

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 21, 2015

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 Mr. Will Russ
 Mr. Scott Alford

Staff Present: Mr. Stephen Mancuso Mr. Scott Godefroy Mr. Kevin Mulligan
 Mr. John Johnson

Guest: Ms. Marie Goings Mr. Brian Goings

WELCOME: Ms. Wyly called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present. Ms. Wyly welcomed Mr. Will Russ as the newest member to the Commission.

AGENDA: Ms. Wyly asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Mancuso asked to present a letter from Mayor Thomas to Ms. Wyly and to allow Mr. Godefroy to give his updates immediately following due to other commitments. A motion was made by Mr. Farkas to amend the agenda as requested. The motion was seconded by Ms. Faison and passed unanimously.

MAYOR LETTER TO MARSHA WYLY: Mr. Mancuso presented a letter of recognition and thanks to Ms. Wyly for her service on the Public Transportation and Parking Commission.

PARKING DECK UPDATE: Mr. Godefroy reported the Parking Deck is nearing completion and should be opening within the next two weeks. Mr. Godefroy also reported Barnhill Contracting will be completing the improvements to the outside of the facility which includes brick walls and sidewalk within the next six weeks.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER (GTAC): Mr. Godefroy reported eight firms submitted responses for the Request for Qualifications for the GTAC. Mr. Godefroy stated three of those firms received interviews by the City based on their submittals. The selection of the approved firm is not complete at this time. Once a decision has been confirmed the contract will be received by City Council for approval.

MINUTES: Ms. Wyly asked if there were any amendments to the November 19, 2014 minutes. Ms. Wyly asked that her name be corrected on the last page, second to last paragraph. Mr. Alford made a motion to approve the November 19, 2014 minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Ms. Wyly asked if there were any public comments. Ms. Goings expressed concerns regarding the hours of the GREAT bus services and the routes of the buses. Ms. Goings stated she would like to request later hours for the buses. Mr. Mancuso responded that service changes are in progress; however, the hours have not been identified in those changes. The hours of operation are based on taxpayer dollars and other subsidies for the GREAT system and would require additional funding which would run concurrent with the City's budget cycle and must be approved by City Council.

Ms. Goings also stated the City of Greenville is expanding its area of service and asked if the GREAT system would be expanding their service area. Mr. Mancuso stated there are currently no plans to expand the service area.

NEW BUSINESS:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: A motion was made by Mr. Farkas to elect Mr. Moore as the Chair and was seconded by Mr. Alford. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Alford made a motion to elect Mr. Farkas as Vice-Chair of the Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

PLANNED SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS: Mr. Mancuso gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Planned Service Improvements for the GREAT bus system. This presentation will be available with the January 21, 2015 minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: The Parking Deck update was given at the beginning of the meeting.

GREAT MONTHLY REPORT: Mr. Mancuso reported ridership and revenues as average to that of one year ago. Mr. Mancuso also reported the expense to revenue ratio is currently in line with the average for the year. Ms. Wyly asked if the suggestions and complaints from the November report had been addressed. Mr. Mancuso reported the suggestion was to add a shelter at the Moseley Drive location. Mr. Mancuso stated the shelter will be installed based on the ridership at that location. Mr. Mancuso also reported the complaints regarding the driver and "other" category had been addressed as well.

Ms. Wyly addressed the Commission with accolades for the accomplishments of the members of the Commission as well as City staff and bus drivers.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to conduct, Mr. Alford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Faison seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2015 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Braddy, Interim Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission