

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2016**

The Public Transportation and Parking Commission met on the above date at 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Works Department.

Members Present: Ms. Jessica Faison      Mr. Brian Farkas      Mr. Charles Moore  
                         Mr. Will Russ                      Mr. Dave Schwartz

Staff Present:      Mr. Ken Jackson      Mr. Kevin Mulligan      Mr. Lamont Jackson  
                         Mrs. Rachel Manning      Mr. Rik DeCesare      Mrs. Stacey Pigford

Guests:              Deputy Chief T. Sauls      Sgt. M. Montanye      Mr. John Stevermer

Council Liaison:      Council Member Rick Smiley

**I. WELCOME**

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

**II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 17, 2016 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Russ to approve the February 17, 2016 minutes as read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farkas and passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Parking Deck Art Project**

Mr. Mulligan gave an update on the parking deck art project. He stated contact had been made with a local artist, Richard Wilson, for direction on what to do. The idea is to create art on the five concrete panels of the parking deck. Further updates will be given at a later date. He went on to say the city is looking into placing art on the bridge over Dickinson Avenue, as well as other gateway entrances of Greenville.

**2. Bus Stops/Crosswalks Update**

Mr. DiCesare and Mrs. Pigford gave an update on the bus stops and crosswalks. Mrs. Pigford stated four intersections were being reviewed. No action will be taken at Dexter Street and St. Andrews Drive. The intersection has low traffic volume and does not qualify based on pedestrian crossings. For the intersection at Hooker Road and Glendale Drive, the city would consider installing a crosswalk across the southern leg of that intersection. No action will be taken at Bismark Street and Trade Street. The intersection has low traffic and does not qualify based on pedestrian crossings. Also, the intersection at Smythwyck Drive (near Wendy's and Bojangles) does not qualify based on pedestrian crossings. Therefore, no action will be taken at this time. Updates on the other intersections in question will be given at a later date.

### **3. Red Light Cameras & Crosswalks**

Deputy Chief Sauls gave a report on the red light camera project. He strongly requests the commission's support for the project. He explained rear end collisions may increase due to the cameras. However, they are not the most serious. The most serious collisions are caused by motorists charging through lights once they turn green, and pushing the timing once they turn yellow. Those tend to be serious high speed collisions. The city is lobbying the legislature to allow the use of red light cameras in our area. Fayetteville is one of our sister agencies that currently implements red light cameras. They have had great success with the program. Greenville Police will not be writing the citations, nor will they profit from the citations issued. The company chosen to implement the cameras will issue the citations. All profit gained will go to the school board. Greenville Police's sole purpose for the program is to reduce traffic violations and to promote safety.

Sergeant Montanye followed up the red light camera presentation, and also gave a report on crosswalks. He presented a data report as to how the intersections were chosen for the cameras. Five areas were chosen based on the highest number of collisions, pedestrian fatalities, and bicycle fatalities. The intersections chosen were Memorial Drive and Arlington Boulevard, Charles Boulevard and Fourteenth Street, Greenville Boulevard and Arlington Boulevard, Arlington Boulevard and Fire Tower Road, and Charles Boulevard and Fire Tower Road. The cameras will take two still photos, one of the front of the vehicle and one of the rear. It will also take a five second video of the moving vehicle. The images taken will go through several processes before reaching Greenville Police Department. Greenville Police will then be the deciding factor as to if the civil violation is valid and if it warrants a citation. A civil citation is equivalent to a parking citation. It does not reflect on insurance, nor does it apply points to driver's license. The citation will be issued to the registered owner of the vehicle, not the driver. The purpose for the program is to raise awareness amongst motorists and to promote voluntary compliance. Signage will be placed to alert motorists of the cameras.

The final presentation to the school board will be presented March 21, 2016. Upon approval, another recommendation will be made to council for the establishment of the city ordinance and how the program will be implemented. Mr. Moore recommends follow-up discussion in the commission's August meeting.

Sergeant Montanye gave a presentation on crosswalks and pedestrian laws. He discussed the North Carolina jaywalking statute. The statute states that a crosswalk must be used, if crossing the road between two marked signals. If there is no signaled intersection, pedestrians are free to cross mid-block. A draft ordinance has been presented which requires pedestrians to use a marked crosswalk or pedestrian safety zone. The proposal is recommending the safety zone to be 150 feet, or more, from a signaled intersection or marked crosswalk. Signage will be placed to alert pedestrians of the safety zone. The draft proposal will be presented to council April 14, 2016. A motion was made by Ms. Faison to support the draft ordinance as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russ and passed unanimously.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Stevermer from Jacobs Engineering gave a presentation on the final GTAC design. The design showed a two story terminal building with twelve bus loading areas. There will be a small landscaped area to give some green space in front of the building. The facility will be nearly 9,000 heated square feet. It will have a large overhang in front to give it a plaza like feel. The plans are set to be finalized by the end of June. Bids for the project are planned to go out in May. The project will then be awarded sometime in August. Construction should begin in September and is expected to last one year.

## **VIII. OTHER – FYI**

### **1. GREAT Monthly Report**

Lamont Jackson presented the GREAT monthly report for review. He stated that ridership is still continuing to increase. The Transit Division is actually seeing more riders than usual. Mr. Jackson also stated that Transit is spending less and remaining within budget.

Council Member Smiley gave a commendation to one of the transit drivers for safety measures taken to yield to a pedestrian.

### **2. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information**

Lamont Jackson stated there were no upcoming projects and meetings to announce.

### **3. Uptown Parking Update**

Mr. Mulligan gave a brief update on uptown parking. He stated that parking, and parking fees, have gone live in the parking deck. Also, electric charging stations are being installed within the deck in the upcoming week.

- 4.** Council Member Smiley announced that Bianca Shoneman had been appointed to the commission and will be present at the April meeting.

## **IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 20, 2016**

- 1.** Uptown Parking

## **X. ADJOURN MEETING**

With there being no further business to conduct, Ms. Faison made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schwartz seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary  
Public Transportation & Parking Commission