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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, October 11, 2023

5:00 PM

Virtual

CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. Wasniewski and Bremer arrived at 5:03 p.m, Harrington-McKinney arrived at 5:11 p.m. and Bennett arrived at 5:40 p.m.

Present: 11 - Juliana R. Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Ann E. Kovich; Robbie Webber; Denise N. Jess; Darrin S. Wasniewski; Christopher T. McCahill; Harald Kliems and William F. Bremer

Excused: 2 - Jose Miguel (Pepe) Barros Hoffens and Nicki Vander Meulen

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

McCahill moved to approve the minutes of the October 11 meeting, seconded by Webber. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. [80276](#) Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda for the October 11, 2023 Meeting

Ramsey Lee spoke on the importance of Accessible Pedestrian Signals and how they are helpful for the visually impaired as well as others.

DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None

CONSENT AGENDA

Webber moved to approve ITEMS 2, 3 and 4, seconded by Kliems. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

- 2.* [79865](#) Amending Sections 3.14, 3.54, 5.01, 5.05, 9.51, 12.128, 12.1331, 23.56 of the Madison General Ordinances to transfer parking enforcement and supervision from the Madison Police Department to the Madison Department of Transportation's Parking Division.

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

- 3.* [79973](#) Amending Secs. 12.03, 12.142, 12.1425 and other sections of the Madison General Ordinances to change the title of the City Traffic Engineer to the Director of Traffic Engineering and to update the title of the Parking Division Manager, where necessary.

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

- 4.* [80073](#) Vacating and discontinuing multiple unimproved public street right-of-ways within the plat of University Research Park - Pioneer 1st Addition to allow the replatting of a portion the development. Being located in the Northeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 34, Township 7 North, Range 8 East, City of Madison, Dane County, Wisconsin. (District 1)

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

- 5.* [80074](#) Approving the roadway geometry for the reconstruction of John Nolen Drive from North Shore Drive to S Broom Street. (District 4)

Engineer Aaron Canton with Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Assistant City Engineer Chris Petykowski and Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering, was available for questions.

Kliems moved to Return to Lead with the Recommendation for Common Council to Adopt, seconded by Wasniewski. After some discussion, the motion passed by voice vote/other.

6. [80280](#) Public hearing to remove RP3 parking from N. Baldwin St. (E. Johnson St. to E. Dayton St.) will be held at 6:00 p.m. Public hearing will include a presentation from the Parking Manager regarding their recommendation to the Transportation Commission, followed by public testimony. Then there will be discussion, deliberation, and a vote on this item by the Transportation Commission. Should this item be adjourned to the next Transportation Commission for discussion, deliberation and vote, there would be no additional public testimony on this item at that next Transportation Commission meeting.

It wasn't 6 p.m. yet so the meeting proceeded to ITEM 7 and came back to this item at the appropriate time.

Parking Division Manager Stefanie Cox provided verbal reports and was available for questions. Kliems moved to approve the recommendations, seconded by Wasniewski. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

7. [80012](#) Approval of the Metro Transit Network Redesign Refinements. THIS ITEM WAS ADJOURNED FROM THE SEPTEMBER 27, 2023 PUBLIC HEARING. COMMISSION DISCUSSION, DELIBERATION AND VOTE ONLY - NO ADDITIONAL PUBLIC TESTIMONY AT THE OCTOBER 11, 2023 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION MEETING ON THIS ITEM.

Jessy Stammer and Sean Hedgpeth with Metro provided verbal reports and, along with Director of Traffic Engineering Yang Tao, was available for questions.

In the middle of this item, the time was 6 p.m, discussion was paused so the meeting could go back to ITEM 6 for the public hearing.

Wasniewski moved to approve the submitted refinements for Metro, seconded by McCahill. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

8. [80277](#)

Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Harvey Street Sidewalk Extension (Hill St. to Blackhawk Ave.)

Chris Petykowski and Steve Sonntag with Engineering provided verbal reports and, along with Ped/Bike Administrator Renee Callaway with Traffic Engineering, was available for questions.

