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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

*Deborah Ganaway
Alderman Raymond DeHahn
John Heckenlively
Mark Kowbel
Dustan Balkcom*

Wednesday, June 26, 2013

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

The meeting convened at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: 4 - Raymond DeHahn, John Heckenlively, Deborah Ganaway and Dustan Balkcom

EXCUSED: 1 - Mark Kowbel

Also Present: Mary Newbold, Sonny Havn, Al Stanek, Willie McDonald, Mark Yehlen and Tom Karkow

Approval of Minutes for the May 22, 2013 Meeting

The minutes of the May 22, 2013 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Transit System Business

1. [13-8855](#) **Subject:** Communication from Mary Newbold requesting to speak about the reduced senior fare BUS policy.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 04-24-13: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 06-26-13: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The Commission reviewed the follow-up letter prepared by staff and discussed the issue with Ms. Newbold. Motion passed unanimously on a DeHahn/Heckenlively motion.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

2. [13-9086](#) **Subject:** Report from the Transit and Parking System Manager on the impact of proposed 2015 State funding changes on 2014 budget

decisions.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
06-26-13:** Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: None for 2013

The proposed state budget includes a recommended 4% increase in state transit funding for 2015 which will allow the system to partially recover some of the financial ground lost in 2011, 2012 and 2013 state funding reductions. Motion passed unanimously on a DeHahn, Balkcom motion.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

3. [13-9087](#)

Subject: Report from the Transit and Parking System Manager on plans for the public comment opportunity on proposed September schedule changes scheduled at the beginning of the July 17 Transit and Parking Commission meeting.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
06-26-13:** Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A public comment opportunity on proposed September BUS schedule changes will be offered at the beginning of the next Parking & Transit Commission meeting July 17th. Drivers were briefed on the proposed realignment of schedules at a meeting Sunday and there seemed to be acceptance that it was a step in the right direction. A reduction of roughly 5 service hours per weekday would result and there also could be additional minor hourly savings from changes to how Routes 20 and 27 are staffed. Motion passed unanimously on a DeHahn/Heckenlively motion.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

4. [13-9088](#)

Subject: Report from the Transit and Parking System Manager on potential changes to routing and schedules for Routes 20 and 27 serving Mount Pleasant, Sturtevant and the Grandview Industrial Park.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
06-26-13:** Defer

Fiscal Note: N/A

Staff is instructed to continue to work with our western partners to determine appropriate route and schedule changes to accommodate new employment sites with the budget constraints of all local units of government. Motion passed unanimously on a Balkcom/Heckenlively motion.

Deferred

5. [13-9089](#)

Subject: Operations Report from the BUS General Manager for May 2013.

**Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on
06-26-13: Receive and file.**

Fiscal Note: N/A

Commissioners reviewed monthly performance measures as reported by BUS General Manager Willie McDonald. Motion passed unanimously on a Heckenlively/DeHahn motion.

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Parking System Business

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:21 P.M.

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