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CITY OF PORTLAND, MAINE
Transportation, Sustainability and Energy Committee

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DATE: 1/15/2014
TIME: 5:30 PM
LOCATION: Council Chambers
City Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Approval of November and December Meeting Minutes
- 2 2013 Year In-review
- 3 Discussion on Work Plan for 2014

Councilor David A. Marshall, Chair
Councilor Jon Hinck, Vice Chair
Councilors Cheryl Leeman and Kevin Donoghue

City of Portland, Maine
Transportation, Sustainability, and Energy Committee
Year In-review
*** Topic is a City Council Goal*

January 16, 2013

- Meeting canceled due to snow storm.

February 6, 2013

Action Items:

- ***Multi-family Recycling Ordinance Proposal*** **– Staff presentation for endorsement; Committee requested additional information.
- **Valet Parking Proposal**– Staff provided background; proposal from private entity presented.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Peninsula Wayfinding Report** – Staff update
- **Spring Street Concept Design Report** – Staff update of process to date. Committee requested further consensus-building; final plan to be brought back in March.
- **Forest Ave/Woodfords Corner Impacts from Baxter Boulevard Closure** - Staff update; No change to on-street parking appears necessary.
- **2012 Annual Report** - Approved
- **2013 Work Plan** - Ongoing

February 20, 2013

Action Items:

- **State / High Street One-way/Two-way Conversion** - Endorsement of Phase II Engineering Feasibility Study and Preliminary Opinion of Probable Construction Cost for potential conversion to two-way traffic flow.
- **Traffic Schedule Amendments:**
 - **#321 Commercial St.** – Endorsed for City Council action
 - **Hyatt Place on Union and Fore Streets** - Endorsed for City Council action

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **2013 Work Plan** – Ongoing
- **Multi-Family Recycling Proposal** - Postponed
- ***Peninsula Transit Study***** - Progress Report

March 20, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

- **Deering/Brighton and Falmouth Street Intersection Study** – Endorsed roundabout plan 5R (with minimized impacts to private property by size and location of roundabout) and forward to City Council.
- **Spring St. – Free St. Area Streetscape Plan** – Endorsed and forward to City Council to approve as a Master Plan with the changes of removing the park and changing the diagonal parking.
- **Environmental Purchasing Policy** – Endorsed and forward to City Council.
- **Resolution on Prohibiting use of Tar Sands Oil** – Edits to the resolution to be made and brought back to April's meeting.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Green Neighbors Family Fest (Communication)** – Received communication regarding annual event to be held April 20, 2013 in part to meet City's MS4 Program compliance goals.
- **Peninsula Wayfinding Report-** Committee was updated on the report. Next updated report to the Committee will be in July.
- **University Wayfinding Program Proposal** – Committee heard Constituent's proposal as referred per City Council Communication 7-12/13.
- **Green Building Code Modifications** – Postponed
- **2013 Work Plan** – Postponed

April 17, 2013

- Meeting canceled due to lack of quorum. Rescheduled to May 1, 2013.

May 1, 2013

Communications:

- **University Wayfinding Proposal Response** – Communication Item

Proposed Action Items:

- **2013 Work Plan** – Plan approved 3-0. Constituents requested that Sea level rise and pesticide standards be included in the future.
- **Traffic Schedule Amendment** – Endorse/forward to City Council (119 Exchange Street Building) Motion passed 3-0.
- **Valet Parking** – Endorse/forward to City Council (Code changes) Motion passed 3-0.
- **Multi-family Recycling Ordinance****- Endorse/forward to City Council – Motion made by Councilor Anton to recommend the ordinance to City Council as presented with the request that the memo states no free recycling containers, but has educational items. Motion passed 3-0
- **Tar Sands Resolution** – Endorse/forward to City Council – Public Comment was taken. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Green Building Code Amendments**- Review Draft Recommendations – Item to be brought back to the Committee at the June meeting as an action item.
- **Winter Parking Ban Evaluation** – Discussion/Seek public feedback DPS to make change recommendations at July 2013 meeting.

May 15, 2013

Communications:

- **MS4 5-year Stormwater Management Compliance Program** – Communication Item

Proposed Action Items:

- **Traffic Schedule Amendment** – Endorse/forward to City Council
 - o **Bracket & Pine Streets** - Motion passed 3-0
 - o **Waverly Street** – Motion passed 3-0
- **Deering/Brighton and Falmouth Street Intersection Study** – Motion made to endorse final plan to City Council with the stipulation that there be a requirement to minimize private property impacts. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Proposed Tow-operator Fee Increases**- Endorse/forward to City Council. Motion made to endorse the tow increases; without the hook-up and drop changes to the City Council. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **MaineDOT & Maine Turnpike Authority** – 2013 Project Coordination presented.

- **Libbystown Circulation Study (PACTS)** - Reported status and process to date. More information will be presented at a later date.

