



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, January 28, 2009

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

1. Call To Order

PRESENT: 3 - Timothy Craft, Raymond DeHahn and Laurie Kell

EXCUSED: 2 - Deborah Ganaway and Kristin Niemiec

Also Present: Tom Eeg; Devin Sutherland (DRC)

2. Approval of Minutes for the December 17, 2008 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on December 17, 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

Recommendation (12/17/08): Defer

Recommendation (01/28/09): Recommend the citation rates be amended as follows:

Violation

94-12 Parking Tow Away Zone - \$30.00
94-141 Prohibited Parking - \$20.00
94-201 Handicap Parking - \$100.00
94-250 Parking Time Limit (Meters) - \$15.00

Fiscal Note: Citations will potentially increase revenue up to \$60,000 for the parking system.

Tom Eeg explained to the Commission members the potential changes in revenue figures. 14,000 expected meter tickets per year, at \$4 increase raises revenues by \$56,000. He indicated that a smaller number of the other violation tickets are issued by Parking Enforcement Personnel, but would generate about \$4,000 more in

revenue for the parking system. Currently, Lake Avenue Ramp meter income is estimated at \$15,000. The new rate raises it by \$15,000 to \$30,000. The Lake Avenue Ramp meter increase was proposed to be increased in the original budget.

Devin Sutherland appeared before the Commission and stated with the economy hurting, there are many vacancies downtown. He suggested the Commission wait another week for a consensus by all business owners on the proposed changes.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kell to approve the citation rate increase, but not approve the parking meter rate increase.

Recommended For Approval

5. [08-3064](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations wishing to inform the Transit & Parking Commission of the Mayor's decision to authorize the 2009 Auto Show free parking for the duration of their event - January 9 - 11, 2009.

Recommendation: Approve waiving fee for 2009 Auto Show.

Fiscal Note: This will result in a loss of revenue to the parking system of \$378.

Tom Eeg explained to the Commission members the Mayor's decision to waive the parking fee for the 2009 Auto Show at Festival Hall. He also explained there wasn't adequate time to get it to this Commission prior to the event as is typically done.

Motion made by Kell, seconded by DeHahn to approve waiving the parking fee for the 2009 Auto Show.

Recommended For Approval

6. **Miscellaneous Parking System Business**

There was no miscellaneous parking business.

7. **Transit System Business**

8. **Miscellaneous Transit System Business**

A. *There was a discussion regarding snow removal around Bus stops.*

B. *Data was distributed to the Commission members regarding a seminar on Friday for KRM.*

C. *Disabled and Handicap bus passes will be mailed to people after they send their payment in, as opposed to requiring them to come in to purchase it, as this better serves them.*

D. *The fixed price fuel contract was denied at the Finance and Personnel Committee meeting on January 12, 2009. They will revisit the issue and track pricing.*

E. *Curtis Garner gave a Family Care update and said negotiations are on-going.*

F. *Curtis Garner submitted information regarding the Federal Capital Assistance Grant. He outlined the projects.*

9. Next Meeting Date

The next Traffic Commission meeting will be February 25, 2009 in Room 301 at City Hall.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 P.M.

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