

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 19, 2014

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. Charles Moore, Ms. Jessica Faison, Mr. Dave Schwartz and Mr. Brian Farkas.

Members Absent: Mr. Bob Thompson.

Staff Present: Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works, Mr. Stephen Mancuso, Transit Manager, and Ms. Geraldine Teel, Secretary.

Council Liaison: Council Member Richard Croskery

WELCOME: Ms. Marsha Wyly called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m. and established a quorum was present.

AGENDA: Ms. Marsha Wyly asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none. Mr. Charles Moore made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dave Schwartz and unanimously approved.

MINUTES: Ms. Marsha Wyly asked if there were any additions, deletions, or corrections to the February Minutes. There were none. Ms. Jessica Faison moved approval as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Charles Moore and unanimously approved.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER: Mr. Kevin Mulligan gave an update on GTAC. He stated staff submitted an environmental report as well as the preliminary study on conception design to the Federal Transit Administration to obtain a Categorical Exclusion finding. He stated staff has been working with the consultants on the reviews of the report. Mr. Mulligan said the report has been submitted to the state. He hopes to have the finding back in May. At that point, he noted the RFQ's (Request for Qualification) will go out for design. Mr. Mulligan is looking forward to moving ahead with the project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Marsha Wyly asked if there were any public comments. There were none at this time.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Marsha Wyly asked if there was any new business. There was none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING UPDATE: Mr. Kevin Mulligan gave a brief update on parking. He stated the First Street project has been completed, and he is pleased with the end result. He stated that Public Works crews did a lot of work there as well. Mr. Mulligan noted Greenville Utilities took the opportunity to update their infrastructure at the time so they will not have to return in a couple of years and rip up what has been done. He noted it is the first step in revitalization of the First Street Corridor, and it is a much safer street now. Mr. Mulligan stated as far as the UNRI, the changes to the on-street parking have been a big success in that neighborhood. In addition, the UNRI overlay will remain the same. There has been some confusion in the area due to the fact that ECU has parking zones A, B, C and the City does as well. Mr. Mulligan said the permit A for ECU is not valid for parking zone A for the City and vice versa. The City and ECU are planning a joint effort to resolve the issue. Mr. Mulligan proposed the City add to its signage "City Permit Required." Council Member Richard Croskery noted a report from the Police Chief as well as Code Enforcement Officer stated they have a new policing group patrolling the central city. They are contacting businesses in the area letting them know they will be enforcing the parking regulations in the area. In as much as talking to people, they are asking them to move their cars; however, on the other hand, they are trying not to be too insensitive as well. Mr. Charles Moore made a motion to continue the on-street parking in the university neighborhood. This was seconded by Mr. Dave Schwartz. A discussion was held and as a result, the motion carried. A recommendation in support of maintaining the permitting process for the university neighborhood will go before City Council. Mr. Mulligan gave a brief update on the parking deck. He stated bids will be received in two stages. The initial bids are in; however, a little higher than anticipated. He noted an update will be presented to City Council at the next meeting.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso gave a brief update. He stated ridership for the month of February is down about 2,000 passengers. He noted the cold rainy weather condition has a lot to do with the decrease. He stated on a regular day, passenger count is approximately 2,400 per day. However, on a rainy day it can drop to approximately 1,800 passengers per day. Mr. Mancuso stated expenses were over budget and revenues were over budget as well. Council Member Croskery asked if there were any updates on the route changes to include servicing the new VA hospital. Mr. Mancuso said it is one of the proposals to reverse Route 2, which would enable us to serve the VA hospital. It is part of a series of proposals. He noted a meeting is scheduled this week with Administration to see if and when we can move forward with the changes. Mr. Mulligan noted the short- range transit plan study is being reviewed and all the recommendations as well. After completion of this process with the consultant, it will go to the City Manager, Public Transportation and Parking Commission for review, and then to City Council for approval.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 16, 2014, at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
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