



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

*Chairperson Deborah Ganaway
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Kristin Niemiec
John Heckenlively
Mark Kowbel*

Wednesday, January 26, 2011

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 P.M.

PRESENT: 4 - Deborah Ganaway, Raymond DeHahn, John Heckenlively and Mark Kowbel

EXCUSED: 1 - Kristin Niemiec

Also Present: Tom Eeg, Willie McDonald, Alderman McCarthy, John Magee, David Wesley, Tom Karkow

2. Approval of Minutes for the December 1, 2010 Meeting

The minutes of the December 1, 2010 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Parking System Business

3. [10-5508](#)

Subject: Communication from the Uptown Improvement Organization Board requesting to discuss parking issues within the 1500 block of Washington Avenue.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 01-26-11: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Tom Eeg explained there was no money to acquire property and tear down buildings for better access to the parking. He also talked with the Parking Enforcement Supervisor to ensure enforcement was handled similarly here as with the rest of the Business districts.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Heckenlively to receive and file. Passed unanimously.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [10-5568](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting the City investigate placing electric vehicle chargers in City parking ramps.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 01-26-11: Defer

Alderman McCarthy appeared before the Commission to discuss placing electric vehicle chargers in the parking ramps.

Tom Eeg explained the unit needs 240 Volt - 40 Amp service, at minimum, which is not covered by the existing service in the ramps. This would require new electrical service for this feature. Also, minimal charger cost is \$5,000 per unit which wasn't budgeted.

After further discussion, Alderman DeHahn asked to defer this item until June to see if demand increases for this service and if it can be budgeted in the future budget.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kowbel to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

Transit System Business

5. [11-5951](#) **Subject:** Communication from the BUS Operations Manager requesting to discuss waiving formal bidding and instructing the Purchasing Agent to negotiate with Trapeze ITS U.S.A., LLC., for the provision of four (4) on-street signs and licenses with associated installation labor of the purchased equipment.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 01-26-11: That formal bidding procedures be waived and that the Purchasing Agent be authorized and directed to negotiate with Trapeze ITS U.S.A., LLC., for the purchase of four (4) on-street signs and licenses with associated installation labor of the purchased equipment.

Fiscal Note: Funding is available in Account 105.900.5040, Capital Projects - ARRA Funded.

Willie McDonald explained the quote from Trapeze ITS for four (4) on-street signs and licenses and asked permission for the Purchasing Agent to waive formal bidding. This Trapeze ITS unit will communicate with the existing GPS system on the buses which requires utilizing their equipment and waiving formal bidding procedures.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kowbel to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

6. [10-4792](#) **Subject:** Communication from David Wesley requesting to discuss bus stops at Prospect Heights.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 03-31-10: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 04-28-10: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 05-26-10: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 01-26-11: Defer

David Wesley appeared before the Commission requesting bus service to the Prospect Heights area.

Willie McDonald reviewed the survey data which showed minimal riders boarding or exiting the bus at this location. He doesn't see a large demand for ridership in this area.

Alderman DeHahn stated that we don't know what the State will provide in future Transit funding and we likely won't be able to expand our bus service.

Motion made by Kowbel, seconded by Heckenlively to defer and review in the future.

Deferred

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:03 P.M.

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