

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
645 PINE STREET
BURLINGTON, VERMONT 05401
COMMISSION MEETING MARCH 20, 2021
DRAFT MINUTES**

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Commissioners Present: Commissioner Barr, Commissioner Damiani (Vice Chair), Commissioner Fox, Commissioner Hogan, Commissioner Munteanu; Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco (Chair) Commissioner Sears

EM 1 – CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ITEM 2 – AGENDA

Commissioner Barr made a motion to accept the agenda
Commissioner Damiani seconded
Unanimous approval

ITEM 3 – PUBLIC FORUM

Gregory Scuffler is a resident of the south end near the Ledgewood East condo complex and would like to see an EV charging program down in that area. We would love to be a part of that program.

ITEM 4 – CONSENT AGENDA

- 4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes 2-21-24**
- 4.2 Paving Complete Streets Forms**

Commissioner Barr made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of Item 4.2
Commissioner Hogan seconded
Unanimous approval

ITEM 5 – NEIGHBORHOOD EV CHARGING

James Gibbons from BED joined the meeting via Zoom and had a power point presentation. He once again went through how this is a grant based program and they EV charging stations had to be placed in specific areas. Five areas which were selected but there was some issues with the Rose Street area that was selected and that was moved to Intervale Avenue.

Commissioner Munteanu stated he supports the new location.

Commissioner Sears asked if there was anyone from the public present to speak on this.

Commissioner Fox stated the outreach was better and asked if an outreach metric was completed. Are we reaching the people that we need to reach?

Maddie Suender, an Associate Engineer with DPW stated that we met the public engagement policy.

Commissioner Barr stated that having a visual as well would make it more helpful for individuals to buy EV's.

Commissioner Damiani asked about the methodology of the locations are in a shared parking district. Mr. Gibbons stated it was not his responsibility but there is a plan for EV charging. Commissioner Damiani stated there is a small number of public EV charging is parking enforcement going to out and ticket if there is a non-EV charging vehicle in the space dedicated for the EV's. Associate Engineer Maddie Suender stated the spaces are specific for EV vehicle and they can be ticketed.

Commissioner Damiani stated he would like to see the evaluation metric use for the EV Charges from the residents of the city, focused on people living in the area. Mr. Gibbons stated that the existing system has a zip code field when they pay for use of the chargers. Commissioner Damiani stated this is a five-year grant and can we reposition the chargers if they are not getting a lot of use in one area to another area. Commissioner Damiani would like BED to come back to the Commissioner for an updated report on how this program is working.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco stated that the outreach was much better presentation. Helpful to look at electric vehicle and electric vehicle plug in numbers by zip codes. We are better able to respond to people when they say well there are no EVs right here; I do not see any EVs right now. Chittenden County has a high rate of EV adoption. What about the utilization and the parking. When talking about sites that have little utilization what are you looking for and over the course of what time. Mr. Gibbons state the use will be visible through the app. We did out outreach before installing the charges by our outreach team and we are speaking with the fire department for the safety aspect with the charges in case there is a fire at one of the locations.

There was a person from the public Gregory Scuffler questioned where the money was coming from and was informed that this was a state grant. Mr. Scuffler stated the criteria was income and equity sensitive. Some of those areas are middle class and I am just wondering why some of the areas down in the south end did not qualify. Mr. Gibbons asked Mr. Scuffler to e-mail him and he will share the criteria with him. Mr. Scuffler stated that it was mentioned that these could be redeployed after a period; it is a five year grant so perhaps after one year or so. How is that outreach going to take place or is that going to be a decision made by BED or this commission? Mr. Gibbons

stated probably both. BED deal with the charging stations but when there is an EV in a public parking space then DPW is involved as they deal with the parking. Have raised all the concerns that were brought up at last month's meeting internally with BED.

Commissioner Barr made a motion to approve.

Commissioner Fox seconded.

Commissioner Damiani asked if we could add a friendly amendment to the motion that we ask for a report back in a year, two years maybe.

Commissioner was okay with this amendment.

Commissioner Fox was okay with this amendment.

Unanimous approval

ITEM 6 – DIRECTOR'S REPORT

City Council approved budget amendment to complete initial construction contract for the Champlain Parkway. There is minor signal work continues over the winter for this initial construction contract. Work will restart around April 15th. Final contract is planned to go out to bid in April/early May.

Great Streets Main Street – Courthouse Plaza parking garage is now open to the public at the city rates \$1.50 per hour.

Bike Share – Bird is emerging from bankruptcy and is planning to relaunch their e-bikes on or around March 18th.

GMT funding and fares. GMT is using the last of the COVID relief funding through FY'25 and FY'26. TEUC has drafted a resolution calling on Chittenden County State Reps and Senators to implement recommendations from the State transit financing study. TEUC resolution go to City Council on 3/25/24 for consideration. GMT and Union drivers are advocating to have all routes be regular fare routes for consistency and in consideration of the new, easier and more equitable fare structure.

Battery Street scope study is still ongoing.

Rob Goulding,, the Information Officer stated that we are still doing the water service line outreach. This is a federally mandated program and we need residents to see and take pictures of what their water line is, lead, galvanized piping or PVC.

Clean Sweep will be taking place this spring.

ITEM 7 – COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Commissioner Barr asked if the head of Chase Street and Colchester Avenue would be painted or put up some pots to slow vehicles down.

Director Spencer our long term is to harden that curb if the paint demonstration is successful

Commissioner Fox translation services available flag for outreach. Thank you for flagging GMT funding. On the Main Street, courthouse plaza track utilization of that

while we have it? Director Spencer stated yes we'll have the usage through the Park mobile App and through the pay stations. Commissioner Fox do we know where we are in terms of compliance for the lead pipe survey? Director Spencer stated we have a long way to go. We've got 600 or so service lines identified and we have approximately ten thousand customers.

Commissioner Munteanu would like a status update of the intersections closed and future closures for the Main Street Great Streets project?

Information Officer Goulding stated that Main Street and Pine Street are currently closed right now for sewer updates and are on track right now the new anticipated date of April 5th. There will not be any work on Eclipse Day and we expect everything to be back to hardscape. Not sure what the next phase of closure schedule is going to be at this time.

Director Spencer stated that it is likely that the next intersection is going to be at Main and St. Paul with more information forthcoming.

Information Officer Goulding stated that approximately a block and a half north on Pine Street there will be an sewer open dig project on Pine Street between Bank and College.

Commissioner Munteanu stated that in terms of the Champlain Parkway especially the northern section, Kilburn to Main Street and sort of the phasing and timing of that project to go along with the railyard enterprise work.

Director Spencer stated that an update of the south end construction coordination place and the Champlain Parkway project is moving faster than expected. The Rail Yard Enterprise project moving well. It is expected to not go to construction for probably three years. The Parkways final construction project is expected to wrap up some time the end of 2026 and the Rail Yard Enterprise Project is expected to start construction in 27.

Commissioner Sears asked about the Route 127 and Park Street intersection is this considered done or is it still a work in progress?

Director Spencer stated that there have been some changes in the signal phase of Manhattan Drive and North Champlain Street and the speed limit sign at the end of Route 127 to 35 mph. Are there still some concerns.

Commissioner Sears stated people are running the red light been with the slower speed limit people are still running the red light off 127.

Commissioner also asked about crossing guards. Director Spencer stated we are not at full staff and there are established intersections.

Commissioner Hogan asked if coming off Route 127 has some of the newer signal technology for the intersection? Director Spencer don't have the cameras on there not sure if we upgraded the controllers.

Sense of how many intersections we are up to with the Miyo Vision? Director Spencer 11 or so out of the 75.

Commissioner Hogan asked what are the chances to unblock the access to the multi-use path adjacent to the Champlain Parkway. Dirt to side getting tore up. There is debris

spilling out of people's bike grocery bags from having to hop curb to get back on it. Director Spencer explained the road between Home Avenue and Lakeside and the shared use path would be opened in a few months. We are expecting this to happen by the end of June. Still an active construction site and contractor will be working on it. The contractor still owns the site.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco on Main Street project communication is great. Feedback from users, speed, and complexity ease any positive feedback. Director Spencer start of a multi-year project, concerns from businesses that this will impact entrances to the business. Have collected a lot of historical artifacts from the dig, glass bottles from 1800s.

Commissioner O'Neill-Vivanco asked about the staffing for the street crew looking. Director Spencer state we have a couple of new hours, streets is good, recycling will working to fill slots, fill in the planner position.

ITEM 8 – ADJOURNMENT – NEXT MEETING DATE MARCH 20, 2024

Commissioner Barr made a motion to adjourn
Commissioner Munteanu seconded
Unanimous approval

Meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.