



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Transit and Parking Commission

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

Wednesday, July 25, 2007

4:30 PM

Room 301, City Hall

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 4 - Deborah Ganaway, Raymond DeHahn, Kristin Niemec and Laurie Kell

EXCUSED: 1 - Timothy Craft

Also Present: T. Eeg, Secretary; M. Glasheen, staff; C. Garner, PTMR; D. Bose; Asst. Chief Steve Hurley; R. Fuentes; S. Hansen

1. Approval of Minutes for the June 27, 2007 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on June 27, 2007 were approved as printed.

to Approve the Minutes

Parking System Business

2. [07-0540](#) **Subject:** Communication from James Oliver, owner of Mr. Kool's Sports Bar, requesting permission to rent 14 parking spaces 24/7 in Uptown Lot # 5 - 1300 Washington Avenue.

Recommendation 5-30-07: Permission to rent 14 parking spaces in Uptown Lot # 5 - 1300 Washington Avenue - "Reserved Parking 6 P.M. to 2 A.M. Only" seven days per week, at a rate of \$29 per space per month.

Fiscal Note: The rental will generate \$406 per month for the Parking System and not impact the existing "No Parking 2 A.M. to 6 A.M." safety restriction.

Recommendation: Recommend that Resolution No. 07-0248 of June 5, 2007, be amended by adding "effective September 1, 2007" at the end, and as amended, be adopted.

Fiscal Note: The rental will generate \$406 per month for the Parking System.

Mr. Eeg reminded members the item had been referred back to the Commission due to other actions being taken involving Mr. Kool's Sports Bar and the City Council. He advised members the other actions had been successfully resolved and it would be appropriate to take action on the request.

Ms. Kell moved that permission be granted to rent 14 parking spaces in Uptown Lot # 5 - 1300 Washington Avenue - "Reserved Parking 6 P.M. to 2 A.M. Only" seven days a week, at a rate of \$29 per space per month, effective September 1, 2007. Ms. Niemiec seconded and the motion passed with Alderman DeHahn in opposition.

Recommended For Acceptance

3. [07-0788](#)

Subject: Communication from Mayor Gary Becker wishing to discuss the rental of the Park/Villa Street Parking Lot (720 Park Ave) to the County.

Recommendation: Permission be granted to rent parking spaces in the Park/Villa Parking Lot Monday - Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at a rate of \$29 per space per month.

Fiscal Note: The rental will generate \$29 per space per month for the Parking System.

In response to a question from Alderman DeHahn, Mr. Eeg noted that his meter revenue study indicated that meters in this lot generate about \$10/month/space. He noted the Mayor suggested giving the spaces to the County for \$1 per year on a long-term basis.

Members discussed the 2008 budget expectations of a 1% City funding increase and expressed concern over the potential loss of annual revenue to the Parking System at the same time when funding is being restricted. Members agreed that the Parking System could recommend spaces under the currently approved rate structure.

Ms. Kell moved that permission be granted to rent parking spaces in the Park/Villa Parking Lot Monday - Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M., at a rate of \$29 per space per month. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

4. [07-0954](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from Ruben Fuentes, Warning Track Tavern, requesting rental of Uptown Lot # 5 - upper and lower - 1300 Washington Avenue on August 16 - 19, 2007, for a concert event for the HOG Rally from 12:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M.

Recommendation: The request to rent Uptown Lot #5 - upper and lower - be granted, subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City of Racine, proof of insurance coverage, and acquisition of a temporary liquor license, and agreement that music will end at 11:00 P.M. each night.

Fiscal Note: The rental of the lot will generate \$300 for the Parking System.

Mr. Hansen stated that it was their intention to serve brats and burgers with a beer tent, and either live or recorded music during the event. They would supply security at the beer

tent. They do not want people trying to cross Washington Avenue throughout the day with open intoxicants.

Mr. Eeg reported there are no current renters in the lot, so there would be no displacement due to the request. He indicated the rental rate for the lot would be \$75/day or \$300 for the event. A hold harmless agreement and insurance certificate would be needed.

Assistant Chief Hurley indicated there could be no alcohol served on the lot due to City ordinances. He also expressed concern over the music being proposed to run until midnight. He stated that the requesters would have to talk to the City Clerk's office about selling beer.

In response to the noise issue, Mr. Hansen indicated they would be agreeable to ending the music at 11:00 P.M. and recognized they would have to control the sound levels.

Mr. Eeg indicated that permission would not be granted to pound tent stakes into the asphalt, and that another way would have to be found to anchor a tent. Mr. Hansen and Mr. Fuentes agreed to explore alternatives.

Ms. Kell moved that the request to rent Uptown Lot # 5 be granted, subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City of Racine, proof of insurance coverage, and acquisition of a temporary liquor license, and agreement that music will end at 11:00 P.M. each night. Ms. Niemiec seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

5. Miscellaneous Parking Business

6. [07-0974](#) **Subject:** Direct Referral. Communication from the Harley Owners Group of Wisconsin requesting to close city streets August 17 - 19, 2007 for a rally and to use parking lot #5 from Thursday, August 16, 2007 thru Sunday, August 19, 2007 for vendor trailer parking.

Also referred to Transit and Parking Commission

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission (7-25-07):

The request be granted to rent Lakefront Parking Lot # 5 from Thursday, August 16, 2007 through Sunday, August 19, 2007, subject to execution of a hold harmless agreement, and accommodation of the existing renters in the lot.

Fiscal Note: The rental of the lot will generate \$720 for the Parking System.

Recommendation of the Public Works and Services Committee (7-31-07): Permission be granted to the Harley Owners Group of Wisconsin to use city right-of-way for the Wisconsin State Harley Owners Group Rally from Friday, August 17, 2007 through Sunday, August 19, 2007:

5th Street from Lake Avenue to Festival Park Drive
Festival Park Drive from 5th Street to 6th Street
Sam Johnson Parkway from Lake Avenue to its east end

Further recommends that this permission is granted with the following stipulations:

- A. A hold harmless agreement be executed;
- B. A liability insurance certificate be filed prior to this event;
- C. Any overtime cost and equipment and material loss incurred by any department in the assistance of this event shall be charged to the sponsor;
- D. Sponsor shall be responsible for all traffic control and detour signage during the event.
- E. Sponsor shall pay a \$400.00 special event fee.

Further recommends that the Commissioner of Public Works/City Engineer and Chief of Police provide limited assistance in the interest of public safety to implement this event in accordance with these stipulations.

Fiscal Note: There will be nominal costs to the various city departments, on a regular shift basis, to assist in implementing this event.

Mr. Eeg indicated that both Post Office workers and Library workers rent spaces in this lot and that accommodations would have to be made during the event. Otherwise, he had no objections to the request as long as a hold harmless agreement is executed.

Ms. Niemiec moved that the request be granted to rent Lakefront Parking Lot # 5 from Thursday, August 16, 2007 through Sunday, August 19, 2007, subject to execution of a hold harmless agreement, and accommodation of the existing renters in the lot. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

Transit System Business

7. [07-0956](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the June 2007 operating and financial report for the Wisconsin Coach Lines Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee intercity bus service.

Recommendation: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kell moved that the report be received and filed. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

8. Miscellaneous Transit System Business

There was no miscellaneous transit business to report.

9. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, August 29, 2007, at 4:30 P.M.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Eeg, Secretary
Transit and Parking Commission*

*Approved,
Deborah Ganaway, Chairman*

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