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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Thursday October 26th, 2023 – 5:00PM

Front Conference Room
645 Pine Street, Burlington, VT 05401

–DRAFT MINUTES–

Chair Barlow calls meeting to order at 5:02PM

1. Agenda

Councilor Bergman moves to approve the agenda. Councilor King seconds. All in favor, passes unanimously.

2. Minutes of [9.26.23](#)

Councilor Bergman moves to approve the agenda. Councilor King seconds. All in favor, passes unanimously.

3. Public Forum

Andrea Todd– Bird bikeshare parking is inadequate. Clean Sweep operation this time of year needs to happen to clear out leaves.

Closes at 5:07PM

4. Initial WWTP Tertiary Treatment Pilot Report and WWTP Upgrade Update

- Megan Moir, Matt Dow, Martil Lee

Megan Moir and Martin Lee give presentation. Discuss finances, constructability and timeline.

Chair Mark Barlow – Questions about federal/state funding for these projects. Bond in 2024?

Megan Moir – Anticipating CY24

Chapin Spencer – Hoping to get to CC prior to Town Meeting Day as it is major policy discussion.

Councilor Gene Bergan – Any other competing departments for this money?

Chapin Spencer – We are in discussions. Still working on how this will be packaged for rate payers.

Chair Barlow – Rate payers need to be made aware as soon as possible even if all details are not worked out.

Megan Moir – Still working out affordability scales.

Item ends 6:07PM

5. Engineering Standards

- Julia Ursaki, Maddy Suender, Laura Wheelock, Norm Baldwin
- Action

Norm Baldwin – Gives overview of why standards are necessary for uniformity, cost, and quality for all work in the ROW.

Julia Ursaki gives presentation.

Chair Mark Barlow – Supportive. Is there process for variances?

Julia Ursaki – Yes, language included to have contractors confirm and work with City and City Engineer.

Chair Mark Barlow – What are factors that determine TEUC approval vs City Engineer approval for changes?

Laura Wheelock – When there are safety and best practice improvements based on accepted standards that could be City Engineer.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Supportive as this is very important. Would like a list of what and why we are deviating from VTrans. Has there been a reaction to this by development community and what likelihood of increased construction cost is there and intern higher cost of living? Need to have a process for helping low-income development be subsidized.

Laura Wheelock – We can work with CEDO prior to City Council.

Councilor Bergman moves that the TEUC approves and recommends that the City Council adopt the City of Burlington Engineering Standards with the addition that Staff work with CEDO for affordability questions and list Burlington specific deviations from State/Federal standards with rational provided.

Seconded by Councilor King. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

Item ends 6:39 PM

6. Bikeshare Update

- Julia Ursaki

Julia Ursaki – Provides overview of Bird metrics and parking. Bird manages bike parking with reporting from citizens - where bikes aren't reported, they can't fix them. They have gotten 77 reports through their app, all of which have been responded to within 2 hrs. There is also an email (vermont311@bird.co) to report bikes parked incorrectly. Bird is trying to do more outreach for parking and looking into a program for repeat offenders of misparking. Bikes will leave the streets for winter months.

Councilor Gene Bergman – Not happy with only relying on complaints. They should be doing periodic checks and actively looking for misparking. Would like for bigger report to show more data on user such as where they are and discount program and its relationship to TDM requirements.

Chair Barlow – Confirms reporting in app can be used like SCF to report misparking even for non Bird users. Would be good to be more widely advertised. A phone number would be helpful too.

Item ends 6:47 PM

7. Vehicle for Hire Modernization

- Councilors

Chair Mark Barlow – Continuing to attend meetings and they have provided a memo included in the packet. Would like TEUC to formalize this request for I&T Dept. to look into updating metering and then recommend a path forward to TEUC to recommend to CC.

Councilor Bergman moves to request the Innovation and Technology Department do research and report back to the TEUC with a recommendation on how to move forward with upgrades to the taxi meter system that the VFHLB recommended in their memo. Seconded by Councilor King. All in favor. Passes unanimously.

Item ends 6:51 PM.

8. Director's Report

Chapin Spencer – Update on rate changes for off street and on street parking – plan for Commission in November. Working to bring forward a contract acceptance for Main Street Great Streets after some value engineering to reconcile high bids.

Item ends 6:53 PM

9. Councilors' Update

Councilor Bergman – Request to have list of items as part of committee packet that we have requested to bring to TEUC.

Item ends 6:54PM

10. Next Meeting 11/28/23 - Confirmed

December 19th meeting confirmed as well - to be held elsewhere TBD.

11. Adjourn

Councilor Bergman moves to adjourn. Councilor King seconds. All in favor. Meeting Adjourns 6:55 PM