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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday January 24, 2023, directly following the Vehicle for Hire Board

DPW Front Conference Room
645 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05482
Masks Optional

Join via Zoom, <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84603122855>

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Tuesday, January 24, 2023

Vehicle for Hire Licensing Board/ Transportation Energy and Utilities Joint Committee

5:00pm in the DPW Front Conference Room at 645 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05401

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1. Agenda

Subject **1.01 Adopt/ Amend Agenda**

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2. Introductions

Subject **2.01 Board Member Introductions**

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4. Hearings

Subject **4.01 Adria Taxi - Alija Bajramovic**

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File Attachments
REDACTED Lini Wollenberg-Adria Taxi 11032022.pdf (264 KB)

Subject 4.02 JD's Taxi - Slobodan Josic

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REDACTED Jordana Churchill & Alif Alam-JDs Taxi 01022023.pdf (76 KB)

5. New Business

Subject 5.01 Taximeters - Rates and Use

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6. Deliberative Session

Subject 6.01 Deliberative Session to consider hearings

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7. Adjournment

Subject 7.01 Adjourn

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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Monday, December 19, 2022, 3:00PM

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645 Pine St, Burlington, VT 05482
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Call to order at 3:02PM

–DRAFT MINUTES–

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt agenda. Seconded by Chair Barlow. All in favor. Passes Unanimously.

2. [Minutes of 11/22/22](#)

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt minutes - notes there are a few typos for staff to address. Seconded by Chair Barlow. All in favor. Passes Unanimously.

3. Public Forum

Martha Lang – UVM Trinity Campus increasing campus pedestrian traffic. Is this an appropriate Committee to discuss this?

Director Chapin Spencer – Yes.

Ashley Adams – Comment regarding District Energy Plan not being sustainable. Other options that should be considered.

Deniz Dutton – Comment against District Energy Plan. Not sustainable. Not Carbon neutral.

Zack Porter – Founder of Standing Trees, a New England wide community. Against the District Energy Plan. Can't meet decarbonization goals with biomass energy source. Other options that could decarbonize Burlington.

Catherine Bock – Live 2 blocks from McNeil. Comment against District Energy Plan.

Laura Simon – Standing Trees volunteer. Comment against District Energy Plan.

Cheryl Joy Lipton – Comment against District Energy Plan.

Pike Porter – Need to reevaluate energy source sustainability. Reevaluate Net Zero and Climate Action Plan and account for carbon generated by McNeil, airport, etc.

Zoom comment: Laura Simon: Please understand that many Vermonters agree with Ashley Adams comment. Please visit standingtrees.com to learn more about what she is saying. I worked for Burlington Authority for 14 years. I ask you to NOT allow McNeil to keep burning.

Zoom Comment: Catherine Bock: I would like to add my voice to the points Ashley and Deniz have made. Please consider that to continue burning wood at the McNeil plant is a bad move for the climate.

Zoom Comment; Cheryl Joy Lipton: Biogenic emissions aren't listed or counted by McNeil and hasn't been reported to you by them. This is what is causing problems, since it is still carbon emissions, even though it isn't reported. It's an accounting error that needs to be corrected. The biomass task group of the VCC is also recommending that wood heating should be looked at next. This is another thing that needs to be removed to be carbon free. Burning wood for any reason will emit carbon dioxide and other pollution, harming climate, biodiversity, and human health.

4. BED Thermal Policy Recommendations

- Darren Springer
- 30 Minutes
- [Charter Change Report](#)
- [Draft Resolution](#)
- [Memo](#)
- [Presentation](#)

Darren Springer – Plan to work with Council on ballot language for January Council consideration.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Question on the Resolution and the definitions. Concerned and sympathetic to the points that have been made with regards to the definition of renewable fuels.

Resolution – the paragraph about uses must be included in the question that is posed to the voters. Break up text into bullet points, resolution is confusing as is. No problem with sequencing or amount of money for the fee.

Chair Mark Barlow – Supportive generally. Want to coordinate more with other communities and have policies with neighboring communities. So Burlington recently passed a similar ordinance. Would like to change our language to allow for room to determine appropriate pricing.

Kim Sturtevant – City Attorney. Could help with structuring paragraph. Could reword language to say “Up to 150\$”. Need to consider how would we then decide what the actual number is. Will have to follow that up with ordinance language to have fee structure in place.

