

MINUTES
PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
March 21, 2012

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, Ms. Lisa Simmons, Mr. Ronald Dunbar and Mr. Neil Edwards.

Staff Present: Mr. Thom Moton, Interim City Manager; Mr. Chris Padgett, Interim Assistant City Manager; Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Operations Manager; Ms. Stacey Pigford, Engineer I; and Ms. Geraldine Teel, Secretary

WELCOME: Ms. Geraldine Teel, Secretary, called the meeting to order and established that there was a quorum. Due to Ms. Marsha Wyly, Chairperson, being delayed by the train, Mr. Ronald Dunbar, Vice-Chairperson, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

AGENDA: The agenda for the March 21, 2012 meeting was approved with one addition by Mr. Ken Jackson; Award for Nancy Harrington.

MINUTES: Mr. Bob Thompson made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2012 meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Warren Daniels. The motion carried unanimously.

INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION CENTER UPDATE: Mr. Thom Moton gave a brief update on the ITC project. He stated that staff is working with the consulting firm, Moser Mayer Phoenix, to finalize the contract negotiation process for City Council consideration of the contract award at the April 10th meeting. Mr. Moton stated the previous issues with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) regarding funding eligibility have been resolved. Therefore, the new site selection process will be eligible for state (10%) and federal (80%) funding. Mr. Moton stated that there are some City owned properties in the downtown area that could be considered during the site selection process. He advised that there will be some opposition to any potential site. He stated that if the contract award is approved by City Council, staff will encourage consultants to consider all identified sites including city-owned parking lots. Mr. Moton informed the Commission that the total cost of the full scope of work is approximately \$159,000. He also noted that the City's match is 10%.

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

NEW TRANSIT MANAGER: Mr. Ken Jackson stated that the new Transit Manager, Mr. Stephen Mancuso, will start on March 26, 2012. He is the former Transit Administrator of the City of Durham, with 14 years of experience. Mr. Jackson commented that Mr. Mancuso will be an asset to the City of Greenville.

AWARD FOR NANCY HARRINGTON: Mr. Ken Jackson stated that Ms. Nancy Harrington, former Transit Manager, has been nominated and accepted as a 2012 inductee into the North

Carolina Transportation Hall of Fame. The ceremony is scheduled for August 27, 2012 in Rocky Mount, NC.

PARKING UPDATE: Ms. Stacey Pigford gave a brief update on parking. She stated that the recommendations that were presented to City Council on the uptown parking changes were approved. She stated that some of the changes will begin next month. She noted that Mr. Carl Rees of Community Development will make a presentation at the next meeting.

GREAT DATA & RGP SERVICE REPORT: Mr. Kenneth Jackson gave a brief report on GREAT. He stated that the total ridership continues to increase. Mr. Jackson stated that this is due, in part, to the additional route. He noted that paratransit ridership has increased as well. Mr. Bob Thompson commented on the increase in paratransit ridership and opportunities for transitioning to the fixed route system through more training.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for April 18, 2012 at 9:15 a.m. in Public Works Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Teel, Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission