



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

*Chairman Deborah Ganaway
Vice Chair Timothy Craft
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Laurie Kell, Kristin Niemiec*

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Timothy Craft, Deborah Ganaway, Raymond DeHahn and Laurie Kell

EXCUSED: 1 - Kristin Niemiec

Also Present: Tom Eeg, Rose Lee, Tom Karkow, Debra Bose, Florence Boyer, Patrick Starken, John Magee, Robert Siepler, Walter Hermanns

2. Approval of Minutes for the September 24, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on September 24, 2008 were approved as printed.

3. Parking System Business

4. [08-2761](#)

Subject: Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations wishing to discuss potential changes needed for the 2009 Budget.

Recommendation (11/19/08): Defer

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Craft to defer this item.

Deferred

5. [08-2874](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations wishing to discuss the 2009 extension of the Juror Parking Agreement with Racine County Clerk of Courts.

Recommendation: Approve the 2009 extension of the Juror Parking Agreement with the Racine County Clerk of Courts, and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the agreement on behalf of the City of Racine.

Fiscal Note: The agreement will generate \$6,840 for the Parking System.

Rose Lee appeared before the Commission and was in favor of extending the Juror Parking Agreement.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Craft to approve.

Recommended For Approval

6. Miscellaneous Parking System Business

7. Transit System Business

8. [08-2881](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Pat Starken, RUSD, wishing to give an update on the replacement bus pass program.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Pat Starken appeared before the Commission to give an update on the replacement bus pass program and to discuss the minor quantity of duplicate passes that were needed. He provided a monthly usage report that shows around 1,300 passes are used each month. He will provide an updated report at the end of the school year.

Motion made by Craft, seconded by Kell to receive and file.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

9. [08-2868](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer submitting the results of the public hearing for the Belle Urban System proposal to raise the basic fare from \$1.50 to \$1.75.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Curtis Garner went through the PowerPoint presentation given at the fare increase public hearing.

Rick Jones noted that from comments made at the public hearing, neither rate increases or service cuts were preferred. However, if necessary, rate increases were preferred over the service cuts.

The estimated diesel fuel cost for next year is \$2.73, so no rate increases are needed.

Robert Siepler commented the monthly bus pass does not work for him and inquired about a weekend pass. He also doesn't want to see Sunday service cut.

Florence Boyer stated she has been a bus rider all of her life and said service cuts reduce ridership and revenue. She was for a rate increase as long as there were no service cuts.

John Magee said he was in favor of raising the rates by \$0.25 and commented on various bus schedules.

Walter Hermanns had questions regarding the RTA and if they would set rates and the BUS turnover status.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Craft to receive and file.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10. [08-2882](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of PTMR wishing to present the revised 2009 BUS budget.

Recommendation: Approval of the revised 2009 BUS budget.

Fiscal Note: N/A

There was a discussion about the budget. There will be no fare increase.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kell to approve.

Recommended For Approval

11. [08-2875](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of PTMR wishing to discuss renegotiating the rate for paratransit passengers.

Recommendation: Approval to renegotiate rate for paratransit passengers.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Curtis Garner explained Family Care buys paratransit tickets from us for \$2.50 and receives funding from HHS and Medicaid. He would like to renegotiate the rate with them.

Motion made by Craft, seconded by DeHahn to approve renegotiating a proper rate with Family Care.

Recommended For Approval

12. [08-2876](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of PTMR wishing to discuss modifications to the route structure in the Prospect Heights neighborhood.

Recommendation: Approve the modifications to Routes 3 and 86 (Spring St. at Northwestern Ave.).

Fiscal Note: N/A

Curtis Garner stated he would like to remove the Prospect St., Jefferson St., and W. High St. portion of the route that served Prospect Heights on Routes 3 and 86. He indicated they only get 2 - 3 riders per day in this area, and they would still be picked up at Northwestern Avenue

Motion made by Craft, seconded by Kell to approve the removal of Prospect St., Jefferson St., and W. High St. from Routes 3 and 86.

Recommended For Approval

13. [08-2880](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Director of PTMR

wishing to discuss recommended bus route changes.

Recommendation: Approve Route 5 change (Racine to Washington to Marquette to Liberty to Transit Center); approve Route 7 change (7th St. to 6th St. to Marquette to Transit Center).

Fiscal Note: N/A

Curtis Garner requested a change in Route 5 that currently travels down Mound Avenue. He suggested that Route 5 go from Racine St. to Washington Ave. to Marquette St. to Liberty St. to the Transit Center, cutting 6th Street and Mound Avenue travel.

He also requested a change in northbound Route 7 that currently travels down 8th St., Main St., and State St. to the Transit Center. He suggested that it now go from Grand Ave. to 7th St., to Villa St., to 6th St., to Marquette St., to the Transit Center.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Craft to approve the changes.

Recommended For Approval

14. [08-1744](#)

Subject: Communication from Laurie Kell requesting a Dart bus pass.

Recommendation (2-27-08): Defer

Recommendation (3-26-08): Defer

Recommendation (4-30-08): Defer

Recommendation (6-25-08): Defer

Recommendation (11-19-08): Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Motion made by Kell, seconded by DeHahn to receive and file.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

15. **Miscellaneous Transit System Business**

16. **Next Meeting Date**

The next Transit & Parking Commission meeting will be December 17, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 P.M.

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