GB – Supportive and should keep 5% cap. Have something like “to be set by ordinance” vs “to be set by resolution.”

KS – I can work on language with staff and have it checked prior to it coming back to full Council.

GB – Supportive. Definitions of renewable, it is appropriate we engage in this conversation in the place where the definition is which is in ordinance.

DS – Appreciate the resolution discussion. Understand the updates and will continue to move this forward in advance of Town Meeting Day if possible.

We love electrification from a clean energy standpoint and good for locally used power. We are supportive of strategic electrification. That said, we are conscious that there is a larger policy conversation and other fuels that are in play. We are looking to be as cost effective and broad as possible. Left space for things to be done on a case-by-case basis.

MB – Is McNeil operating at its capacity?

DS – Current discussion is not about McNeil. 10-20% renewables on the market. Not here to talk about District Energy Plan. This policy does not have anything to do with McNeil's operations. This resolution does not mean we will need a higher output from McNeil.

GB – Maybe a joint meeting with Ordinance Committee, a work session, etc. Longer more involved conversation for definition of renewables would be helpful.

DS – Always happy to talk about our resources and what we are doing. Happy to join another meeting or whatever is helpful.

MB– Good idea to coordinate a time for further discussion

Move that we amend the proposed resolution as indicated and ask the City Attorney to do the drafting necessary to make that happen and confirm with Committee members to allow this to get back to Council to get this back to the March ballot.

Item closes at 3:48PM

5. Lake St Shared Use Path Concept Plans

- Corey Mims, Maddy Suender
- 10 Minutes
- [Presentation](#)

See presentation.

Councilor Bergman – Supportive of concept.

Chair Barlow – Supportive as well. Will support commuter and recreational traffic that uses Depot Street, or people going to waterfront. What are long-term plans for Depot Street?

Director Chapin Spencer – It has been on our paving list for several years but given financial challenges and high paving bids over last few years we have not been able to do this. Still have it in our paving plans as soon as it is feasible.

6. Main Street Great Streets Update

- Laura Wheelock, Olivia Darisse
- 15 Minutes
- [Memo](#)

Memo summary by Olivia Darisse, see memo.

Councilor Gene Bergman – We need to stay on business relations and disruptions from this project. A CEDO concern as well.

Laura Wheelock - Going to DPW Commission on Wednesday at 6:30. Will have a presentation from the consultant that will be helpful. Informational meeting, we hope to know what they will feel comfortable with moving forward. No ordinances proposed so no action to be taken.

GB – BWBC and Local Motion and other folks that raised concerns with the shared use path should be made aware of meeting.

Director Chapin Spencer – Important to note City ordinance already lists these intersections are signalized so our plan is to move ahead if no intervention. We want to get input now. We will reach out to those groups.

Chair Mark Barlow – Section on roundabouts was helpful. Revine sewers – does it need to be stabilized?

Laura Wheelock – Yes, certain sections will be abandoned and filled.

MB – Parking study – how were they counted?

OD – We looked at historic peak parking and physically collected data during that time. Working with Parking to see trends and revenue to compare current to historic data.

MB – Can there be recommendations on ways to implement mitigation of loss of diagonal parking in report published in January? Will there be additional input opportunities for businesses?

LW – Good suggestion. Wayfinding will be installed through the project.

OD – We are looking to make sure the spaces are signed in the best way possible to fit the parking needs of the specific area. Will take recommendation to businesses for feedback.

Item ends at 4:17PM

7. Bike Share RFP Process

- Rob Goulding, Chapin Spencer
- 15 Minutes

Director Chapin Spencer – Tech Services is down planning staff but will be taking over this project. CATMA is working on proposals for new bikeshare program starting in 2023. CATMA is including language that reflects the concerns we heard from the community and local bike shops throughout process.

Sandy Thibault, Executive director at CATMA – Bikeshare is a key option that compliments that system we have in place. Committed to seeing it continue. CATMA is regional system so we are appropriate group to be moving this RFP forward.

