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Meeting Minutes - Final

Transit and Parking Commission

Wednesday, June 20, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

Present: Deborah Ganaway, Dustan Balkcom, Mark Kowbel, John Heckenlively
Excused: Ray DeHahn

Also Present: Mike Maierle, Willie McDonald, Mark Yehlen, Tom Eeg, Jim Palenick, Altin Gjergo, David Turkildson

Approval of Minutes for the May 16, 2018 Meeting

The minutes of the May 16, 2018 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

[0678-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting to change the lost ticket fee in ramps managed by ABM.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 06-20-18: Approve increasing the lost ticket fee in parking ramps managed by ABM to \$5.00.

Fiscal Note: There would be an increase in revenue of \$900.00 annually.

The current fee is \$3.50. An increase to \$5 would discourage people who park all weekend from hitting the lost ticket button and receiving a discount. Currently about 50 parkers lose their tickets per month in the Lake Avenue ramp.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Balkcom to approve increasing the lost ticket fee to \$5.00. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

[0679-18](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting to lower the rate for evening parking in ramps managed by ABM.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 06-20-18: Defer

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

Deferred

Remove One of the Two Kiosks in Lakefront Lot No. 5 Managed by ABM

Lakefront Lot No. 5 has two kiosks. One of them can no longer handle credit card transactions and the two kiosks have monthly service fees that exceed revenue.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Kowbel to remove one kiosk. Passed unanimously.

General Manager's Operations Report

Comparing 2018 to 2017 for May, fixed route ridership was down 4.2%, revenue down 4.1%. Paratransit ridership was up 18.8%, revenue up 21.2%.

This slow decrease in fixed route ridership will eventually have a detrimental effect on the system's budget. The large increase in paratransit has an immediate detrimental effect on the budget.

Commissioners requested a trend analysis for the next meeting.

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

Transit and Parking System Manager's Report

Department of Public Works Assistant Commissioner Tom Eeg gave an update on the biennial ramp major maintenance project underway. The post-tensioned tendons in the concrete decks of the McMynn ramp are being recoated and replaced as necessary. This practice lengthens the life of the ramp. Routine work addressing leaks is being done in the other ramps.

In 2017 the parking system operated with a profit of \$28,000. That figure excludes all capital expenses such as depreciation, surface parking repaving and major maintenance projects. In 2017 two surface lots were resurfaced. Lighting and cameras were replaced in decks.

Data from the Police Department indicate that parking citations hit a high in 2015 of 13,758, declined to 10,416 in 2016 and to 8,752 in 2017. The 2017 figure is similar to the number of citations in 2013 and 2014. Commissioners thought the mobile payment app may have contributed to fewer citations. The Police will be invited to the July 2018 commission meeting.

Commissioner Kowbel asked for usage numbers for the mobile payment app. That will be scheduled for July.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 P.M.

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