losch, DPW
                  Damian Roy, DPW
                  Nate Wildfire, CEDO
                  Kelly Devine, BBA
                  Jason Van Driesche, Local Motion
                  Paul Sisson, Resident

Joan Shannon called the meeting to order at 11:04 am.

1. Agenda

Joan moved to approve the agenda.  David seconds.  All in favor.

2. Public Forum

Jason of Local Motion wished to make a statement regarding the Walk/Bike Master Plan process that Local Motion is very pleased and impressed with its progression specifically in regards to making the overall city system friendlier for walking and biking.  He states that Local Motion is very supportive with the current direction and overall character of the Plan.
Paul makes a statement that while traveling south on North Ave at 8:30 that morning that he was traveling behind a water resource truck operating at 40 mph and is setting a negative image. Paul also asks why the city vehicle is of foreign build.

3. Minutes of 5/26/15

Joan moved to approve the minutes from the 5/26/15 TEUC Meeting. All in favor.

4. The Downtown Parking Initiative (DPI) – Kelly Devine, BBA

Kelly Devine laid out the communicative history of the DPI with the various city entities and begins her presentation of the DPI. Main points of the DPI are:

- Active, engaged parking management
- Implementation of new technologies
- Increasing high quality parking availability for all modes
- Support new development in the downtown
- Responding to the main needs of constituents
- Environmentally responsible management and implementation

5. North Avenue Improvements – Nicole Losch, DPW

Nicole presents the North Avenue Improvements in detail with specifics towards the 127 intersection pilot project. Evaluating the 127 Intersection as its own project will help determine whether any design improvements are needed without bringing negative perceptions to the overall North Avenue Improvement efforts. A Transportation Alternatives Grant was awarded to install five crosswalks along the avenue and a contract is being developed for a design engineer.

David stresses that the success of the 127 Intersection pilot project will be instrumental in gathering positive public support for the North Avenue Improvement Project.

Chapin states the metrics for success will be identified and measured and he will make determination with council’s weigh-in.

6. Councilors Updates

None Given.

7. Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 pm

The date for the next TEUC meeting was not decided.