



City of Racine

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Meeting Minutes - Final Transit and Parking Commission

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

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

4:30 PM

City Hall, Room 301

Call To Order

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

Also Present: Al Stanek, Mark Yehlen, Willie McDonald, Tom Dieckelman, Tom Friedel, Tom Karkow, Luke Feuerherm, Wayne Clingman, Bob Bagly, Charles Fields, Michael Mulhern

Approval of Minutes for the August 15, 2012 Meeting

The minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

Transit System Business

1. [12-8159](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager providing a public comment opportunity at 4:30 P.M. on September 19 at the regular meeting of the Racine Parking Transit Commission regarding a proposal to raise fares by \$.25 across the board for Commuter Bus service linking Racine with Kenosha and Milwaukee and the elimination of two Sunday/Holiday trips in each direction in reaction to reduced State/Federal funding.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Approve the fare changes.

Fiscal Note: N/A

A public comment opportunity was provided to review minor service reductions and a 25 cent fare increase for the "Racine Commuter" service operated under contract by WI Coach Lines. Three individuals spoke and a letter from Annette Harpole was read aloud. All comments were in opposition to the changes. "Racine Commuter" service is funded exclusively by rider's fares and "pass-through" State and Federal funding. To avoid any budget excesses due to a combination of increased rates to provide the service (allowed under the recently revised contract) and reduced State and Federal funding the changes are unavoidable.

Motion made by Kowbel, seconded by Niemiec to approve the changes.

*On a roll call vote - Ayes: Ganaway, Kowbel, Niemiec
Noes: DeHahn, Heckenlively
Motion Passed 3:2*

Recommended For Approval

2. [12-8153](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager providing an update on the 2013 transit budget requiring an estimated 2% increase in local share contributions and authorization to schedule a public comment opportunity on the elimination of Saturday service on Routes 2 and 5.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Defer

By City code, the Transit and Parking Utility budgets must be approved by the Transit and Parking Commission and forwarded to the Racine Common Council for final approval. The proposed Transit budget calls for elimination of service on Routes 2 and 5 on Saturdays with the major destinations along those routes to be picked up by the remaining five routes. The proposed new Saturday schedule, like the existing Sunday schedule, will feature only five routes.

Alderman DeHahn requested an opportunity to review how service will be provided to affected areas before officially forwarding the Commission's recommendation to the Common Council.

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

Deferred

3. [12-8157](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager reviewing issues related to the rerouting of Route 27 and a request to extend service to the Sturtevant Gateway Campus.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: To approve extension of Route 27 to the Gateway Sturtevant Campus in response to requests from Gateway students.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Extension of this route will add slightly to total miles of service but can be accomplished within the existing schedule and budget if alterations can be made to service to the Amtrak depot.

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

Recommended For Approval

4. [12-8158](#)

Subject: (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting an additional 10 feet of "No Parking" area at the bus stop on the east side on Main Street at 10th (SE corner) to reduce accident potential and eliminate traffic back-ups.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

09-19-12: Refer the communication to the Traffic Commission with a recommendation to eliminate at least one parking space on Main St. at 10th St. to improve traffic flow and eliminate a potential traffic hazard.

Fiscal Note: N/A

The bus stop at the SE corner of 10th St. and Main St. (Gateway Campus) does not allow enough room for the bus to pull out of traffic. When loading and unloading the bus ends up obstructing northbound traffic on Main St.

Motion made by Kowbel, seconded by DeHahn to refer this to the Traffic Commission. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

5. [12-8156](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the BUS General Manager providing the August 2013 operations report.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

09-19-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed**Parking System Business**

6. [12-7925](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking Systems Manager providing options for 2013 parking rate and parking violation forfeiture adjustments to maintain Parking Utility financial self-sufficiency.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

07-18-12: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

08-15-12: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on

09-19-12: To incorporate increased parking and forfeiture rates into the 2013 Parking Utility budget.

Fiscal Note: Recommendations to be included in the 2013 Parking

Utility Enterprise Fund budget.

The ramifications of the City taking over animal control tasks by incorporating the duties into the Parking Enforcement Personnel (PEP's) responsibilities will reduce Parking Utility revenues. Projections are that even with a modest Capital Improvement Program, Parking Utility reserves will be consumed before 2019. A slightly revised/updated version of our consultant's rate and forfeiture schedule was presented for review. Some members suggested even higher rates for daily ramp parkers and 2 hour/10 hour meters.

Motion made by Kowbel, seconded by Heckenlively to approve the recommended increased rates and forfeitures. Passed unanimously.

Recommended For Approval

7. [12-8155](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager presenting a review of the 2013 Parking Utility budget.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Defer

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

Deferred

8. [12-8022](#) **Subject:** (Direct Referral) Communication from the Transit and Parking System Manager requesting emergency approval to purchase a credit card capable Pay-In-Line parking control mechanism to replace the existing defective mechanism for the Gaslight Parking Ramp.

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 08-15-12: Defer

Recommendation of the Transit and Parking Commission on 09-19-12: Receive and file.

Fiscal Note: N/A

Communication already acted on by the Common Council.

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

Recommended to be Received and Filed

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

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