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Meeting Minutes - Final

Transit and Parking Commission

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

Wednesday, October 19, 2016

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, John Heckenlively, Deborah Ganaway, Dustan Balkcom and Mark Kowbel

Also Present: Michael Maierle, Willie McDonald, Mark Yehlen, John Magee

Approval of Minutes for the September 21, 2016 Meeting

The minutes of the September 21, 2016 meeting were approved as printed. Passed unanimously.

BUS General Manager's Operations Report

For September 2016 compared to 2015, fixed route transit ridership is down 5%. Paratransit is down 6%. Revenue increased due to a bulk ticket purchase. Safety has improved due to training and encouragement.

For the first 9 months of 2016 the budget is on track despite higher maintenance costs. Fixed route revenue is down 7% and paratransit down 15%. Decreases in paratransit ridership and revenue are not necessarily bad, because the service is very expensive to provide. Overtime is down 47%.

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

Transit and Parking System Manager's Report

ABM parking management contact: Commissioners remain concerned with the parking contractor's inability to recognize a problem with gates and ensuing lost revenue. Manager will follow-up with a formal letter and meeting with parking contractor's manager.

Parking app: The request for proposals for a parking payment app is complete and being issued. Commissioners would like to review the City ordinance regarding a parker's ability to extend parking times and to consider options.

Transit partners: Village of Mount Pleasant did not include enough in their budget to

fund both paratransit and their share of the local share. Commissioners discussed alternative responses. The actual agreement will be formally discussed and approved in early 2017. Alternatives include continuing to negotiate with Mount Pleasant, reducing or shifting service, or phasing in the increased fee. Actual discussions of service changes will require a publicly noticed meeting.

Village of Sturtevant has included in a draft budget a service change which would improve service to residents and an increase in fee to provide complementary paratransit.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 P.M.

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