



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Transit and Parking Commission

John Heckenlively

Deborah Ganaway

Dustan Balkcom

Mark Kowbel

Alderman Raymond DeHahn

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 4 - John Heckenlively, Dustan Balkcom, Mark Kowbel and Raymond DeHahn

EXCUSED: 1 - Deborah Ganaway

Also Present: Mike Maierle, Willie McDonald, Mark Yehlen, Jim Palenick, Alderman Smetana, Evan Casey, Sony Havn

Approval of Minutes for the December 6, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the December 6, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Public Hearing on the 2018 State/Federal Capital Grant Application for four buses and a hydraulic in-ground lift pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 5323(b).

The Transit and Parking System Manager explained that potential transportation grants such as this one are sometimes used to fund huge highway and rail projects that may have real estate impacts and therefore require a public hearing. Our project does not have these kinds of impacts. No one testified at the public hearing or in writing. The minutes of this meeting will be certified.

Motion made by Kowbel, seconded by Heckenlively to close the public hearing. Passed unanimously.

[1100-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Alderman of the 5th District requesting to discuss the removal of all parking meters in the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 02-21-18: Refer this item to the Committee of the Whole.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman Smetana said he wanted a discussion of how to make parking practices in Racine more business-friendly.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Kowbel to refer this item to the Committee of the Whole. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Further Consideration

[0062-18](#)

Subject: Communication from Rita Lewis, Racine Montessori School, requesting approval to rent Lakefront Lot No. 5 from 5:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, May 5, 2018, for the Lakefront Artist Fair.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 02-21-18: The Lakefront Artist Fair be granted permission to lease Lakefront Parking Lot #5 on May 5, 2018, subject to payment of lease costs of \$280 in accordance with City policies and subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City and payment of a \$75.00 processing fee.

Fiscal Note: Rental will provide \$280 of revenue to the Parking Utility.

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

Recommended For Approval

[1188-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the General Manager requesting changes to bus routes #20 and #27 in the Village of Sturtevant, Village of Mount Pleasant and the City of Racine.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 12-06-17: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 02-21-18: Recommend ending Route #27 and complementary transit service in the Village of Sturtevant effective April 30, 2018.

Fiscal Note: N/A

In response to the Village of Sturtevant ending their financial participation in the transit system, staff presented an alternative that would end local bus route #27 service within the village boundaries of Sturtevant and maintain current commuter route #20. Complementary paratransit service (minibus rides for people with disabilities) would end under this alternative.

The City Administrator said Racine cannot afford to fund transit service in other communities. The Mount Pleasant Village Trustee said communities need to fund their fair share.

Motion made by Heckenlively, seconded by Balkcom to recommend ending route #27 and complementary transit service in the Village of Sturtevant. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

Communication from the General Manager requesting to drop a bus stop on Route #7 at Ridgewood Care Center on Wood Road in Mount Pleasant.

A sidewalk is available. It's a short walk from the nearest remaining bus stop. The turnaround causes delays. Ridership is extremely low.

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

Communication from the General Manager requesting approval of the revised Drug and Alcohol Policy.

There was only a technical word change.

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

General Manager's Operations Report

Comparing 2017 to 2016, fixed route ridership was down 4%, revenue down 5%. Paratransit was up 4%, revenue up 5%.

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

Transit and Parking System Manager's Report

No report.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 P.M.

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