



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

Present: Deborah Ganaway, Raymond DeHahn, John Heckenlively, Mark Kowbel

Also Present: Al Stanek, Mark Yehlen, Willie McDonald, John Magee, Cara Spoto, Devin Sutherland, Amanda Gain

Approval of Minutes for the September 19, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the September 19, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Parking System Business

- 12-8250** **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from Venuworks requesting a special rate of \$100 per month through March 2013.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: Approve continuation through March 31, 2013 of an annual agreement to rent Lakefront Lot No. 4 to Venuworks for a reduced rate of \$100 per month to encourage off-season bookings.

Fiscal Note: No change to projected Parking Utility revenue.

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

Recommended For Approval
- 12-8251** **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting the review of the 2012 Parking Ramp Maintenance program and authorization to seek penalties from the contractor for non-performance.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: Pursuit of penalties for non-performance is authorized in reaction to non-performance issues with the contractor for the 2012

City Parking Ramp maintenance program.

Fiscal Note: None at this time.

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

Recommended For Approval

3. [12-8252](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting consideration of an initial "free" time parking meter demonstration project in select retail locations.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: Staff is directed to negotiate a trial of special "limited initial free time" parking meter mechanisms to evaluate the impact on revenues.

Fiscal Note: Minimum mechanism replacement costs beyond any free trial mechanisms from the vendor is provided in the Parking Utility budget.

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

Recommended For Approval

4. [12-8155](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager presenting a review of the 2013 Parking Utility budget.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: The 2013 Parking Utility budget is recommended to the Common Council as submitted.

Fiscal Note: None. Parking Utility is self-supporting.

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

Recommended For Approval

Transit System Business

5. [12-8153](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager providing an update on the 2013 transit budget requiring an estimated 2% increase in local share contributions and authorization to schedule a public comment opportunity on the elimination of Saturday service on Routes 2 and 5.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
09-19-12:** Defer

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
10-17-12:** The 2013 Transit Utility budget is recommended to the
Common Council as submitted.

Fiscal Note: The 2013 City contribution is to remain stable with sale
of surplus equipment accounting for any minor inflationary total budget
increases. Transit Union members have agreed to an additional
two-year freeze on pay and benefits.

*Commissioners are to receive electronic copies of the 2013 Parking and Transit
budgets.*

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

Recommended For Approval

6. [12-8253](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and
Parking System Manager reporting on the SE WI Regional Transit
Initiative Workshop held October 3, 2012.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
10-17-12:** Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

*Alderman DeHahn reported on a regional transit workshop held this month in Oak
Creek. Municipal leaders from around the area were unanimous in support of
replacement of State funds supporting public transportation.*

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [12-8261](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and
Parking System Manager requesting a Resolution authorizing the
Mayor and Common Council to urge the Wisconsin Transportation
and Policy Commission to recommend: 1) restoring the 10% cut in
WisDOT funding for public transportation that was mandated in the
current State budget, 2) establish and maintain a policy of a 60%
combined Federal and State share of expenses for mid-size
Wisconsin communities, and 3) maintain a Federally funded
Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) capital program for SE WI
counties in non-attainment or maintenance status.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
10-17-12:** The Commission requests that the Mayor and Common

Council pass a Resolution and forward it to the Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission to recommend: 1) restoring the 10% cut in WisDOT funding for public transportation that was mandated in the current State budget, 2) establish and maintain a policy of a 60% combined Federal and State share of expenses for mid-size Wisconsin communities, and 3) maintain a Federally funded CMAQ capital program for SE WI counties in non-attainment or maintenance status. Staff is directed to work with the City Attorney's Office in drafting such a Resolution in standard format.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended For Approval

8. [12-8254](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the BUS General Manager submitting the September 2012 BUS operations report.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

9. [12-8255](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting the review of potential options for a Regency Mall dedicated BUS transfer area.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 10-17-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Commissioners were advised that a preliminary agreement with Regency Mall for a bus transfer area in the NE quadrant of the Shopping Center failed to get final sign-off by all affected properties. The owners of Regency Mall have proposed an alternative site and staff is directed to continue negotiations.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

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