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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:30 PM

Burlington Department of Public Works – Streets Conference Room
645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT
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Members Present: Councilor Max Tracy, TEUC Chairperson; Councilor Sharon Bushor, TEUC Member Councilor; David Hartnett, TEUC Member Councilor; Karen Paul, City Councilor

City Staff Present: Norm Baldwin, DPW; Phillip Peterson, DPW; Chapin Spencer, DPW; Gillian Nanton, CEDO; Robert Goulding, DPW; Megan Moir, DPW

Residents Present: See Attendance Sheet

1. Agenda

- a. Councilor Tracy called the meeting to order at 5:41 pm.
- b. Councilor Bushor moved to accept the agenda

2. Minutes of 08/01/2018

- a. Councilor Bushor moved to accept the minutes. All in favor.

3. Public Forum

- a. None offered

4. Lake Champlain (LC) Byway Chittenden County Corridor Management Plan (CMP)

- a. Gillian Nanton (CEDO) and Dan Albrecht (CCRPC) presenting
- b. 20-minute duration
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Bushor: This presentation was very informative. Does the state have any tourism funding for the byway? Is there an opportunity to merge or collaborate?
 - ii. Dan: State directed funding is used, there was basically VTrans did get a small federal allocations for some byway projects.

- iii. Bushor: Do we have byway information in hotels?
 - iv. Dan: That is a paid for thing to get the brochures in hotels.
 - v. Bushor: Are schools aware of the byways? There are some educational opportunities. It would be good for local people to get an understanding of where they come from.
 - vi. Dan: That is a part of the CCRPC programs, but we could do more.
 - vii. Bushor: The 2017 Champlain Byway is supportive of the goals and missions of Plan BTV. Who did that?
 - viii. Gillian: Our planner did the write up and reviewed the document to make sure (David) the plan is in parallel with the Goals and plans of BTV.
 - ix. Bushor: I would like information from David to point to examples of how this is consistent with Plan BTV.
 - x. Hartnett: Where does most of your funding come from?
 - xi. Dan: CCRPC
 - xii. Hartnett: Where is the closest byway to us besides ours?
 - xiii. Dan: There is one directly across the lake in New York.
 - xiv. Hartnett: Is this tied to Chamber of Commerce?
 - xv. Dan: We discuss things with them, but they are a separate thing.
 - xvi. Hartnett: Is there a thought where we could have a "ByWay weekend"?
 - xvii. Dan: There have been some efforts, but that would be a great idea.
- d. Action: "Approved" resolution and recommend to City Council.

5. Residential Parking Program Ordinance Changes

- a. Phillip Peterson presenting
- b. 10-minute duration
- c. Discussion:
 - i. Chapin: This information is in draft form. There will be a limit the number of permits per unit. There will be \$10 per permit, the goal is twofold; one the residents that have the benefit would be paying for it, and two discourage people from buying too many permits.
 - ii. Bushor: The \$75 fee is a bit too harsh for a lost permit. I am a little concerned about that.
 - iii. Bushor: I think that fraternities and sororities will present some problems. Has anyone checked with any of these organizations to see what they think? With the businesses, had you had a chance to see if the businesses.
 - iv. Phillip: We are going to do public outreach over the next month or so.

- v. Bushor: We hope that you will continue to monitor and make adjustments. The goal is to have ordinances be followed, but I don't want things to be punitive.
- vi. Baldwin: We need to be careful with how accommodating we can be. We don't want to make people's lives hard, but we need to be careful with a limited resource. The community is not uniform, there is not one size fits all for every street. There are streets that are underutilized, and there are streets that are over utilized.
- vii. Bushor: I think my overall statement has to do with access in general. I want to make sure that people have what they need. I am supportive of most of this. I don't think many of my residents will be supportive of the cost of the permits.
- viii. Baldwin: We don't want to give these permits like chicklets.
- ix. Hartnett: The permit program has gone way too far. The only place we should have RPP is Ward-1. I am hesitant to support it, because I don't think these changes go far enough. I am hoping we will make more changes in the future. I want us to make changes for the better.
- x. Chapin: These are process changes, we have added four hour public parking on new RPP streets; and it seems to be working.
- xi. Bushor: Have you contemplated limiting the number of permits on certain streets?
- xii. Baldwin: Under the existing system people have basically no limits. So these changes limit the number of permits. It has been a fight to get the changes we have now put forward.
- xiii. Tracy: There is a steering committee involved.
- xiv. Chapin: We will share with the advisory committee.
- xv. Hartnett: The DPW Commission has the final say?
- xvi. Chapin: That is correct.
- xvii. Hartnett: There is not a lot of history with this DPW Commission on RPP, there is a lot of pull back from the commission.
- xviii. Baldwin: There was too much latitude given to the program.
- xix. Bushor: Overall, my residents want a program that reduces the number of permits due to abuse and excess. I think we are giving out too many permits; so we will not get the relief we are hoping.
- xx. Baldwin: When properties are developed, the Planning and Zoning process should catch things. The City has evolved, and some of the spaces need to be available to the public.
- xxi. Chapin: We will be presenting this material to local NPA's and hope to bring it to the DPW Commission by November or December.

d. Action: Informative, no action needed.

6. Review of wastewater bond proposal

a. Chapin Spencer and Megan Moir presenting

b. This material has already been resented to City Council, this is primarily a question and answer session.

c. Discussion:

i. Bushor: I have already voted for this. You talked about having \$250,000 available for local businesses. I am hoping that we are looking at when a sewer line breaks, we understand the cost is too much for some residents; when there is a water line break we have been able to provide them with a payment plan. The sewer lines it is not the same. Is there a way to provide them with a loan for a sewer line?

ii. Megan: We want to provide incentives for people to get the work done when paving is done. We are looking at providing some kind of technical assistance. We should provide some kind of list of excavation contractors. We want to provide some kind of low interest loan. We have given this a lot of thought, but it takes time. We have been talking about it. Everyone deserves access to clean water.

iii. Bushor: People are looking for a way to afford this work.

iv. Chapin: We don't know what kind of rate structures. But, all of this work is in line with all of you.

v. Baldwin: This creates complication when it comes to doing the actual paving work.

vi. Tracy: If this passes in November, when would work start?

vii. Megan: We are working through our designs right now. The earliest is next Spring and Summer.

viii. Chapin: The first phase is disinfection work.

ix. Megan: The SRF funding may take a while before it is available. Some of this work will be stretched out over four years.

x. Chapin: We will be presenting this information to the NPA's this October. If there are any questions from anyone please let us know. I am very proud of the Engineering team, they really did run like their hair was on fire! It has been an amazing effort to watch.

d. This Action: Recommended approval to City Council.

7. Scheduling Future Meetings

a. **Wed 10/24/2018 5:30 pm**

8. Councilors' Update

9. Adjourn

a. **Tracy motion to adjourn 7:11 pm**