

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION & PARKING COMMISSION
MINUTES
March 18, 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. Jessica Faison Mr. Charles Moore Mr. Brian Farkas
 Mr. Dave Schwartz Mr. Will Russ Mr. Scott Alford

Staff Present: Mr. Stephen Mancuso Mr. Kevin Mulligan Mr. Carl Rees
 Mr. Merrill Flood Mr. Corey Barrett Mr. Chris Viverette

WELCOME: Mr. Moore called the meeting to order and established a quorum was present. Mr. Moore welcomed all present.

AGENDA: Mr. Moore asked if there were any additions or deletions to the agenda. Mr. Farkas asked to add to a New Business Item 5 to the agenda to discuss pedestrian crossings at bus stops.

APPROVAL OF JANUARY MINUTES: A motion was made by Mr. Alford to approve the January 18, 2015 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Schwartz and passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

NEW METER SYSTEM VENDOR: Mr. Flood stated the City's current metering system has been in place for seven to eight years and has become antiquated and less reliable. As such, the City requested RFQs for a new system. Five vendors submitted proposals and all were interviewed. Hectronic's Citea was selected as the best system for expansion.

The new equipment would be leased over a period of five years and would allow for opting out or purchasing the equipment for \$1 at the end of the lease. There would be a total of 12 pay stations as well as 12 hand held devices for Code Enforcement officers' use. One station will be utilized for multiple spaces.

LOCATIONS OF NEW PAY STATIONS: Mr. Barrett directed attention to a chart that listed the location of the new pay stations. Stations are currently installed at the Chico's parking lot. The parking deck would be incorporated in the new system as well as the 300 and 400 block of Cotanche Street, 4th Street between Evans Street and Cotanche Street, and the Hodges parking lot. The parking deck would have metered parking on the two lower levels. The upper two levels would be leased parking.

"E" TAG PROGRAM UPDATE: Mr. Rees began by stating a system had been established in the downtown area approximately two years ago which allowed merchants to purchase a sticker (E-tag). This sticker permitted the merchants to park in designated two hour spaces for longer periods at a cost of \$150 per year.

Due to low participation and the expense of the permit, a new system was put in place. The new system changed permits from stickers to hang tags, lowered the fee to \$75 annually, and allowed area business owners to purchase up to 12 tags and rotate between users. The effective date of the new system was January 1, 2015. Mr. Rees also stated the loss of parking spaces from the construction of the Uptown Parking Deck has been shifted to the two hour spaces in the Harris lot.

HARRIS LOT LEASING: Mr. Rees stated there have been requests by citizens living in the downtown area for the City to provide 24 hour leased parking in the parking deck. Mr. Rees commented the City considered the request and has since considered the option of spaces in the Harris lot. There are currently no options within the City for 24 hour leased parking; therefore, approval would be required by City Council to add a fee for this type of service.

A motion was made by Mr. Alford to support providing 24 hour lease parking in the Harris lot. The motion was seconded by Mr. Russ and passed unanimously.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AT BUS STOPS: Mr. Farkas stated he had concerns for pedestrian crossings on the segment of Arlington Boulevard between Red Banks Road and Firetower Road. Mr. Farkas stated he felt the area should be considered for traffic calming or crosswalks in that area. Mr. Mulligan commented there are currently no mid-block crosswalks within the City; however, the 10th Street corridor is being reviewed for implementation.

OLD BUSINESS:

PARKING DECK UPDATE: Mr. Mulligan commented the construction of the parking deck is complete and the grand opening for the parking deck and plaza was held March 14, 2015. Mr. Mulligan stated the plaza opened the connectivity to 4th Street with anticipated connectivity through 5th Street once acquisition of property is obtained.

GREENVILLE TRANSPORTATION ACTIVITY CENTER (GTAC): Mr. Mancuso reported KlingStubbins, Inc., d.b.a. Jacobs architectural/engineering firm was selected for the design of GTAC and was approved by City Council on Monday, March 16, 2015. The process is slated to begin in April 2015 with an anticipated ribbon cutting as early as 2017.

GREAT MONTHLY REPORT: Mr. Mancuso presented the reports for January 2015 and February 2015 for information.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Amanda Braddy, Interim Secretary
Public Transportation & Parking Commission