



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

*Deborah Ganaway
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
John Heckenlively
Mark Kowbel
Kristin Niemiec*

Wednesday, July 18, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 3 - Raymond DeHahn, John Heckenlively and Kristin Niemiec

EXCUSED: 2 - Deborah Ganaway and Mark Kowbel

Also Present: Al Stanek, Mark Yehlen, Frank Serwatka, John Magee, Tom Karkow

Approval of Minutes for the June 20, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Transit System Business

1. [12-7924](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Systems Manager asking for authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Racine County regarding distribution of state transit funding.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 07-18-12: The Common Council pass a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a contract with Racine County regarding distribution of 2012 State transit funds.

Fiscal Note: Net proceeds of \$6,061 to go to BUS budget.

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

Recommended For Approval

2. [12-7927](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Systems Manager providing a listing of proposed bus shelter placements to be made this late summer and fall.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

07-18-12: That placement of new or replacement bus shelters be authorized at the proposed locations.

Fiscal Note: Funds for this project already approved and available in Account 105.900.5030, Capital Projects - Shelter Grant.

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

Recommended For Approval

Parking System Business

3. [12-7926](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Systems Manager providing an update on the downtown parking ramp improvement program for the remainder of July and August.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

07-18-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [12-7925](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Systems Manager providing options for 2013 parking rate and parking violation forfeiture adjustments to maintain Parking Utility financial self-sufficiency.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

07-18-12: Defer

The Commission reviewed options for maintaining the financial self-sufficiency of the Parking Utility that will require the raising of rates (any combination of meter rates, rental rates and forfeitures). The concept of potentially providing meters that offered five or ten minutes of initial free parking was discussed and staff was instructed to reach out to various business groups to measure their interest in the program before any decision is made about rate increases. It is assumed that some additional increment of meter rate increase would be required to make up for lost revenue from such a program and changes in rates should be done all at one time to avoid confusion. The possibility of a demonstration area was suggested. New mechanisms to allow for the "free" initial increment would cost roughly \$185 each and would come out of Parking Utility reserves.

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

Deferred

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 P.M.

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