June 19, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

- **PACTS Libbystown Circulation Study** - Presented preferred alternative for modifications to Libbystown streets, I-295 interchange access, and land use. Endorse and forward to MaineDOT for direction on EDA project. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Update Select Transportation Ordinances** – Items were discussed. There is more work to do on these changes and this item will be placed on a future agenda.
- **“Green Packaging” Polystyrene Policy**– Further information was requested by the Committee and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Water Resources Integrated Permit** – Presented scope to develop Integrated Permit for various Clean Water Act initiatives / mandates.

July 17, 2013

Communications:

- **Franklin Street Phase II Update** – Communication Item
- **Somerset Street Reconnection Phase I** – Communication Item
- **PACTS-TMA Transition Staff Update** – Communication Item
- **Thompson’s Point EDA Grant- Staff Update** – Communication Item

Proposed Action Items:

- **Traffic Schedule Amendment**
 - **Sewell Street** – Item was approved by Committee (3-0). Due to a miscommunication of meeting time, a resident was late and asked to speak in regards to this matter. With this new information, the Committee made a motion to have staff re-evaluate and bring to the Committee its findings at September’s meeting. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Peninsula Wayfinding**- Motion was made to move this item to City Council for their adoption, along with making an amendment to the plan to not incorporate the new City branding slogan. Motion passed 3-0.
- **“Green Packaging” Polystyrene Policy**- Motion to move the recommended ordinance to the City Council for their approval. Motion passed 2-1 (Leeman).

August 21, 2013

No meeting held.

September 18, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

- **Traffic Schedule Amendment**
 - **Sewall Street** – Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Congress & Franklin-** Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Middle Street (Bay House)** – Motion was made to postpone until all items can be discussed/researched. Motion passed 3-0.
- **Green Building Code Amendments** – New changes were presented. Item to be sponsored by Councilors Donoghue and Marshall for a future City Council Meeting.
- **Solid Waste Task Force- Multi-family Recycling** – Motion was made to postpone forwarding this to the city council until there is an implementation plan. Motion passed 3-0.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **FY16-17 PACTS TIP – Candidate Projects** – Committee and staff looked over the possible list of projects that the City could apply for.
- **Bike Share Feasibility Study** - Jeff Levine went over the process of the study.

October 16, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

- **Traffic Schedule Amendment –**
 - **409 Cumberland (Mechanic Street)** – Motion passed 4-0.
 - **Cumberland Street (Between Chestnut and Myrtle)** – Motion passed 4-0.
 - **Bay House (Middle Street)** – Motion passed 4-0.
 - **Baxter Boulevard Sunday Closures** – Motion passed 4-0.
- **Solid Waste Task Force- Multi-family Recycling Implementation Plan-** Motion to move the recommended plan to the City Council for their approval. Motion passed 4-0.
- **Somerset Street 54' ROW Endorsement** – Committee will be getting more updates from the Planning Department on this topic at a later date.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Regional Passenger Transit Service Resolution** – Staff updated the Committee on the City Council Resolve 6-12/13.
- **FY16-17 PACTS TIP Candidate Projects**- Committee and staff looked over the list of projects that the City will be applying for. Applications are due in February 2014.

November 20, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

- **Traffic Schedule Amendment** -
 - **Fore Street (Adding parking)** – Motion passed 3-0.
 - **Leland, Richardson Parking- School Day Restriction** – Motion passed 3-0.
- **MS4 5-year Stormwater Management Plan** – Motion was passed (3-0) to endorse and forward to City Council the City's recommended plan prior to MaineDEP submittal deadline in December 2013.
- **Libbystown Study**- More information from the Committee was requested as there are still some unanswered questions. Committee will wait to approve plan, pending the evaluation of questions asked. Topic will be on a future agenda.

Committee Updates/Input Sought:

- **Year-end Energy Performance Policy Report**
- **Solid Waste Task Force - Annual Report**
- **Renewable Energy Options**
- **Winter Parking Ban Evaluation**
- **Environmental Performance Report**

December 18, 2013

Proposed Action Items:

Endorse PACTS 2016-2017 TIP Applications and Local Funding Commitments – Committee looked over the applications that the staff will be submitting for the February 7, 2014 PACTS deadline. The seven (7) projects include:

Intersections: (1) Brighton/Deering/Falmouth/Bedford; (2) Commercial Street at High Street
Road Rebuild: (3) Portland Street from Brattle to Preble; (4) Washington Avenue from Congress to Eastern Promenade

Bicycle/Pedestrian: (5) West Commercial Street Trail from Star Match Building to Harbor View Park; (6) Martin's Point Pathway: Phase I – Kensington Street to Martin's Point; (7) York Street Sidewalk and High Street Pedestrian Signals/Access

Motion was made by Councilor Donoghue to endorse staff recommendations to city council. Motion seconded by Councilor Hinck. Motion passed 3-0.