



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
Mark Kowbel*

Wednesday, April 25, 2007

4:30 PM

Room 301 - City Hall

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Craft at 4:33 P.M.

Also Present: L. Jaime, Radisson; C. Szaryc, Chancery; C. Sretenovich, Monument Square Art Fair; D. Bose

1. Approval of Minutes for the March 28, 2007 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on March 28, 2007 were approved as printed.

to Approve the Minutes

Parking System Business

2. [07-0115](#) **Subject:** Communication from Lori Jaime, General Manager of Radisson Inn Harbourwalk wishing to discuss the Radisson parking supplement.

Recommendation: The gate rate at the Gaslight Ramp be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50 to match the other parking ramp rates and that the Radisson Inn Harbourwalk no longer be billed for parking surcharges, effective on May 14, 2007.

Fiscal Note: The Parking System will see no immediate change in revenue from this action.

Mr. Szaryc stated that the Chancery understood that the Radisson was subsidizing the ramp rate to keep the rate lower than other ramps. However, he indicated that when rates were raised in 2006 his business dropped about 5% and is down another 3% so far this year. He expressed concern about the rate jumping to \$1.50, noting that his customers are generally in the ramp for less than two hours.

He asked if there was any other possible solution to alleviate the cost to his customers. He suggested several possibilities, including that the lowest level be reserved for Chancery customers, that there be an hourly rate for Chancery customers and staff, that the gate be moved to the first level, and lowest level parking be for the hourly parking. He noted that they had given guests vouchers for free parking at a later time, that this was expensive for the Chancery.

He also expressed concern over the number of construction workers from State and Main and the condo development who are parking in the ramp.

Mr. Eeg stated that he had not had the time to investigate the possibility of moving the gate. Mr. Craft stated that he thought it would be reasonable to conclude this investigation to give the Chancery answers to their questions.

In response to a question from Mr. Craft, Mr. Eeg stated that the City does sell tokens and tickets, but not at a reduced rate. Mr. Eeg noted that the tickets that the Chancery uses are only billed for if they are used. If the customer doesn't use it, the Chancery doesn't get billed.

Mr. Kowbel noted that from his perspective it is hard to imagine people complaining about a charge of \$1.50 for parking under cover in a parking ramp. He asked about the installation of a card reader at the ramp. Mr. Eeg stated that once the expenditure of parking system funds for repairs has been complete later this year, it is his intention to investigate that possibility at the Gaslight Ramp.

Mr. Kowbel moved that the gate rate at the Gaslight Ramp be raised from \$1.25 to \$1.50 to match the other parking ramp rates and that the Radisson Inn Harbour no longer be billed for parking surcharges, effective on May 14, 2007. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Mr. Kowbel then moved that the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations investigate the possibility of moving the current gate location to allow for hourly parking on the lowest level, to allow for daily or 24-hour rentals, and to explore the possibility of installing a card reader at the ramp entrance, and to report back at the next meeting or as soon as is feasible. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

3. [07-0377](#)

Subject: Communication from, John Prochniak, Facilities Director Harbor Fest, Inc. requesting the use of Lakefront Lots # 4 and # 5 for Harbor Fest beginning June 21 through June 24, 2007.

Recommendation: Harbor Fest, Inc., be granted permission to lease Lakefront Parking Lots 4 & 5 from June 21 - 24, 2007, subject to payment of lease costs of \$1.50 per space for parking lots in accordance with existing City policies, and subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City.

Fiscal Note: This lease will provide approximately \$1,200.00 from the event.

Mr. Eeg advised members that this was a routine request from Harbor Fest and had been routinely approved in the past.

Ms. Kell moved that Harbor Fest, Inc. be granted permission to lease Lakefront Parking Lots 4 & 5 from June 21 - 24, 2007, subject to payment of lease costs of \$1.50 per space for parking lots in accordance with existing City policies, and subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City. Mr. Kowbel seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Acceptance

4. [07-0391](#) **Subject:** Communication from Linda Budlow requesting the use of Lakefront Lot # 5 on June 9 & 10, 2007 for the Monument Square Art Fair.
- Recommendation:** Monument Square Art Fair be granted permission to lease Lakefront Parking Lot No. 5 on Saturday, June 9 & 10, 2007, subject to payment of the lease costs for the parking lot in accordance with existing policies, and subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City.
- Fiscal Note:** The agreement will generate \$360 in revenue for the Parking System.
- Mr. Eeg advised members that this was a routine request from the Art Fair and had been routinely approved in the past.*
- Mr. Kowbel moved that the Monument Square Art Fair be granted permission to lease Lakefront Parking Lot No. 5 on Saturday, June 9, 2007 and Sunday, June 10, 2007, subject to payment of the lease costs for the parking lot in accordance with existing policies, and subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.*
- Recommended For Acceptance**

Miscellaneous Parking Business

Transit System Business

5. [07-0448](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the March 2007 operating and financial report for Wisconsin Coach Lines Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee intercity bus service.
- Recommendation:** Received and filed.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
- Ms. Kell moved that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Kowbel seconded and the motion passed.*
- Recommended to be Received and Filed**
6. [07-0461](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the January 2007 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban System.
- Recommendation:** Received and filed.
- Fiscal Note:** N/A
- Ms. Kell moved that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Kowbel seconded and the motion passed.*

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-0470](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit & Planner submitting the February 2007 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban System.

Recommendation: Received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kell moved that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Kowbel seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

8. [07-0509](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the March 2007 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban System.

Recommendation: Received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kell moved that the communication be received and filed. Mr. Kowbel seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed**Miscellaneous Transit Business**

There was no miscellaneous Transit System business to report.

Next Meeting Date

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

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

*Approved,
Deborah Ganaway, Chairman
Transit and Parking Commission*

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