Josh Katz, CATMA – Timeline Update: RFP released this week, proposals until end of January. Will work with partners to choose vendor by end of February and get bikes implemented by May. We recently did a community bikeshare survey to gauge what the community wants. We saw support from over 75% of respondents to reboot the system. We received great feedback and worked to incorporate it.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Want to ensure proposal is able to be integrated into Zoning requirements. To provide a bikeshare membership to all residents/employees for all for the first two years and then a 50% discount thereafter.

ST – Dependent on how the vendor operates. A membership option was great and we would like to continue this.

GB – Would like to have RFP be responsive to membership option.

MB – Local Bike shops and waterfront concerns from first program. How are you incorporating that into RFP so we don't repeat that?

CS – We received an email from Zandy Wheeler, Skirack, during meeting with feedback. Ongoing conversation.

Josh Katz – We have met with bike shops to see what they would like from new system. As a result, we are emphasizing need for hubs in neighborhoods and continual engagement with local bike shops is included in RFP. City is having some initiatives to allow for vendor space on the waterfront.

Item ends at 4:33PM

8. Director's Report

Director Chapin Spencer – N Winooski Ave - finalizing shared parking option. Proposing City offer to manage and enforce at times and in places when the owners would welcome that. Plan is to go out after Holidays. Mapped out a timeline to talk to owners about shared parking option, parking regulations on

street, Will Clavel, CEDO, will be joining us to talk about loan support programs. On street regulatory changes taken to Commission at February meeting. Following up with CHC to see how we can assist with their off-street parking needs.

Councilor Bergman – Would like to join on site outreach.

9. Councilors' Update

Councilor Bergman – Thinks we should tackle District Energy and question of renewable fuels at a January or February Special Meeting.

Chair Mark Barlow – Agree. We should have broader conversation about base line measurement of emissions of both BED and Airport.

10. Next Meeting TBD

- ~~— Early January meeting available as needed.~~
- Standard time booked: 1/24/23 5PM at 645 Pine.
 - o Move forward with this time.

11. Adjourn 4:30PM

Councilor Bergman moves to adjourn. Seconded by Chair Barlow. All in favor. Passes Unanimously.

Meeting ends 4:39PM



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VFH closes at 5:55 PM. TEUC Starts at 5:57PM

–DRAFT MINUTES–

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to adopt agenda. Seconded by Councilor Paul. All in favor. Passes Unanimously.

2. Minutes of 12/19/22

Defer to next meeting.

3. Public Forum

Pike Porter - Agenda item suggestions:

Hear from climate scientist presentation

Learn what Burlington's carbon footprint would be if your net zero road map initiative is realized

How much more biomass would be burned?

Review of old CAP and update the Net Zero to include CO2 from all sources McNeil and airport

Cost benefit analysis of the 280 acres, 44 acres, fire crash services

Resolution to work with Vermont Air National Guard (VTANG) to count fuel used yearly and reduce GHG

Chris Gish, Ward 5 resident - Agenda item suggestions:

Carbon emissions Burlington is responsible, specifically Airport and McNeil.

March ballot item and District Heating

Work with VTANG on Airport emissions

Jimmy Lees - Agenda item suggestion: Airport Emissions, accounting for all emissions

Note Ashley Adams to confirm all councilors received email.

4. South End Transit Oriented Development and Multimodal Center Planning

- Chapin Spencer, Laura Wheelock

- Information

- <https://www.ccrpcvt.org/our-work/transportation/current-projects/scoping/burlington-south-end-multimodal-center-feasibility-study/>

Director Chapin Spencer – Opportunity to redevelop South End parking lot into vibrant multimodal neighborhood. Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) did a feasibility study on multimodal transit center. MOU between adjacent City, Champlain College, and Hula calls for a planning study to evaluate different development concepts and how to resolve infrastructure constraints for the three parcels (125 Lakeside Avenue, 175 Lakeside Avenue and 68 Sears Lane). While there is significant development potential on these three parcels, there are also challenges related to wastewater, stormwater, traffic and parking to address.

Laura Wheelock – Gave overview of the final report for the Multimodal Center feasibility study (see link above) and identified possible funding options – including federal funding potential.

Work done to date has been a private application to CCRPC. Scoping study to conclude ~Aug 2023.

CS – Public meetings to come as part of scoping study.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Interested in housing challenges. Interested in multimodal transportation center that would be part of a comprehensive transportation system with least emissions possible. Need to ensure Zoning does not preclude enterprise industry opportunities in Overlay district.

Councilor Karen Paul – Excited about a potential transit center. Need to look into full feasibility study.

Chair Mark Barlow – Housing type envisioned? Worker housing and one bedroom housing is needed.

LW – Different models possible. Parcel is too small as is to do something very successful. Changing parcel lines will allow major improvements. Getting perspective from private developers, City Planning, and Champlain Housing Trust (CHT).

MB – Report said no contamination. Initial studies don't always consider this. Is this a concern?

LW– Parkway proximity and testing and research in the area shows it may be cleaner than expected. PAHs next to rail are known. Will have access to proximate testing as other work happens in the area.

MB– Funding for scoping?

Chapin – Scoping should get us to a shared vision that we can fund with federal dollars. The local match for the scoping study is 20%, split between partners.

GB – All Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategies need to be considered.

Item closes at 6:37PM

5. CarShare Vermont Operations Update

- Annie Bourdon, CarShare
- Information

Annie Bourdon – 23 vehicle fleet, 1,100 members. Growing portion of members on subsidized plan, currently 10%. Primary reasons subsidized members use service is food, medical care, and socialization. Working to get CarShare at low-income housing and community centers. Do not have dedicated chargers for all cars in fleet. Working with City and fundraising privately for chargers. In 2022, 76% of members reported shedding/not purchasing a vehicle. 86% said they were a part of 1 or 0 car households. We estimate that for every vehicle we put in service, 12-15 are removed as fewer people purchase cars. Creating innovative carshare opportunities with new partners. We are one of few independent, community-based operators in US. Staff of 5. Limited access to public funds makes expansion hard.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Expand on things you would hope for from the City.

AB – Continued access to desirable parking. Consideration for pairing every charger that will be available to privately owned vehicles, with one dedicated to shared vehicles. Aside from City, there are issues with cost of hardware and workforce. Need City to lobby for funding for CarShare as a public service.

GB – Is Main St an opportunity for this shared charger install?

Laura Wheelock – Starting to work with BED for Main St project. Will be in touch. Limited by flexibility of use of spaces with strict definition of CarShare and public vehicles. DPW working with BED to site 5 charger locations from a grant. This is good opportunity for CarShare.

GB – Conversation needed with DPW, Planning, and TEUC regarding City wide TDM requirements.

AB – Would like to have TDM requirements encourage CarShare.

LW – Planning engaged DPW with selection of their TDM consultant which should move forward very soon. Seems it could be an appropriate item at a meeting.

Chapin Spencer – Two transportation planners joined this month. Will connect them with the CarShare team.

Councilor Karen Paul – What is reason for no CarShare spaces at BHA properties?

Annie – Told parking was too scarce on site. Culture of car dependence.

Chair Mark Barlow – What is CarShare's ability to expand as demand increases?

Annie – May not be able to. We are careful about where we site vehicles and build off existing demand. We own our fleet and have been able to sell vehicles and reinvest. Challenged by lack of vendors who can install technology in vehicles. We can expand but there are issues with technology and equity.

Item closes at 7:06PM

6. Future Meeting Agenda Items

- Committee
- Action

Councilor Gene Bergman –

- TDM discussion with all stakeholders present. Review of ordinance and how study is going.
- GMT funding. Invite legislators - Charlie Baker, Tom Chittenden, new GMT General Manager.
- Burlington International Airport Emissions. Full flight emission info.
- McNeil Biomass. Hold a symposium with BED and both sides of issue.
- Solar farm on old dump off of Manhattan Dr.

Chair Mark Barlow–

- GMT funding in February.
- Airport item coming in March. Set an expectation that we want them to speak to all emissions.
- McNeil, we can schedule symposium offline. On February meeting in case planning is needed.

Chapin Spencer – Upgrade to Wastewater plants will be coming in a few months.

Staff will be coming to Council in April to provide a Council-requested update regarding N Winooski, do you want to see it here first?

GB – Written report in March for N Winooski should be sufficient.

Item closes at 7:32PM

7. Director's Report

None.

8. Councilors' Update

None

9. Next Meeting ~~2/28/23~~ 2/22/23 5PM

10. Adjourn

Meeting ends 7:34PM