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Meeting started at: 3: 43 pm.

Councilors Present: Benjamin Traverse and Joan Shannon.

Other present: Lori Olberg, Hayley McClenahan, Philip Edgerley & Mohamed S. Ibrahim.

1. Agenda

Action, Procedural: 1.01 Motion to amend/adopt the agenda

Councilor Traverse moved a motion to adopt the agenda, Councilor Shannon seconded

Agenda adopted unanimously

2. Public Comment (verbal)

2.01 Verbal Comments

No Verbal comments.

3. Consent Agenda

3.01 motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated

Councilor Traverse moved motion to adopt the consent agenda and take the actions as indicated

Councilor Shannon seconded the motion

Consent agenda adopted unanimously.

3.02 Communication: BPD, re: Carry the Load, Walk, May 3, 2023, 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Begins at Waterfront Park and Concludes in Winooski

4. Deliberative Agenda

Action: 4.01 Tobacco License Application (2022-2023): Apex Arboretum, 699 Pine Street

Motion by Councilor Traverse to approve Tobacco License Application (2022-2023): Apex Arboretum, 699 Pine Street, Seconded by Councilor Shannon

Action: 4.02 Communication: Caleb Manna, Excavation Inspector, Department of Public Works, re: 115 College Street - Battery Street Jeans - Encumbrance Application



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Motion by Councilor Traverse to approve and recommend that the City Council approve the Encumbrance Application for 115 College Street requesting use of a portion of the sidewalk for a free clothing closet, as further detailed in Attachment A, to further recommend that the City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into a license agreement with the Applicant for use of the portion of the right-of-way outlined in the Application, subject to review by the City Attorney's Office, Seconded by Councilor Shannon.

Owner of Battery street jeans exchange LLC indicated he's doing the free bin-clothes- since he started his business, started at Pine Street, and he's the one managing the bin. Councilor Shannon said we're formalizing something that has existed for a long time, Applicant confirmed.

Andrew Juhasz owner of Imperial Collective at College Street submitted a letter and photo to the committee explaining his reasoning on how the bin at this place can harm other business and disturb the community peace-letter is signed by other 7 business around the-bin-and sharing same concerns on how the bin at this place can disturb community peace and bring harm to their businesses. Photo and Letter- signed by 8 business- available for public at the office of the clerk/treasurer.

Other residents, volunteers and business owners came before the committee and shared their thoughts on how the bin at this place is helpful for the community and themselves and violence in the city can happen and happens already everywhere at places far from the bin's location.

All attendees supported the existence of the bin at its location. Even when the bin causes blockage at the sidewalk front and around it, and shared how the bin is a beneficial to the community over the years. Some attendees indicated that all violence problems happened lately came from one individual and this issue was taken care of.

Councilor Traverse thanks the applicant for the work he's doing, and all the attendees who took the time to come in. and to all the business neighbors and confirmed how everyone at downtown either individuals or business how they can be effected by raising on violence and crime rates lately happening in the city especially downtown area.

Councilor Traverse said I don't think removing the clothing bin is one of the steps that is going to address the issues happening downtown, and the issues are present either the bin there or not.

Councilor Shannon thanked the applicant on how he helps the community by giving free clothing, Counselor said I don't see this as an appropriate use for the city's sidewalk, and store environment is the appropriate place for such a charity work.

Councilor Traverse purposing to forward the application to the full council to determine what action will be taken.

Councilor Shannon indicated this is a City Council License Committee level issue/application. And proposed to postpone this item to a further discussion by the committee.

Councilor Traverse agreed to postpone for further discussion.

Motion by Counselor Traverse to postpone this item to the next meeting of the licensing committee. Seconded by Councilor Shannon.

No further discussion.

Motion passes unanimously.

5. Other Business



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5.01 Verbal Comments

None.

6. Adjournment

Action, Procedural: 6.01 Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned 4:38 pm.