

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 17, 2013

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

Members Present: Ms. Marsha Wyly, Mr. Bob Thompson, Mr. Warren Daniels, Mr. Charles Moore, Mr. Rick Smiley and Mr. Dave Schwartz.

Members Absent: Mr. Adam Lawler.

Staff Present: Mr. Chris Padgett, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Public Works Director; Mr. Rik DiCesare, Traffic Engineer; Ms. Stacey Pigford, Assistant Traffic Engineer; Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Operations Manager; Mr. Stephen Mancuso, Transit Manager and Ms. Geraldine Teel, Secretary.

Council Liaison: Mr. Calvin Mercer

Guest: Mr. Garrett Theisen

WELCOME: A quorum was established and Mr. Bob Thompson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. Ms. Marsha Wyly was present but she asked Mr. Thompson to conduct the meeting given that she had to leave before the meeting was over.

AGENDA: The agenda for the April 17, 2013 meeting was approved with two additions made by Ms. Marsha Wyly and Mr. Bob Thompson under New Business: University Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (UNRI) and Parking Issues Presented to City Council Before Being Presented to the Public Transportation and Parking Commission.

PARKING ISSUES PRESENTED TO CITY COUNCIL: Mr. Bob Thompson and other member stated they feel parking issues should be presented to the Public Transportation and Parking Commission for their review before going to City Council. Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Public Works Director, stated he understood this was an idea that went before City Council for review. Once it has been reviewed, City Council will then send it back to staff and the Commission to review and work the details out together. Once the details are worked out, it goes back to City Council as a resolution he noted. A motion was then made and seconded, and then amended that a letter be sent to City Council regarding this issue, and that Ms. Marsha Wyly be given hand to write the letter with a copy to all Commission members by e-mail. The amended motion passed unanimously.

As part of the discussion about this issue, Ms. Marsha Wyly requested that the May meeting be changed from May 15, 2013 to May 8, 2013 due to the fact that she will be out of town on May 15, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Rick Smiley that the meeting be changed to May 8, 2013. This was seconded by Mr. Warren Daniels. The motion carried. A Public Notice will be going out to that affect.

UNIVERSITY NEIHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE (UNRI): Ms. Stacey Pigford gave an update on UNRI. She stated that the UNRI is a six person committee appointed by City Council to evaluate and analyze issues in the newly created district that extends from Fifth Street to the river and Reade Street to Elm Street. Ms. Pigford distributed a map showing the existing on street parking by residential permit from 7am to 5pm and the recommended

extended area. She noted the UNRI recommended changes to City Council regarding parking within the overlay area. The first recommendation would limit parking to residents only within the district. The second recommendation involves standards for yard parking areas. Ms. Wyly stated that she has issues with yard parking. It would destroy the look of the neighborhood she noted. However; she felt that if configuration of the lot required parking in the yard, that these situations be handled by staff and not have to go back to City Council for approval. Ms. Pigford stated that residents can obtain three permits per household at \$5.00 each. She said if residents have guests, caregivers, or landlords a temporary parking permit can be issued. Ms. Wyly recommended that staff look into obtaining temporary permits electronically. Mr. Kevin Mulligan stated that a code enforcement officer will be patrolling the area. A discussion was held. All members voiced their concerns. The commission members stated they would like to hear the opinions of the area residents. Mr. Rick Smiley made a motion that staff gather information from the residents as staff deems appropriate, and then bring the information back to the Commission for its review. This motion was seconded by Ms. Marsha Wylye and carried unanimously.

City staff held a public input meeting on April 29th to gather information from residents in the UNRI area. Staff heard and compiled comments from many residents about the issues in the neighborhood and the proposed parking changes. Staff will be reviewing and organizing the comments in an effort to move forward with recommendations for parking in the district.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER: Mr. Chris Padgett gave a brief update on the Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC). He stated that the consultants are continuing the cost estimate, and the size and programming of the facility for Council review. He noted the cost estimates will be a very important aspect of the alternatives. He said a big part of the cost estimates are off-site improvements. He stated that the Public Works Department has been working diligently to identify potential routing that will impact the off-site improvements that are needed.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS: At this time, all commission members and staff were present; therefore everyone introduced themselves once again to get acquainted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments at this time.

MINUTES: Mr. Warren Daniels made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 20, 2013 meeting with the one correction that Mr. Charles Moore volunteered to serve on GTAC and Mr. Dave Schwartz volunteered to serve on the Short Range Transit Plan. This was seconded by Mr. Charles Moore. The motion carried unanimously.

GTAC ROUTING PLAN: Mr. Stephen Mancuso explained on a displayed map how the different routes would enter and exit the facility. He stated that staff has gone thru and looked at the current routes as they exist today. He continued to explain how each route would enter and exit the facility. He stated with the infrastructure improvements, the current routes work well with the GTAC location and that the routing of buses to and from the facility should continue to work well even if some of the routes change in the future.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso gave a brief report on GREAT. He stated the ridership for the month of March was good; however the weather did put a damper on the ridership. He stated the expenses were over budget for the month and the

revenue reached the annual goal. He noted that Free Ride Day for the Pirate Fest was GREAT and transported about 1,406 passengers. Mr. Bob Thompson stated the City did a wonderful job at the Pirate Fest.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for May 8, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. in Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission