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**Transportation, Energy and Utilities Committee of the City Council**

**Thursday, June 27, 2019 5:00 PM**

**Burlington Department of Public Works – Front Conference Room**  
**645 Pine Street – Burlington, VT**

**–MINUTES–**

1. Councilor Tracy called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.
2. Minutes from 05/23/2019 have been approved
3. Public Forum
4. **Main Street and University Heights**
  - a. Martha Keenan, DPW presenting
  - b. Martha Keenan: there has been work on University Heights, brick was replaced in the area. Our Traffic Signal Engineer worked on the timing of the light. Meetings have taken place between DPW Staff and UVM Staff on safety issues. The police are being more proactive about enforcing speed and hazardous. DPW Staff have applied for a grant to do some scoping at this intersection. Staff have developed plans to do small things. The issues are not just with cars; there is a responsibility to the students and pedestrians. It is one of the last two lane straight away situations in the city. We are looking at something visually which would hopefully slow vehicles down.
  - c. Councilor Hanson: I am glad I asked for this update. It's good to see this work happening. Is it possible to have all way crossing? Keenan: We are leaving that up to the traffic signal consultant, we have discussed it as a group, and there are mixed opinions. This would be challenging. The traffic signal engineer will look at this closely. Hanson: What is the timeline? Spencer: We will find out if our grant was accepted this Fall. This is not a fast grant. Keenan: We have our on call engineer doing that work. So we will have some information prior to that.
  - d. Tracy: I think the signage could be improved in the short term. Are there long term solutions, like a bridge? Keenan: That is the purpose of the scoping study. The on-call engineer will inform the scoping study. Pedestrians will most likely not use a bridge anyway; they will take the path of least resistance.
5. **Shared Mobility Update**
  - a. Chapin Spencer, DPW presenting
  - b. Chapin Spencer: there have been concerns about the program with local bicycle shops. The shops are concerned about pricing. We are looking for signage to indicate these E bikes will not make it out of the City of Burlington. There is an inherent tension with the competitiveness of this program.
  - c. Councilor Paulino: my concern is that the prices were going to be affordable. I don't want to price people out, or make it more expensive.
  - d. Councilor Hanson: the best part about this is the affordable. I don't want to see the prices go up too much. For one way commute, no one will bike for over one hour; but if they wanted to go to the mall or something, it will be over an hour. The fact that this is part of a transportation system is a salient point. We are shifting to a more shared economy, which has a lot of benefits.
  - e. Paulino: Will there be ways to apply for specific locations? Spencer: There is nothing currently in place to make that decision.

- f. Tracy: This is a pilot, so we will have lots of data to look at.
- 6. FY' 20 TEUC Goals**
- a. Tracy: we have established different goals; however, much of our work is based around what Staff brings to us.
  - b. Hanson: the reason I want to be on the committee is climate change. This will require a ton of work to get there. This committee is a great place to achieve the City's goal of Net Zero by 2030. The micro mobility solution, how we can support mass transportation. This is a great place to attack those issues. This is what I want to focus on. Electrification of heat and transportation. Alternative transportation. Biomass and fuel switching is key. Efficiency and weatherization are key elements.
  - c. Tracy: Consolidated collection and CSWD is something we need to be proactive about.
  - d. Paulino: Is there a situation where we can use just one truck? Spencer: This would eliminate choice and how we bill people are key things. We will hopefully have data to look at in the next two to three months.
  - e. Hanson: It makes sense to start off with something consolidated. One truck for everything is the way to go. We should get ahead of this.
  - f. Tracy: On the public transit side of things, I would like to be a part of conversation with how the new routes are working. We saw a fare increase recently. Is there a way we can offset costs for low income residents.
  - g. Paulino: Can we come up with a creative plan to make certain routes free. If we could do a portability program, some kind of initiative for young and/or low income people.
  - h. Hanson: How can the City help expand service? Exploring ways to increase ridership. Ridership is up 3%.
  - i. Hanson: Parking is another issue. There are ways to make parking cost less. Remove paying for parking, there are several cities that have already gone in this direction.
  - j. Tracy: Walk and bike. The North Winooski corridor study has been completed. This is crucial to our climate change work. The quick builds, we want to assess how the quick builds are going. How do we assess what success is for these quick builds?
  - k. Hanson: We need an update on the quick builds. The ones on Loomis Street and Mansfield Ave, like the planters. Many of my constituents did not like the bollards.
  - l. Tracy: We had a conversation around intersections. We want to move to a vision zero framework for pedestrians and bicyclist. We are trying to make our infrastructure more pedestrian friendly. We want to collect meaningful data and translate that data to quick build solutions. We need to be making more comprehensive arguments.
  - m. Paulino: What is the timeline for North Winooski? Spencer: We are finalizing our first round of data collections and we will most likely be taking all these comments before a preferred alternative is selected.
  - n. Spencer: North Winooski was part of the walk bike plan. But the actual parking removal has to be approved by the commission. The council approves an overall plan, but the commission approves parking regulations. The council ways in on the corridor study. That does not remove parking. The traffic commission authorizes the removal of parking.
  - o. Hanson: I would like to formalize a climate change plan for DPW. The DPW budget is effected by climate change; the freeze thaw cycles is a part of that. I would like to create a mechanism that makes climate change a priority for all of DPW's work. When DPW does something, climate change should be one of their priorities.
  - p. Tracy: Let's touch base with Chapin and get some kind of resolution format.
- 7. Set Future TEUC Meeting date 7/25/19**
- 8. Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 6:11 pm.**