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TO: Members, City Council

FROM: Lori Olberg, Licensing, Voting and Records Coordinator

DATE: February 18, 2014

RE: Proposed amendments to tonight's agenda

ADJOURNED MEETING, CITY COUNCIL:

Note **proposed** amendments to agenda item 3.01. ORDINANCE: COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCE –Downtown Parking Standards ZA #13-06 (Planning Department, Planning Commission; Councilors Mason, Paul: Ordinance Committee)(2nd reading). (per City Council President Shannon)

Add to the agenda item 3.10. COMMUNICATION: Kelly Stoddard Poor, Associate State Director of Outreach, AARP, re: testimony on parking amendment.

Proposed amendments to agenda
Item 3.01

Lori Olberg

From: Joan Shannon
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2014 2:14 PM
To: CityCouncil
Cc: Miro Weinberger; Mike Kanarick; Lori Olberg; Linda Blanchard
Subject: Parking Ordinance Amendment

Councilors,

Tonight I hope to pass the gavel for the parking ordinance discussion and offer the following amendment to the motion:

Item 3.01 Amended Motion:

Refer to Planning Commission with a request to:

1. 1. Determine the cost of our existing parking requirements.
2. 2. Create a requirement to pay a substantial portion of the cost of the existing requirement into a Transportation Management Fund in lieu of building required parking.
3. 3. Recommend types of initiatives and capitol improvements that funds in the Transportation Management Fund could be used to support.
4. 4. Return Amended Parking Ordinance to the City Council by May 19, 2014.

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Agenda item 3.10

From: Stoddardpoor, Kelly S <kstoddardpoor@aarp.org>
Sent: Monday, February 17, 2014 1:41 PM
To: Lori Olberg
Subject: testimony on parking amendment
Attachments: Testimony-City Council ZA-13-06 Downtown Parking.docx

Hi Lori,

I am unable to attend the city council meeting tomorrow evening but would like to provide written public comment for the record on behalf of AARP-VT.

Please advise whether I should also send an electronic copy to city council members prior to the meeting or if you will be able to provide to them in their packets.

Please see attachment for a copy of my testimony.

Thank you, Kelly

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**Burlington City Council,
RE: Amendment ZA-13-06 Downtown Parking**

Kelly Stoddard Poor, Director of Outreach, AARP

A **livable community** is one that has affordable and appropriate housing, supportive community services, and adequate mobility options, which together facilitate *personal independence* and the *engagement* of residents in civic and social life. AARP-VT has been working in Burlington to build awareness about the infrastructure, and the community design needed to maintain a high quality of life in order to reduce isolation, foster connection, and increase active living for people of all ages. Vermont is the second oldest state in country and we're getting older. A strong determinant in "successful aging" is the ability of a person to interact with the community, friends, and family in a variety of activities. Amendment, ZA-13-06 Downtown Parking, supports our efforts to enhance the livability of Burlington for the following reasons:

- Increases the walkability of downtown by being more pedestrian-friendly; provides much greater support for alternatives such as walking, biking, public transit and car sharing. This will make it easier, safer and more enjoyable to walk and access all of the wonderful amenities and community services available.
- Facilitates more efficient use of underutilized existing parking supply, and addresses parking and transportation demand in a more comprehensive and systematic way rather than on a parcel-by-parcel basis. This will help make better use of the existing ~3,100 parking spaces that sit empty most days by allowing them to be shared with nearby properties. This will also be important to the success of the newly created Downtown Parking Initiative.
- Makes new development less complicated and more affordable by providing much greater flexibility to how new development accommodates demand for parking and transportation. This will mean more affordable housing and other development if they do not need to create parking that they do not need and cannot afford.
- Improves the city's ability to protect, maintain and even restore downtown's urban fabric and character and maintain the character of Burlington that we all cherish.