



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

Wednesday, September 16, 2015

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

PRESENT: 5 - Raymond DeHahn, Mark Kowbel, John Heckenlively, Deborah Ganaway and Dustan Balkcom

Also Present: Michael Maierle, Willie McDonald, John Magee, Nancy Holmlund, Sonny Havn

Excused: Mark Yehlen

Approval of Minutes for the August 19, 2015 Meeting

The minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

1. BUS General Manager's Operations Report

Linked rides on fixed route transit were down 7.4% for August compared to a year ago. Paratransit rides were up 3.99%. Revenue was up 9.37% for fixed routes and up 11.52% for paratransit. An increase in overtime for full-time drivers of 119 hours offset a decrease in part-time drivers. As part-time drivers reach 1000 hours per year, they are eligible for a pension which costs \$217 per week.

One question was whether we can report weather conditions as a factor affecting ridership. We don't have a method to do so currently.

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

2. Transit and Parking System Manager's Report

The Common Council approved free street parking downtown for the Party on the Pavement event on Saturday, September 26, 2015. A comment was made that people should be informed of this. [The next morning the Racine Journal Times reported the free parking on the front page.]

There was some discussion regarding foregone income of providing free parking. The transit manager said that he would research available parking usage information by location and time period.

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

3. [15-00817](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the BUS General

Manager requesting a possible change to Route #5 in the vicinity of Rapids Plaza at Rapids Drive and Mt. Pleasant Street.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-16-15: Approve changes to Route #5.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A change to Route #5 was considered in order to improve service to the neighborhood north of the shopping center on the northwest corner of Rapids Dr. and Mt. Pleasant St. while not adding travel time and cost to the route.

An alternative was fleshed out at the meeting from staff prepared materials.

Northbound: Continue existing service through the shopping center generally westward from Mt. Pleasant St. to Rapids Dr., northwest to Anthony Lane (formerly Jacato Dr.), north to William St., and add service east to Mt. Pleasant St., rejoining the current route heading north on Mt. Pleasant St. (and drop the circuitous portion of the current route that heads south on Loraine Ave. from William St., then east on Layard Ave. and north on Mt. Pleasant St. back to William St.)

Southbound: From the intersection of William St. and Mt. Pleasant St., add service west on William St., south on Anthony Lane, east on Loraine Ave., rejoining the existing route south on Mt. Pleasant St. (and drop the existing service on Mt. Pleasant between William St. and Loraine Ave.)

Advantages of the new alignment include continuing front door service to the shopping center in the northbound direction, adding a more convenient stop for shopping center customers in the southbound direction, improving service to the neighborhood, and providing more two-way service making way finding easier.

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

Recommended For Approval

Public Comment

Representatives from Mt. Pleasant requested a ridership and cost estimate for bus service in Mt. Pleasant in 2016. Staff agreed to provide.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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