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Meeting Minutes - Final

Transit and Parking Commission

John Heckenlively
Deborah Ganaway
Dustan Balkcom
Mark Kowbel
Alderman Raymond DeHahn

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 303

Call To Order

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

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

Also Present: Michael Maierle, Willie McDonald, Mark Yehlen, James Palenick, Sonny Havn, Sam Christensen, Ashley Robash, Brian Graziano, Cameron McKenna, Linda Haack, Theresa Peterson, Colin McKenna, Christopher Radcliff

Approval of Minutes for the October 18, 2017 Meeting

The minutes of the October 18, 2017 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

[1101-17](#)

Subject: Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting to discuss the Racine County Juror parking rates for 2018.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 12-06-17: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into an agreement with Racine County to provide juror parking at the rate of \$850.00 per month in 2018.

Fiscal Note: \$10,200 in revenue will go into the Parking Utility fund.

Maintain current monthly rate because usage has not changed.

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

Recommended For Approval

Public Hearing for Possible Major Changes to Bus Routes #20 and #27 in the Village of Sturtevant, Village of Mount Pleasant, and the City of Racine.

Transit and Parking System Manager presented bus service alternatives due to the Village of Sturtevant's elimination of funding. The alternatives are: no change, eliminate service to bus stops in Sturtevant, shift service from Sturtevant, and eliminate Route #27 entirely. Ridership and costs for all alternatives were presented.

Five people testified. Sign-in sheets are in the Commission file. Four favored continuing existing service, including Route #27, because it is vital for some people. They suggested coordinating with shift change times and looking at using smaller buses. Sonny Havn of Mount Pleasant also said getting employees to work was important and asked that we give the funding issue more time to take a look at options.

The Transit and Parking System Manager then read five e-mails, and notes from one phone call supporting the existing service because of the economic opportunities it provides for workers, companies, and the technical college and its students. This material is in the Commission file.

The Transit and Parking System Manager read parts of an article about a meeting of the Sturtevant Finance Committee on October 24, 2017 where several people spoke in favor of the existing stops and service. One Sturtevant resident asked why the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles couldn't fund the service.

[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

Commissioners asked about trying to fund the service through alternate means.

Item deferred.

Motion made by DeHahn, seconded by Kowbel to defer. Passed unanimously.

Deferred

[1189-17](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting authorization for the Mayor and City Clerk to sign the 2018 contract for BUS services to the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant and Town of Yorkville.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 12-06-17: That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into 2018 contracts for BUS services to the Village of Caledonia, Village of Mount Pleasant and Town of Yorkville.

Fiscal Note: Contracts will provide \$278,700 in revenue.

The Transit and Parking System Manager presented draft contracts calling for an increase of 8.33% in contracts with partners to match the City of Racine's budget increase.

Motion made by Balkcom, seconded by De Hahn to approve. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

General Manager's Operations Report

For October 2017 compared to 2016: Fixed route transit ridership was down 4%. Paratransit was up 8%; Revenue was down 10% for fixed route and up 4% for paratransit.

Overtime was up 41% in October compared to one year ago to compensate for terminated full-time drivers.

Year-to-date maintenance cost is now on budget and well below last year. We completed an expensive period of replacement parts for our newest buses.

Transit and Parking System Manager's Report

A parking promotion using the merchant validation feature of the parking app or mobile payment for parking is happening Saturdays in December. It is not simply free parking.

We received four comments about the new schedule for commuter bus that began on October 13, 2017. All commenters favored the old schedule. The comments are in the Commission file.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 P.M.

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