

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**June 15, 2016**

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. Jessica Faison      Mr. Brian Farkas      Mr. Charles Moore  
                         Mr. Dave Schwartz      Mr. Will Russ

Staff Present:      Mr. Ken Jackson      Mr. Corey Barrett      Mr. Rik DiCesare  
                         Mr. John Johnson      Mrs. Stacey Pigford      Mrs. Rachel Manning  
                         Mrs. Bianca Shoneman

Guests:              Ms. Casey Verburg      Mr. Roger Johnson

Council Liaison:

**I. WELCOME**

Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present.

**II. ROLL CALL/ESTABLISH QUORUM**

**III. ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2016 MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Shoneman to approve the May 18, 2016 minutes as corrected by Ms. Faison. The motion was seconded by Mr. Farkas and passed unanimously.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Uptown Parking/Paid Parking**

Mr. Johnson and Ms. Verburg, who are a part of the parking task force, gave an update on uptown parking. They presented several recommendations for the commission to review. The first being to standardize signage in the Uptown parking area, so there is no misunderstanding on what is public and what is private. This would include replacing existing signs. All on street parking spaces would be marked as well. Another recommendation made was to place a security gate at the entrance and exit of the parking deck and remove the kiosk. With the security gate, customers would receive a ticket upon entering and pay upon exiting. There is hesitancy from some departments about the security gate because it would result in a loss of parking spaces. Cameras would also be installed at the entrance and exit gate which would be monitored by the Police Department. They would have the ability to operate the gate, in case of complications by the customer. Lastly, it was recommended that the parking fees be posted at the entrance and exit, as well as postage of leased spaces throughout the deck.

Mr. Barrett gave an update on paid parking in the uptown area. He discussed that some places would receive no change, as far as enforcement is concerned. The procedures currently being used are working effectively. These procedures include: ticketing, leased spaces, rental agreements and residential permits. However, there have been issues with vehicles being towed and the vehicle operator unable to pay by debit/credit card. The parking task force is working with the tow companies on rotation to see if electronic payment can be made available. They are also looking into removing the E-tag from the Hodges lot because business owners are claiming they are not customer friendly. However, some are in disagreement with this move. As a safety measure, the idea of making the Hodges lot a one entrance/exit has been visited as well. Relocating the loading zone has been looked into also.

The parking task force is requesting a letter of recommendation from the commission with our approval of the information given. The commission agreed to do so, with further exploration of cost estimates.

Mr. Barrett also mentioned that the County is requesting the on street parking spaces, on Second Street, behind the courthouse be for law enforcement only. The commission is requesting for a county engineer to present more information before a decision is made. Mr. Farkas made a motion to table the request until the August meeting, when more information is presented from the county. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Shoneman and passed unanimously.

## **2. Bus Stops/Crosswalks Update**

There were no updates to report.

## **3. Vision Zero Network**

Mr. Farkas introduced the Vision Zero Resolution for the commission's review. The Resolution instructs city staff to make a binding commitment to the Vision Zero program, and aims to reduce the annual rate of pedestrian fatalities to zero by the year 2026. City staff has some reservation with the Resolution as presented. There are also discrepancies with the verbiage used. Mrs. Shoneman amended the verbiage in the Resolution, and Mr. Farkas made a motion to accept it as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Faison and passed unanimously.

## **4. National Night Out**

Mrs. Shoneman presented information regarding National Night Out. It is an event the city hosts on behalf of the Greenville Police Department. The theme for this year's event is pedestrian safety. An assessment of walkability will be done by various volunteers. Mrs. Shoneman extended the invitation to the commission for anyone willing to help.

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. GTAC Update**

Mr. Jackson gave a brief update on GTAC. He explained the project is on schedule. The bid deadline is June 23, 2016. The goal is to present the project to council, in August, so the contract can be awarded. Construction would then begin in September, with it being a one year project.

## **VIII. OTHER – FYI**

### **1. GREAT Monthly Report**

Mr. Johnson presented the GREAT monthly report for review. He reported that ridership, for the month of May, was down compared to last year. Only one passenger complaint was made, which was quickly resolved.

### **2. Upcoming Projects & Meetings Information**

Mr. Johnson stated there were no upcoming projects and meetings to announce.

## **IX. PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR AUGUST 17, 2016**

There were no proposed agenda items given.

## **X. ADJOURN MEETING**

With there being no further business to conduct, Mr. Moore adjourned the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for August 17, 2016 at 9:15 a.m. in the Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Manning, Secretary  
Public Transportation & Parking Commission