Draft City Council Resolution Supporting Asset Management Program & Implementation
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WHEREAS the City of Burlington manages more than $500 million in property, infrastructure, facilities, vehicles and equipment assets according to the City’s Preliminary Strategic Asset Management Plan completed in 2016; and

WHEREAS these assets are critical to the vitality and sustainability of our community; and

WHEREAS the American Public Works Association defines asset management as “a comprehensive and structured approach to the long-term management of assets as tools for the efficient and effective delivery of community benefits”; and

WHEREAS the City has long struggled to adequately maintain its capital assets; and

WHEREAS inadequate preventative maintenance activities lead to premature asset failure, reactive repair work, service disruptions, increased long-term costs, and frustrated constituents; and

WHEREAS City staff and policy makers seek to implement a robust asset management program that will protect the capital investments that the City is currently making through its 10 Year Capital Plan; and

WHEREAS such a program will increase the overall resiliency of our infrastructure, improve customer satisfaction, and reduce long-term capital costs; and

WHEREAS BTV Stat has laid an important foundation for a data-driven management approach that can further benefit from a data-driven asset management program; and

WHEREAS a 2016 Preliminary Strategic Asset Management Plan for the City of Burlington found that “Burlington is well-positioned to implement asset management [and] there is strong executive level support”; and

WHEREAS a goal of the Phase II asset management implementation effort will be to procure a cross-departmental computerized maintenance management system (CMMS) that can manage work orders, customer inquiries, asset inventories, and preventative maintenance schedules for assets across the City; and

WHEREAS various General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and Enterprise Fund budgets have included monies to continue asset management program development in FY’18; and

WHEREAS asset management is a long-term commitment that requires ongoing human, programmatic and capital resources to succeed; and

WHEREAS the Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee of the City Council unanimously approved forwarding this resolution to the full City Council at its September 13, 2017 meeting;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council strongly supports the development of an asset management program within City government to achieve more resilient and cost-effective municipal infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council supports the Phase II asset management planning and implementation scope of work presented as part of this agenda item; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council directs the Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee to lead the Council’s engagement in this effort moving forward, including recommendations for future resourcing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the City Council requests an annual update from the Transportation, Energy & Utilities Committee and City staff on the City’s Asset Management Program implementation.