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Meeting Minutes - Approved TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Barros arrived at 5:04 p.m. and Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:22 p.m.

Present: 10 - MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

Excused: 3 - Juliana R. Bennett; Darrin S. Wasniewski and Nicki Vander Meulen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Webber moved to approve the minutes for both the October 25 and November 8 meetings, seconded by McCahill, with Martinez-Rutherford and Bremer abstaining from the vote on the November 8 minutes as they were excused from that meeting. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [80705](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the November 29, 2023 Meeting
None

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Kliems moved to approve ITEMS 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [80884](#) Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an agreement with the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation for the design and construction for retrofitting older energy inefficient streetlights to energy efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) fixtures citywide through the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Project, I.D. 5992-11-34/35.

Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 3.* [80823](#) Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into an Agreement with Dane County to provide \$19,300 in assistance to Metro Transit for transit information services, promotion efforts, and operations for calendar year 2024, and \$5,000 to the Greater Madison MPO to support the County Specialized Transportation activities for calendar year 2024.

Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 4.* [80857](#) Supporting and approving the City of Madison applications to WisDOT for Federal funding under the 2024-2028 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), the acceptance of the grant if awarded, and authorizes the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into a grant agreement with WisDOT if awarded the grant (District 14, District 10, District 18).

Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering and Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao provided verbal reports and were available for questions.

Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 5.* [80858](#) A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to enter into a 2-year competitively selected service with Tom's Bobcat and Concrete Removal, LLC for snow removal services at Parking Division facilities.

Kliems moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 6.* [80492](#) Vacating and discontinuing multiple unimproved public street right-of-ways within the plat of Acacia Ridge to allow the replatting of a portion the development. Being located in the Northeast 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 28, Township 7 North, Range 8 East, City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. (District 1)

Kliems moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

- 7.* [80663](#) Amending Section 12.1331 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Vehicle Towaway to increase the Towing Charge Forfeiture to \$115 and authorizing the Transportation Commission to bi-annually review and increase the forfeiture amount beginning in 2025.

Kliems moved to RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL TO ADOPT - REPORT OF OFFICER, seconded by Jess. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [80662](#) Amending Section 16.03 of the Madison General Ordinances related to Transportation Demand Management to clarify Transportation Demand Management procedures, including broadening applicability.

Transportation Demand Management Coordinator Trent Schultz with Parking provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Transportation Tom Lynch

and Assistant City Attorney Eric Finch, was available for questions.

McCahill moved to RECOMMEND TO COMMON COUNCIL TO ADOPT WITH THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS - REPORT OF OFFICER, which were to Recommend the Approval of the ordinance changes minus the exemption for City wholly owned properties, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

9. [80983](#)

Metro Transit Ridership Update

At this time, the meeting proceeded to ITEM 13 briefly so Eric Finch could give updates and sign off afterwards as he was feeling under the weather.

Metro General Manager Justin Stuehrenberg provided verbal reports and, along with Sean Hedgpeth with Metro, was available for questions.

10. [80984](#)

Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - 2024 Resurfacing Projects

Assistant City Engineer Chris Petykowski and Assistant City Traffic Engineer Tom Mohr provided verbal reports and were available for questions.

11. [80985](#)

Update from Transportation Commission Appeal Subcommittee Hearing Related to a Taxicab License Denial

Kovich provided verbal updates that it has been scheduled for Tuesday, 12/5 at 5:00 p.m. and Wasniewski and Jess will be joining the subcommittee.

12. [80986](#)

Reminder to Commission Members of the Annual Statement of Interest Form Completion Requirement

Kovich provided verbal updates reminding TC members to fill out the annual Statement of Interest form before the January 2, 2024 deadline.

13. [80500](#)

Update on the TC Social Gathering

Finch provided verbal reports reminding everyone of a couple things to keep in mind for the upcoming social gathering:

1) Wisconsin Open Meetings Law - basically don't talk about Transportation Commission topics

2) Madison Ethics Code - standards for public officials that essentially boils down to paying for yourself and avoiding buying others drinks or food.

14. [52830](#)

Members of the Transportation Commission who are also members of other transportation-related Boards, Committees or Commissions provide relevant updates from those Boards, Committees or Commissions.

Kliems updates on BPW:

-Mineral Point Widened Sidewalk approval was on their agenda and they went forward with their own recommendation approving it and expanding to the 8 feet sidewalk

15. [60440](#)

General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)

None.

16. [60439](#) Commission member suggestions for items on future agenda (for information only; not for discussion)

Ann mentioned some of the following tentative items for the next TC meeting on 12/13:

-Directors Report

-Summary of West Area Plan

-Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - E. Wilson St. and E. Doty St.

-Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Knutson Drive

-Update on Metro Transit Accessibility and Paratransit

-Update from Transportation Commission Appeal Subcommittee Hearing Related to a Taxicab License Denial

-Reminder to Commission Members of the Annual Statement of Interest Form Completion Requirement

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Barros. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.