



City of Madison
Meeting Minutes - Amended
TRANSIT AND PARKING
COMMISSION

City of Madison
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Thursday, October 12, 2006

5:00 PM

215 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.
Room 300 (Madison Municipal Building)
(After 6 pm, use Doty St. entrance.)

Item F.6. was amended to reflect that Wong, not White, voted yes on the motion to change the regular meeting night of the TPC to second Thursdays.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Durocher called the meeting to order at 5:03PM.

Present: Kenneth Golden, Noel T. Radomski, Jed Sanborn, Carl D. Durocher, Amanda F. White, Tim Wong, Sharon L. McCabe, Kenneth M. Streit and Duane F. Hinz

Excused: Diane L. Paoni and Kevin L. Hoag

Wong arrived at 5:08PM, after the minutes were approved.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 9/14/06 Meeting

Streit made a motion to approve the minutes. Golden seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Durocher noted that future minutes would be shorter and more concise. Most members supported this idea, except for Wong, who preferred more detailed minutes.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - None.

D. TRANSIT AND PARKING REPORTS

D.1. [04683](#) Parking: August 2006 Revenue and September Activity Report

Knobeloch highlighted the following items:

- Total YTD revenue is up 7.9% over 2005 levels, due mainly to the rate increase and increased revenue at Overture ramp.
- August occupancy went down at all ramps except Overture. Overture and State St Cap are still operating at less than 50% occupancy at peak.
- Total vacancy for on-street and off-street is up 3%.
- Five-year Buckeye and State St Cap occupancy trends lower in 2005-2006, with Overture trending higher due to low price.
- September 2006 occupancies show similar trends.
- Monthly parking waiting lists are lower at high-priced ramps and higher at low-priced lots. Overture has no waiting list for a monthly pass.

Responding to member comments, Knobeloch said that occupancy trends were probably affected by such factors as the increased availability of private lots and free bus passes.

Golden, seconded by McCabe, made a motion to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

D.2. [04684](#) Metro YTD Performance Indicator Reports - TPC 10.12.06

Ann Gullickson briefly noted that gas prices had spiked up in August of last year, and that it would be interesting to see how current gas prices affect this year's ridership. She said that the monthly Route Productivity Comparison was not included among the reports, because numbers were skewed by the route changes that occurred in August.

White, seconded by Sanborn, made a motion to accept the report. The motion passed unanimously.

E. OLD BUSINESS

E.1. [04685](#) Resolution No. TPC 19-14: Fare Tariff changes related to Unlimited Ride Pass Contract Fares, adopted by TPC on 9/14/06

E.2. [04686](#) Resolution No. TPC 16-8: Change to Parking Utility Rate Schedule (effective 6/1/06), adopted by TPC on 5/9/06

Golden made a motion to accept both resolutions - TPC 19-14 and TPC 16-9 - as written. Hinz seconded the motion.

Wong asked the vote on each resolution be taken separately. With regard to TPC 19-14, he questioned the calculation used in determining the adult base rate for unlimited pass contracts, and felt that the rate shown in the tariff was too low (by 1.83 cents), based on the methodology used by Metro to establish the rate.

Golden suggested that the matter be referred to the new Metro manager for review, who can report back to the Commission about the methodology/ calculation used in determining the rate. He went on to propose that the base rate shown in the tariff be used for the current contract period, but that it could be reexamined with regard to new contracts. Wong said he wanted to use the information in going forward with contracts in 2008.

The following vote was taken on the motion to accept Resolution No. TPC 19-14 as written:

Ayes: Golden, Radomski, Sanborn, White, McCabe, Streit and Hinz

Noes: Wong

Excused: Paoni and Hoag

Non-voting: Durocher

The motion to accept Resolution No. TPC 16-8 as written, passed unanimously.

F. NEW BUSINESS ITEMS

F.1. [04688](#) Ramp Shuttle Presentation - TPC 10.12.06

Knobeloch made the following points about the proposed parking Ramp Shuttle

slated for a pilot program period of January-June, 2007:

- The purpose is to equalize demand with a revenue-neutral service. Stimulating latent demand will hopefully cover the costs.
- Peak-hour and mid-day ramp shuttle routes were reviewed.
- Targeted parking customers are commuters in the Govt. East Ramp and students/staff in the Campus Ramp.
- Ramp parkers will ride free, Metro pass holders (80% of riders) will ride with their pass, and others will pay the standard \$1.50 per ride.

Alder Webber testified that the proposal was OK, but didn't go far enough, and a Phase 2 trial may be necessary, where evening and weekend service would be offered.

Members asked for a financial analysis in the summer to determine a course of action for the Sept. - Dec. time period. Members also requested that a methodology for determining financial success be presented by staff at a future meeting.

Members discussed expanding the service in a Phase 2 with funding from other sources. No commitment was made at this time for a pilot program offering additional service.

Durocher mentioned that the Commission had received a written statement from Scott Herrick, who opposed the proposal.

Golden, seconded by Hinz, made a motion to accept the staff report, with a request for a summer progress report. The motion passed unanimously.

F.2. [04552](#)

Amending Sec. 1.08(3)(a) of the Madison General Ordinances to modify bail deposit amounts for failure to pay when exiting a municipal parking facility.

A motion was made by Hinz, seconded by Golden, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER

Knobeloch outlined the proposed changes to the bail deposit/failure to pay parking ordinances.

The MGO amendment would modify the current standard \$50 citation amount to a 3-tier system based on parking fee owed, as follows:

Parking fee owed	Citation amount
Under \$20	\$20
\$20 - \$50	\$50
Over \$50	\$100

Other features of the proposal:

- If parking customers pay the parking fee + \$2 administrative fee, the citation would never be processed.
- The failure to pay citation acts as a guarantee that the parking fee will be paid at a later time.
- This is the way the bail schedule read previous to the Common Council change last year.

The motion passed by acclamation.

McCabe left the meeting at 6:33PM. At this point also, Wong left the room briefly, and was not present for the votes on the next two items.

[NOTE: A roll call has been inserted here, to reflect these movements.]

Present: Kenneth Golden, Noel T. Radomski, Jed Sanborn, Carl D. Durocher, Amanda F. White, Kenneth M. Streit and Duane F. Hinz

Excused: Diane L. Paoni, Tim Wong, Sharon L. McCabe and Kevin L. Hoag

F.3. [04508](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an agreement with St. Mary's Hospital Medical Center for the continuation of provision of free access by its employees to Metro Transit fixed route and ADA paratransit services, with reimbursement to the transit utility for employee trips for the period February 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

A motion was made by Radomski, seconded by Sanborn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation

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F.4. [04620](#)

Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin on behalf of the University of Wisconsin-Madison that would provide for dedication of two of Metro's five anticipated hybrid buses for use in UW campus service, in return for an upfront cash contribution by UW to reduce Metro's borrowing expense for the hybrid buses.

A motion was made by Golden, seconded by Sanborn, to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER. The motion passed by acclamation

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Wong returned to the meeting at this point, and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

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F.5. Discussion: Heating and cooling on buses

Jim Dregson of Metro provided the following information:

- On the new Flyer buses, heating and cooling systems are either on or off.
- The manufacturers set the thermostats on the buses -- at 72 degrees for heating, and 78 degrees for cooling.
- On the new Gillig hybrid buses, the settings are a little more flexible, with “low cool, high cool, low heat, high heat, and fresh air intake.”
- Most of the heating comes from the heat of the engines. Cooling systems are belt-driven off of the motors, and use a very small amount of additional fuel. As a result, heating/cooling on buses has almost no impact on fuel consumption and cost.

One member who regularly rides buses commented that temperatures on buses were fine most of the time, with the few exceptions being in the winter when buses were heated and riders wore coats, and on humid days when A/C was not used to pull humidity out of the air. Dregson felt that drivers could address these exceptions.

Gullickson noted that Metro has had extensive discussions about criteria related to heating/cooling when purchasing new buses. Manufacturers would prefer to have no open windows, so heating/cooling could be better controlled. Riders open and close windows all day long, and it has sometimes been hard for drivers to stop and change them as needed.

Durocher concluded discussion by noting that heating/cooling did not appear to be an economic issue.

Members asked staff to send the meeting minutes (containing this discussion) to Rosemary Lees, who had appeared and expressed her concerns about this issue at the September meeting.

F.6. Set up 2007 TPC meeting schedule

Staff pointed out that the Commission would have to schedule four out of its twelve 2007 meetings, on a night other than second Tuesdays, because of conflicts with budget deliberations and religious holidays; and that these conflicts would exist in future years also. When scheduling alternate meeting nights in the past, Room 260 and Channel 12 taping had usually not been available, and attendance dropped.

Wong made a motion to change the regular meeting night of the TPC to second Thursdays (except for September 2007, when the meeting would be scheduled for September 6th to avoid a religious holiday.) Golden seconded the motion. A vote

was taken, as follows:

Ayes: Golden, Radomski, Sanborn, Wong, Streit and Hinz

Noes: White

Excused: Paoni, Hoag and McCabe

Non-voting: Durocher

G. REPORTS OF OTHER COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES/AD HOC GROUPS (for information only)

Golden, seconded by Hinz, made a motion to accept all the reports G.1. through G.6. The motion passed unanimously.

- G.1. ADA Transit Subcommittee (August meeting minutes attached)
- G.2. Contracted Services Oversight Subcommittee (no September meeting)
- G.3. Parking Council for People with Disabilities (September meeting minutes attached)
- G.4. Long-Range Transportation Planning Commission (September meeting minutes attached)
- G.5. State Street Design Project Oversight Committee
- G.6. Joint Southeast Campus Area Committee

H. GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEMS

- H.1. General announcements by Chair

Durocher noted that a proposal to pool small employers into unlimited ride pass programs was now in the limelight. He suggested that the group might want to put a discussion about this topic on a future agenda, since the idea started with the TPC and now was proceeding forward without a strategy.

- H.2. Commission member items for future agendas

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.