



# City of Racine

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## Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

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

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Wednesday, September 29, 2010

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

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### 1. Call To Order

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

**PRESENT:** 5 - Deborah Ganaway, Raymond DeHahn, Kristin Niemiec, Mark Kowbel and John Heckenlively

Also Present: Tom Eeg, Steve Rogstad, Tom Friedel, Rik Edgar, Alderman McCarthy, Tom Karkow, Linea Anthony, Kevin Weslaski, Frank Long (on phone)

### 2. Approval of Minutes for the August 25, 2010 Meeting

*The minutes of the August 25, 2010 meeting were approved as printed.*

#### **Parking System Business**

### 3. [10-5507](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the Civic Centre Director requesting a reduced rate for the use of Lakefront Lot No. 4/Festival Hall Lot from November 2010 to March 2011.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Approve the reduced rate of \$100 per month for parking at Lakefront Lot No. 4/Festival Hall Lot from October 2010 through March 2011.

**Fiscal Note:** This agreement will generate \$600 for the Parking System.

*Tom Friedel and Rik Edgar appeared before the Commission requesting reduced fees for parking at Lakefront Lot No. 4. They requested that October be added to the request as well, since that is a month that has minimal usage like the other five months.*

*After a discussion, motion made by Kowbel, seconded by Heckenlively to approve \$100/per month rates from October 2010 through March 2011. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

4. [10-5568](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Alderman of the 9th District requesting the City investigate placing electric vehicle chargers in City parking ramps.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Defer

*Frank Long, from EV Solutions AeroVironment, Inc., appeared before the Commission via conference phone. He stated there will be more electric cars produced toward the end of the year. The City should consider 1 to 2 chargers per site. The chargers will accept cash and credit cards. Electric cost is low - 3.3kw/hr, so the charge is approximately \$0.30 - \$0.40 per hour. Using this charger system would be similar to pay at the pump at gas stations.*

*Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Niemiec to defer for more research on whether the ramps can accommodate this service. Passed unanimously.*

**Deferred**

5. [10-5508](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Uptown Improvement Organization Board requesting to discuss parking issues within the 1500 block of Washington Avenue.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Defer

*Linea Anthony appeared before the Commission. She noted people park in front of the stores because the lot is behind the building entrances and they need to walk around the buildings to get to the entrance.. She asked that the City acquire a building and tear it down to obtain better access to the lot from the store fronts.*

*Kristin Niemiec stated this was brought before City Development and it was not an option for them to acquire the property for this purpose.*

*After a discussion, motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kowbel to defer in order to determine if there is a way to cover the costs to acquire the property.*

**Deferred**

### Transit System Business

6. [10-5549](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Assistant Commissioner of Public Works/Operations requesting to amend the contract with Image Management to manage the City of Racine BUS advertising.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Approve authorizing the City Attorney's Office to amend the original agreement with Image Management for BUS advertising to indicate the term of a 3-year agreement.

**Fiscal Note:** Estimated monthly revenue is \$3,600.00

*Tom Eeg explained the original agreement did not have the term specified on the*

*agreement and an amendment was needed to indicate a 3-year agreement.*

*Kevin Weslaski of Image Management appeared before the Commission. Six City buses have advertising on them now and he will provide updates on the number of advertisers in the future.*

*Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Niemiec to approve. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

7. [10-5534](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the General Manager of PTMR submitting the financial and operating report for August 2010.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Receive and file.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*Steve Rogstad reviewed the details of the monthly report.*

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

**Recommended to be Received and Filed**

8. [10-5537](#)

**Subject:** Communication from the B.U.S. General Manager requesting formal approval of the Professional Transit Management of Racine, Inc. Substance Abuse Policy.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Approve the Professional Transit Management of Racine, Inc. Substance Abuse Policy.

**Fiscal Note:** N/A

*A discussion ensued regarding the existing drug policy.*

*Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Niemiec to approve the policy. Passed unanimously.*

**Recommended For Approval**

9. [10-5578](#)

**Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Commissioner of Public Works submitting an agreement with the Village of Caledonia for transit service in 2010.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-29-10:** Approve

**Fiscal Note:** The Village of Caledonia will pay approximately \$33,000 for transit service in 2010.

*A discussion ensued about the contract between the City of Racine and the Village of*

*Caledonia.*

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

**Recommended For Approval**

### **Adjournment**

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

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