PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION MINUTES November 20, 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. Charles Moore, Mr. Rick Smiley, Ms. Jessica Faison and Mr. Dave Schwartz.

Members Absent: Mr. Bob Thompson.

Staff Present: Mr. Chris Padgett, Assistant City Manager; Mr. Kevin Mulligan, Director of Public Works; Mr. Scott Godefroy, City 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

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. The agenda was approved.

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

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER: Mr. Kevin Mulligan gave an update on GTAC. He stated that Mr. Scott Godefroy, City Engineer is the project manager of GTAC. The operational layout of the facility went before city council and was approved he noted. After much discussion, the larger model with approximately 10,000 sq. ft. two story was decided upon. Mr. Mulligan showed a diagram of the facility. He noted the space for 12 buses and 20 spaces for parking vehicles. Mr. Mulligan said additional parking just to the west of Clark Street has been added to Greenville Transportation Activity Center. He stated the full program has been presented to Moser Mayer Phoenix so they can work on the (CE) Categorical Exclusion. He noted the RFQ's (Request for Qualification) will not go out until the CE has been approved. Mr. Mulligan said there will be a crosswalk and sidewalk connections as well. The parking lot will be a fenced in area he noted. Mr. Mulligan stated he is looking forward to moving ahead with the project and having input from the Public Transportation and Parking Commission. Ms. Marsha Wyly had concerns about the storm water issues due to the impervious surface being added. Mr. Mulligan stated there are others projects going on in the The Tenth Street Connector Project being the major one which will begin The Parking Deck in the Uptown Greenville area within the first few months of 2015 he said. being a major project as well he noted. The Town Creek Culvert drains stormwater from the Uptown Greenville area. It was built many years ago and needs to be substantially rehabilitated

or replaced. The Public Works Department has begun surveys to assess the underground culvert conditions. The Town Creek Culvert Project will be transformed within one to two years he noted. The urgency of upgrading this infrastructure is also driven by the Tenth Street Connector Road Improvement Project which will be adding more stormwater runoff to the Town Creek Culvert.

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 were any New Business. There were none at this time.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING UPDATE: Mr. Kevin Mulligan gave a brief update on parking. He stated that the UNRI (University Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative) held a meeting on November 19, 2013 to summarize all the activities that have occurred. One of the comments from the committee was the newly installed parking regulations in the University Neighborhood have done a lot to reduce the traffic flow as well as opened up the area. Mr. Mulligan stated it appears that more students are taking public transportation and ECU buses now rather than driving into the area. He noted that at this time staff is not seeing a great influx of parking in downtown or the neighboring area. Mr. Mulligan said staff would like to take a six month to one year analysis of what's happening in the surrounding area. Some positive comments are coming from the residential community he said. He noted staff has issued approximately 900 parking tickets since October 2013. Mr. Mulligan stated that Code Enforcement has done a great job with this. Ms. Wyly stated she has received good comments from some of the residents in the area about the on street parking as well. On the other hand, some are dissatisfied about violators having parking in their yards she noted. Mr. Rick Smiley had concerns about the First Street Parking Expansion. Mr. Mulligan stated GUC is working on a task before resurfacing begins and the City is working on the sidewalks creating some ADA access as well. Mr. Mulligan stated he hopes the First Street Parking Expansion will be completed before Christmas if not, January 2014.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso stated that ridership for the month of October was a good month as well. October 2013 was almost identical to October 2012. He noted expenses were under budget and revenues were over budget for the month of October. He said the trend has continued for the past few months.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission