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Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council
Tuesday November 28th, 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 10.26.23

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

3. Public Forum

No one present.

Closes at 5:03PM

4. Bird Bikeshare Update

- Julia Ursaki (DPW), Katie Martin and Emily Adams (CATMA), Jeremy Lynch (Bird)
- Information

Jeremy Lynch goes through presentation.

Councilor Gene Bergman – If there are recurring problems in the same locations, can we look to add racks or something to address them. Encouraged by innovations Bird is looking into. Want to increase low-income ridership, N Winooski community in particular. Bird should partner with developers. Winooski and South Burlington links are difficult with lacking infrastructure but within 10 years there will be better connections.

Councilor Hannah King – Emails to folks who have had issues, what has response been? Could text messages be better received?

JL – We will have better idea in spring as we didn't start emails right away. Most people respond positively.

Chair Mark Barlow – Can a phone number be used to report improperly parked bikes? Can SCF be used to route issues to Bird?

JL – There is a number on the bikes and website. We can work on getting SCF integrated.

Eliana Fox – Supportive of Bird bikes and all efforts they have made to be a good partner.
Item ends 5:48 PM

5. Lead and Copper Rule Revisions (LCRR) Briefing

- Megan Moir, Emily Piersiak (DPW WR)

Megan Moir – Provides overview.
Emily Piersiak – Goes through presentation.

Councilor Gene Bergman – In terms of messaging, we should show that we care about this important cause, not just reacting to EPA.

Chair Mark Barlow – Are there any other tests that aren't magnetic that can be sent to people? Can we incentivize people to do it by a certain date?

Megan Moir – Can look into tests. Looking into certain deadlines being met resulting in a drawing for random gift card.

Gene Bergman – Think we can do an incentive based on level of response if lacking.
Item ends 6:13 PM

6. North Winooski Ave Update

- Phillip Peterson (DPW), Chapin Spencer (DPW)

Phillip Peterson – Goes through presentation.

Gene Bergman – Occupancy numbers show a significant parking demand. Need more TDM work and connectivity in greater Winooski Ave area.

Chair Mark Barlow – Are there any immediate DPW actions that were informed by survey?

Chapin Spencer – Continuing to work with Community Health Center (CHC) on their off-street parking for all day parkers. Working on grant for CHC to continue their scoping for off street parking.

Chair Mark Barlow – Would like to know if businesses have been impacted. Majority of folks think it is safer which is encouraging.

Phillip Peterson – Want to keep line of communication open with businesses so we can react to parking needs as they change or issues arise.

Item ends 6:29 PM.

7. Director's Report

Solid Waste Generation Tax Payment Compliance (See Report).

Chapin Spencer – Online there is a memo to provide an update. Haulers are current.

Gene Bergman – Compost haulers not shown on list. Need to check if cost should be adjusted.

Chapin Spencer – Will confirm with attorney.

Chair Mark Barlow – Where do these funds go?

Chapin Spencer – General fund, DPW recycling program. It is not a special revenue or standalone fund. We do evaluate the cost vs revenue and seek to make sure we are covering cost and overhead.

Chapin Spencer – Champlain Parkway winter shut down Dec 1st. Minimal work through winter. We are setting up a public meeting form Main St businesses mid Dec.

Item ends 6:53 PM

8. Councilors' Update

Councilor Bergman – Requested to have list of items as part of committee packet that we have requested to bring to TEUC. Wants to add GMT Fare and Funding.

Chair Barlow – Would like to schedule a scheduling meeting with councilors.

Item ends 6:54PM

9. Next Meeting 12/19/23

645 Pine Front Conference and Bushor Room booked – Place to be determined.

10. Adjourn

Councilor Bergman moves to adjourn. Councilor King seconds. All in favor. Meeting Adjourns 6:42 PM