



City of Racine Meeting Minutes

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Transit and Parking Commission

*Chairman Deborah Ganaway
Vice Chair Timothy Craft
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
Laurie Kell*

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

4:30 PM

Room 301, City Hall

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ganaway at 4:35 P.M.

Also Present: T. Eeg, Secretary; M. Glasheen, staff; W. McDonald, PTMR; K. Haas, Racine Water Utility; D. Bose; T. Karkow, WRJN.

1. Approval of Minutes for the May 30, 2007 Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on May 30, 2007 were approved as printed.

Parking System Business

2. [07-0540](#) **Subject:** Communication from James Oliver, owner of Mr. Kool's Sports Bar, requesting permission to rent 14 parking spaces 24/7 in Uptown Lot # 5 - 1300 Washington Avenue. **James Oliver, Mayor Becker, Chief Wahlen invited to the meeting.**

Recommendation 5-30-07: Permission to rent 14 parking spaces in Uptown Lot # 5 - 1300 Washington Avenue - "Reserved Parking 6 P.M. to 2 A.M. Only" seven days per week, at a rate of \$29 per space per month.

Fiscal Note: The rental will generate \$406 per month for the Parking System and not impact the existing "No Parking 2 A.M. to 6 A.M." safety restriction.

Mr. Eeg noted this item had been referred back from Common Council, due to other actions being taken involving Mr. Kool's Sports Bar. He noted that the other item included closing the bar at 1:30 P.M. on weekends, and Commission action allowed space rental until 2 A.M.

Alderman DeHahn advised members that final action has not been taken on the separate action.

Mr. Craft moved that the item be deferred until such time as Common Council has completed its actions involving Mr. Kool's. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Deferred

3. [07-0788](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mayor Gary Becker wishing to discuss the rental of the Park/Villa Street Parking Lot (720 Park Ave) to the County. **Mayor Becker invited to the meeting.**

Mr. Eeg stated that he had briefly talked to the Mayor about this, and the request was linked to the loss of the parking lot at Lake Street and Eighth Street. He noted the County is looking for 20 spaces. One space in the lot is currently rented. Mr. Eeg stated that the lot currently generates about \$9.00/space/month in meter revenue. He stated that the Mayor would like to rent the spaces for \$1.00 per year for five years. Mr. Eeg did not know if the spaces would be Monday - Friday or 24/7 rentals.

Mr. Craft indicated the Mayor had spoken to him briefly about the matter and was looking to combine this action with a couple of others involving Habitat for Humanity and a tax write-off.

Concern was expressed about the loss of over \$2,100 in annual meter revenue to the Parking System and how this revenue would be made up. Concern was also expressed about how this might impact the juror parking agreement that returns \$550/month in parking revenue.

After further discussion, Mr. Craft moved that the matter be deferred until answers could be provided regarding the lost revenue and impacts on the County agreement. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Deferred

4. [07-0730](#)

Subject: Communication from Keith Haas, General Manager of RWU, seeking permission to place two or three dewatering locations in the parking lot west of the underground tank in west Racine, between Grove Avenue and Hayes Avenue, south of Washington Avenue.

Recommendation: The request be approved subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Haas reviewed the construction project currently being undertaken and showed pictures of the site, noting that at about 15' below grade, serious groundwater was uncovered. He noted the dewatering wells are installed to temporarily suck out the groundwater to make construction easier. The wells are temporary and will be removed when the construction is complete.

In response to a question, Mr. Haas stated they would restore the areas where the wells were installed.

Mr. Craft moved that the request be approved subject to the execution of a hold harmless agreement with the City. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Approved

5. **Miscellaneous Parking Business**

There was no miscellaneous Parking System business to report.

Transit System Business

6. [07-0722](#)

Subject: Communication from John Mozol Jr., filing a complaint against a

Belle Urban System driver for an incident on June 3, 2007.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Glasheen reviewed the complaint and indicated that Mr. Mozol would not be attending the meeting.

Mr. McDonald reviewed his findings, noting that the driver did admit to being rude and was written up in accordance with the current union agreement. He indicated that he had spoken to one of the witnesses who could only corroborate that something occurred between Mr. Mozol and the driver, but not in any detail.

In response to a question from Alderman DeHahn, Mr. McDonald stated that the complaint was received in a timely manner and the discipline handled in accordance with contract terms.

Alderman DeHahn moved that the communication be received and filed. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

7. [07-0723](#) **Subject:** Authorization for the Mayor and/or designee to execute and file applications for Federal assistance on behalf of the City of Racine with the Federal Transit Administration for Federal assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. chapter 53, Title 23, United States Code, or other Federal statutes authorizing projects administered by the Federal Transit Administration.

Recommendation: The resolution be adopted.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Mr. Glasheen noted that the Federal Transit Administration found, during its recent Triennial Review, that the City is out of date with its authorizing resolution. The new document simply authorizes the Mayor and/or designated recipient to submit applications and executes agreements.

Mr. Craft moved that the resolution be adopted. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended For Adoption

8. [07-0795](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the May 2007 operating and financial report for the Wisconsin Coach Lines Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee intercity bus service.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kell moved the report be received and filed. Alderman DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

9. [07-0721](#) **Subject:** Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the April 2007 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban system.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Alderman DeHahn moved that the report be received and filed. Ms. Kell seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

10. [07-0806](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit Planner submitting the May 2007 operating and financial report for the Belle Urban System.

Recommendation: The communication be received and filed.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Ms. Kell moved that the report be received and filed. Ald. DeHahn seconded and the motion passed.

Recommended to be Received and Filed**11. Miscellaneous Transit System Business**

Mr. Glasheen distributed copies of the 2006 Belle Urban System audit to the members.

12. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Wednesday, July 25, 2007, at 4:30 P.M.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Eeg, Secretary
Transit & Parking Commission*

Approved: Debbie Ganaway, Chairman

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