Registrants as follows: Oppose, wish to speak; Eric Guderyon, Eugenia Ave; Katherine Taylor, N. Blackhawk Ave; Ulrike Dieterle, N. Blackhawk Ave; Dan Knuth, N. Blackhawk Ave.

Oppose, available for questions; Elizabeth Kebbekus, Harvey St; Aimee Glassel, Eugenia Ave

Oppose, does not wish to speak; Liz Vowles, Eugenia Ave

Webber moved to proceed with the project as presented tonight, seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by voice vote other.

9. [80278](#)

Public Works Transportation Projects Review and Feedback - Starkweather Plat

Traffic Engineer Sean Malloy and Tim Parks with Planning provided verbal reports and, along with Bill Sullivan with the Fire Department, Petykowski and Callaway, was available for questions. Alder Rummel made comments.

Registrants as follows: Support, wish to speak; Therese Hanson, Mequon Ave, Cedarburg; Tyler Krupp, Atwood Ave; Chris Socha, Mequon Ave, Cedarburg; Neither support nor oppose, wish to speak; Helen Bradbury, E Washington Ave; Richard Arnesen, E Washington Ave; Lance Green, Dixon St;

Support, available for questions; Emma Froh, Broadway St, Minneapolis; Randy Kolinske, Fourier Dr; Thomas Price, W St Charles Rd, Lombard; Neither support nor oppose, available for questions; Jillian Hayes, E Washington Ave;

Oppose, does not wish to speak; Jeanie Kramer, N Fair Oaks Ave

Neither support nor oppose, does not wish to speak; Kellen Rice, E Washington Ave

McCahill moved that the Transportation Commission recommend to the Plan Commission the preliminary plat as proposed by the applicant and support the deviation from Complete Green Streets only if it is required to meet fire code, Seconded by Martinez-Rutherford. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 9 - Juliana Bennett; MGR Govindarajan; Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney; Robbie Webber; Denise Jess; Chris McCahill; Bill Bremer; Harald Kliems

Noes: 1 - Darrin Wasniewski
Non-Voting: 1 - Ann Kovich

Govindarajan moved an amendment to modify the motion to read at the end: "only if it is absolutely required by the fire code", seconded by Bennett. The amendment failed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 2 - Juliana Bennett; MGR Govindarajan;
Noes: 8 - Dina Nina Martinez-Rutherford; Barbara Harrington-McKinney;
Robbie Webber; Denise Jess; Darrin Wawsniewski; Chris McCahill; Bill Bremer; Harald Kliems
Non-Voting: 1 - Ann Kovich

10. [80279](#) 2024 List of Public Works Transportation Projects
- Chris Petykowski with Engineering provided verbal reports and was available for questions.
11. [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.
- Harrington-McKinney shared updates from the MPO:
- Surface Transportation Block Grant Program funding applications are now
 - Adopted 2024-2028 Transportation Improvement for the Madison Metropolitan area and Dane County
 - Approval to Release the draft 2024 MPO unified planning Org program
 - Revise a Draft of the 2024 MPO Budget
 - Status Report on the Capital Area Regional Planning Council
12. [60440](#) General announcements by the Chair (for information only; not for discussion)
- Kovich gave updates:
- Doodle Poll reminder for the upcoming TC social gathering event
13. [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 10/25 TC meeting:
- North/South Bus Rapid Transit
 - North/South Bus Rapid Transit Public Involvement Plan
 - Quarterly Traffic Safety Report
 - Metro Transit On-Board Survey Draft Work Plan Review and Feedback
 - Bikeways 2024 Project
 - Update on the 2024 Department of Transportation Operating Budget
 - Update on the TC Social Gathering
- Govindarajan suggested adding updates on accessible pedestrian signals and others had suggested combining it with a topic mentioned previously by Bremer about changes to guidance on public right-of-way accessibility guidelines

ADJOURNMENT

Kliems moved to adjourn, seconded by Webber. The meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m.