



City Council - Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, 5:30 PM,

Join in Person: Front Conference Room, 645 Pine St. Burlington, VT 05401

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1. Agenda

1.1. Motion to adopt/amend

2. Adopt Minutes

2.1. Minutes of 7/28/26

3. Public Forum

4. Deliberative Agenda

4.1. GMT Funding Initiative Update - 15 minutes

4.2. Unaccepted Streets - 45 min

4.3. Adoption of updated 2026 Vermont Town Road & Bridge Standards - 5 min

4.4. Proposed FY 27 Fleet Purchases - 15 min

5. Director's Report

6. Councilor Items

6.1. Councilor Items

7. Next Meeting

7.1. Tentative, 9/22/26, 5:30PM

8. Adjournment



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Councilor Mark Barlow, Chair, *North District*
Councilor Gene Bergman, *Ward 2*
Councilor Becca McKnight, *Ward 6*
Councilor Marek Broderick, *Ward 8*

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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council

Tuesday, July 28, 2026 – 5:30 PM

--DRAFT MINUTES--

See video for full meeting: https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=town+meeting+tv

Councilors absent: None

Councilors present: Chair Barlow, Councilor Bergman, Councilor Broderick, and Councilor McKnight (via Zoom)

Chair Barlow calls the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Councilor McKnight opened the meeting by expressing condolences to the family of Shiloh Skalka, who died in a bicycle accident near the meeting location, and encouraged attendees to reflect on how the community can make Burlington safer for children

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt the agenda as posted on civic clerk.

Councilor Broderick seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

2. Minutes of 6/23/26

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt the minutes as posted.

Councilor Broderick seconds.

All in favor, Unanimous approval

3. Public Forum

Sharon Bushor – Former City Councilor and resident of Burlington - raised concerns about the solid waste tax and recycling funding, highlighting alternative practices like taking waste to drop-off sites and combining recycling efforts among small households, and requested more information about how funding works with the Solid Waste District.

4. Deliberative Agenda

4.1 Lake Street Traffic Calming

Robert Sand – Ward 3 presented information.

Councilor Bergman asked about timing and relation with Police Dept. **Councilor McKnight** asked does the city have a cross department task force? **Councilor Broderick** said same issue on College St. **Chair Barlow** asked what time of day? Does it start at a certain time?

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: The meeting focused on a Lake Street traffic calming resolution passed by the Ward 3 MPA, with Robert Sanders presenting concerns about dangerous motorcycle speeds and lack of enforcement in the waterfront corridor. Chapin Spencer, Director of Public Works, acknowledged existing traffic calming measures on Lake Street have not achieved desired outcomes and noted the department's limited capacity to address enforcement gaps. The discussion highlighted the need for better coordination between DPW and the police department, with Councilor McKnight suggesting the formation of a cross-departmental task force to address enforcement and education challenges.

4.2 Solid Waste Generation Tax Flow Control & Tax Structure

Lee Perry, Assistant Director Maintenance & ROW provided information.

Councilor Bergman asked about Drop off Center Customers? Feels we should explore the affordability programs. **Councilor Broderick** agrees with **Councilor Bergman** and to make sure we are charging tax to everyone that lives in the City. Also asked about the tier system. **Chair Barlow** has the same concerns about how to capture the self-haulers.

Sharon Bushor commented that the South Burlington drop of center was asking for your zip code.

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: The group discussed concerns about capturing Burlington residents who self-haul waste to South Burlington drop-off centers, as they may pay lower fees than if collected by a hauler. DPW raised the issue of ensuring proper residency verification at drop-off centers, though this would create operational challenges for CSWD. The discussion included exploring affordability programs and potential solutions like zip code tracking, with the group agreeing to further discuss these issues with CSWD and consider long-term approaches to consolidated collection.

4.3 Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project Update

Martin Lee, Water Resources Engineering Manager presented information.

Councilor Bergman asked what is the worst-case scenario? What would be the collateral impacts of that, and what is our contingency planning for that? **Chair Barlow** do you have more than one proposal?

AI generated minutes w/ slight staff revisions: Martin Lee provided a comprehensive update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project, highlighting the current Stage Zero construction and plans for Stage 1 improvements. The project, approved in 2025 with an estimated cost of \$127 million, aims to enhance capacity, improve phosphorus treatment, and address aging infrastructure. Key stakeholders include Parks and Recreation, Burlington Electric Department, and the State, with coordination ongoing regarding parking, electrical lines, and bike path impacts. The team plans to engage a construction manager at risk (CMAR) and will seek approval for the engineer's contract through 100% final design.

5. Director's Report

- We're excited for the successful celebration for Main St – Every Department & Division was involved. Lower Church St – still finishing up sidewalk work. B.E.D is fixing a defect on some of the poles.
- Unaccepted Streets - Coming soon with suggested grouping.
- Paving a series of North End Streets in the next few weeks.

6. Councilor Items

Councilor Bergman – Loved the Main St opening celebration. Who is watering the trees? Protected bike lanes on Elmwood Ave after Grant St– tree that spreads out, who's responsibility is it? Request a future report on the traffic data on Maple & Pine and King & Pine and the issues to left hand turn lanes.

Councilor Broderick – College St & Willard St great job with getting pedestrian signals up.

Chair Barlow – Maple St & King St data - smart lights active? Lots of appreciation to the New North End for new sidewalks.

7. Next Meeting

August 25, 2026, 5:30 pm at 645 Pine St.

8. Adjournment

Chair Barlow adjourns meeting 7:05 pm.