

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
October 15, 2014

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. Marsha Wyly, Ms. Jessica Faison, Mr. Charles Moore, Mr. Brian Farkas, Mr. Dave Schwartz and Mr. Scott Alford.

Staff Present: Mr. Carl Rees, Economic Development Officer, 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 9:15 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 September minutes. Mr. Charles Moore made a motion to approve the September minutes as written. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Farkas and unanimously approved.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER (GTAC): Mr. Scott Godefroy was unable to attend due to another obligation; therefore, it was tabled until the next meeting.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

E-Tag Program Update: Mr. Carl Rees, Economic Development Officer gave an overall review of the program as requested by the Commission. He stated the initial amount of the E-tag was \$150, which went from January to December. Mr. Rees said he received concerns about this issue. Consumers complained about the price, stating they could not afford it. Some of the business owners had concerns as well; stating they could not afford it for their employees. In addition, the business owners want to have transferable hang tags. Mr. Rees said staff has reviewed the program and found there was low usage; only about 16 tags were sold since starting the program. Therefore, a decision was made to lower the price to \$75. Mr. Rees presented the proposal to City Council and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Rees stated it will be effective as of January 1, 2015. Participants will have to show proof of residency or proof of employment in the downtown area. A business owner can only obtain 12 E-tags at once for employees. In addition, they must submit a list of employees along with their addresses and license tags to be stored in the system for Code Enforcement. Mr. Rees anticipates the parking fees will eventually increase at some point in time.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING UPDATE: Due to the fact that Mr. Scott Godefroy was unable to attend the meeting, the parking update was tabled until the next meeting as well.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Stephen Mancuso gave a brief update. He stated that ridership for the month of September 2014 exceeded last year by one thousand riders. Mr. Mancuso said expenses are significantly under budget; however, there are a few expenses incurred but have not shown on the books thus far. He said revenues are almost on budget for the month. Mr. Mancuso said there were about five complaints from passengers for the month and tapes were pulled from the buses and reviewed. He noted that some of complaints were without merit and others were legitimate. He also noted that those falling into the latter category have been addressed with the responsible party.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for November 19, 2014, at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission