

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 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. Bob Thompson, Mr. Warren Daniels and Mr. Adam Lawler.

Staff Present: Mr. Chris Padgett, Interim Assistant City Manager; Mr. Carl Rees; Economic Development Officer, Community Development; Mr. Scott Eaton, Project Coordinator/Economic Development; Ms. Stacey Pigford, Assistant Traffic Engineer; Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Operations Manager and Mr. Stephen Mancuso, Transit Manager.

**WELCOME:** A quorum was established around 9:20am. Ms. Marsha Wyly welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

**AGENDA:** The agenda for the February 20, 2013 meeting was approved with two additions under old business: Parking Deck Update and First Street Parking.

**MINUTES:** Mr. Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting with the correction of omitting Mr. Ronald Dunbar as being absent because his term expired January 2013. This was seconded by Mr. Adam Lawler. The motion carried unanimously.

**PARKING DECK UPDATE:** Mr. Scott Eaton gave a brief update on the parking deck. He noted after discussion with the consultants it was decided that leased parking will be on the bottom and metered on the top. He noted in addition, the people are paying for a premium spot inside a garage and the cost is \$52.00. Mr. Eaton stated that if the city does not get the anticipated leases, then other leased spaces will be incorporated into the garage. The parking enforcement issues and concerns have been discussed with the Police Department and they are working on it to make sure it is adequate for the structure and on street parking he stated. Mr. Bob Thompson voiced his concern to Mr. Carl Rees about not getting an endorsement from the Public Transportation and Parking Commission before he went to City Council with his report. Mr. Rees stated timing was an issue and he apologized and will try to do a better job in the future. Mr. Thompson commended Mr. Rees on a job well done with the parking study.

**FIRST STREET PARKING CONVERSION:** Mr. Scott Eaton gave a brief update on the First Street Parking project. Staff was under the impression that First Street was going to be resurfaced, therefore decisions were made accordingly. Later staff was advised by Council that resurfacing was not in the plans at the time. They stated now there will be parallel parking on both side of the street, bike lanes and a 10 ft. painted median down the middle of the street. Hopefully that will deal with the concerns of the pedestrian safety issues that were discussed at the last meeting he noted. Ms. Wyly asked if the median could be extended into the crosswalk for an added safety zone for the pedestrians. Mr. Cai Rees stated he will take the comment back to the designers to see if it can be done. Mr. Bob Thompson asked if there will be any handicap

accessible parking with the First Street parallel parking project. Mr. Carl Rees stated he will check on the requirements for that.

**GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER:** Mr. Chris Padgett gave a brief updated on the Greenville Transportation Activity Center (GTAC). He stated that the process is on going with the consultant to come up with three design scenarios of the preferred site. The consultants are working on cost estimate, the size and the layout of the facility. Mr. Padgett said Public Works is working on cost estimate on how to get the buses in and out of the facility, the route location and any off street improvement that may develop. He noted a stakeholders meeting is planed for March to review the three options. The environmental aspect of the project is ongoing as well Mr. Padgett said. He stated the goal is to go back to council and let them choose the size and programming they think is appropriate. Mr. Padgett noted once the decision is made by council, the property owner can be contacted and the appraisal will begin. Mr. Bob Thompson stated that he was contacted by a council member and was told it would be a good idea to educate the city council about riding the GREAT bus system. Mr. Thompson said he thinks it's a good idea for the Mayor and Council to ride the bus with commission members who wish to ride and the passengers. Mr. Thompson noted that council has been given some incorrect facts about riding the bus. He also noted it will be a good idea to invite Mr. Henry Hinton to come along to get some real facts about the GREAT bus system. Mr. Warren Daniels said he thinks it's a good idea. Mr. Chris Padgett stated the short range transit plan development would be a good time to offer council members a chance to come out and ride the GREAT bus system to understand how the system works.

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

**GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT:** Mr. Stephen Mancuso gave a brief report on GREAT. He stated the ridership for the month of January was good. He stated that the expenses were under budget for the month and the revenue was over. There were some questions on fuel consumption. A discussion was held.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2013 at 9:15 a.m. in Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary  
Public Transportation & Parking Commission