

MINUTES
PUBLIC TRANSPORTION & PARKING COMMISSION
February 18, 2009

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

Members Present: Mr. Shannon White, Ms. Lisa Simmons, Mr. Ronald Dunbar and Ms. Marsha Wyly.

Council Liaison: Mr. Max Ray Joyner, Jr.

Staff Present: Mr. Wes Anderson, Public Works Director, Mrs. Nancy Harrington, Transit Manager, Mrs. Geraldine Teel, Secretary and Mrs. Stacey Pigford, Civil Engineer I

Guest: Mr. Thom Moton, Assistant City Manager, Mrs. Margaret Gemperline, Mr. Bill Little, Assistant City Attorney and Mr. Scott Eaton.

WELCOME: Mr. Shannon White, Chairperson, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

AGENDA: The agenda for the February 18, 2009, meeting was approved.

MINUTES: Mr. Ronald Dunbar made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 19, 2008 meeting. This was seconded by Ms. Lisa Simmons. The motion carried unanimously.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Chairperson White introduced Ms. Marsha Wyly, the newest member of the Public Transportation and Parking Commission. Commission Members and staff welcomed her and introduced themselves.

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Scott Eaton, intern in the City Manager's office, and Mrs. Harrington gave an update on the Intermodal Transportation Center. Mr. Eaton stated that the requests for proposal for the appraisal of the property were issued. There are two categories, residential and commercial. He noted that the appraisals are expected to be completed by June 15, 2009 and the acquisition completed by the fall of 2009. He noted that the staff of Public Works will do the surveying of the parcels. Mr. Eaton said the RFP's for legal services to accompany the acquisitions will go out on Thursday. Mr. Eaton stated that on February 27, 2009 a meeting is scheduled with the North Carolina State Historic office. The consultants from Moser-Meyer-Phoenix will be there to discuss the impact the project will have on the Jones-Lee house. He also stated a meeting is scheduled with the owners and residents of Campus Walk Apartments to provide guidance and information for relocation. Mr. Moton added that the categorical exclusion request that was submitted last year to the FTA was denied with the comments that the City needs to do a complete environmental site assessment due to the historic property on site as well as the number of parcels. Mr. Moton noted that staff is working closely with state officials to keep them informed of the project's

progress. Mr. Moton encouraged Commission members to visit the web site at www.greatnc.com at any time for an update on the project.

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

RECOGNITIONS: A Certificate of Appreciation and Letter of Thanks were presented to Mrs. Margaret Gemperline, former Commission member and Chairwoman, by Mr. Shannon White, Chairman on behalf of the Public Transportation and Parking Commission. Mrs. Gemperline thanked everyone for the recognition of her service to the Commission and said that she had enjoyed working with all the Commission members and City staff. She also stated that she is looking forward to the completion of the Intermodal Transportation Center.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Ms. Lisa Simmons nominated Mr. Shannon White to serve a second term as Chairman. Mr. Shannon White nominated Ms. Lisa Simmons to serve a second term as Vice-Chairwoman. The members voted unanimously to elect Mr. White as Chairman and Ms. Simmons as Vice-Chairwoman.

VEHICLES FOR HIRE: Mr. Bill Little, Assistant City Attorney, gave an update on the proposed updated Vehicles for Hire ordinance. He stated that he has been working with the Police Department on revising the current Vehicle for Hire Ordinance. He stated that they have reviewed other municipal Vehicle for Hire ordinances as part of the process. Mr. Little said that the City of Greenville needs to update the ordinance and centralize some of the functions. He stated that he plans to present the updated version of the Ordinance to City Council before the summer. Mr. Little said that under the new proposal applications for franchises will be reviewed and either approved or denied by the Police Department. If an applicant is denied, Mr. Little explained that the next step is going before City Council for an appeal to the decision. He noted that the same process applies for the limousine services. He said that one important item is ensuring that the safety inspection requirements are up to date. Mr. Little stated that currently the City does not have any regulation on the transport services that are operating in the City, taking business away from the local taxi services and basically not regulated. He stated that by improving and updating the taxi, limousine, and transport services to regulated business operations, all transportation providers will be safer and more efficient and will be able to utilize the future Intermodal Transportation Center. Mr. Little stated that if a transport service is providing a medical transport from another County and just waits for their client, that is fine, but if they transport others for hire while in the City waiting for their client, the transport service will be required to follow the City's regulations.

REVIEW OF PARKING AREA SCOPE AS DEFINED IN ORDINANCE: Mr. Shannon White stated that the Parking Area Committee met on December 8, 2008 and discussed the possibility of expanding the parking scope and updating the ordinance to reflect this change. Mr. Wes Anderson stated that they will need to meet again to review the requested changes, and then contact the City Attorney to discuss incorporating the changes into the Ordinance.

MARKETING REPORT: Mrs. Nancy Harrington gave a brief update on marketing. She stated that a new GTV ad has been done, which highlights the new route structure that started on November 1, 2008. She noted that it should be up and running in March.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mrs. Nancy Harrington stated that regular GREAT ridership has increased significantly along with revenues. She noted the mileage and hours of service increases are directly due to the new route. In addition, expenses have increased also to support the additional service. She stated that public transportation is very important to the growth of a viable and inclusive community and that our goal is to continue to work toward meeting the transportation demands

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2009 at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission