



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:31 P.M.

Present: DeHahn, Heckenlively, Kowbel, Balkcom, and Ganaway.

Also Present: Mark Yehlen, Al Stanek, Willie McDonald, John Magee, Cara Spoto, and Tom Karkow.

Approval of Minutes for the June 18, 2014 Meeting

Transit System Business

1. [14-10367](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting Common Council authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract for transit services with the Village of Mount Pleasant.

Recommendation of Transit and Parking Commission on 07-16-14: That the Common Council authorize and direct the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a contract for 2014 transit services with the Village of Mount Pleasant.

Fiscal Notes: The 2014 Village of Mount Pleasant estimated share is \$172,000.

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

2. [14-10368](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting review and approval of a revised Wheelchair and Similar Device Securement Policy for the Belle Urban System (BUS) and Dial-A-Ride Transit (DART).

Recommendation of Transit and Parking Commission on 07-16-14: That the revised Wheelchair and Similar Device Securement policy be adopted as presented.

Fiscal Notes: N/A

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

3. [14-10369](#)

Subject: Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting approval to apply for a USDOT Ladders of Opportunity Grant to fund replacement paratransit vehicles that were originally scheduled to be replaced by a USDOT Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant that was not awarded.

Recommendation of Transit and Parking Commission on 07-16-14: That a "Ladders of Opportunity" Grant replace the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant program as the potential source of 80% funding for replacement of DART(Dial-A-Ride) paratransit vehicles.

Fiscal Notes: Funding for the 20% local share is included in the City's Capital Improvements Program.

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

4. [14-10370](#)

Subject: Communication from the Belle Urban (BUS) General Manager requesting review of the BUS operations reports for June 2014 and the first half of 2014.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 07-16-14: Receive and file.

Fiscal Notes: N/A

Belle Urban System (BUS) ridership is up 7.57% for the first six months of 2014 compared to 2013 but fixed revenue remains flat.

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

5. [14-10371](#)

Subject: Commission review of service changes and fare increase options to be presented for public comment on August 6, 2014 and scheduling of the August Parking and Transit Commission meeting for formal action on August 13, 2014 with Common Council action scheduled for August 19, 2014.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 07-16-14: Receive and file.

Fiscal Notes: N/A

Commissioners reviewed average ridership by hour statistics and discussed revenue shortfall options in advance of a scheduled August 6, 2014 public input session. The August Transit & Parking Commission meeting will be rescheduled to Wednesday,

August 13, 2014 to make a recommendation for Common Council action on August 19, 2014.

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

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

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