

MEETING OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC UTILITIES AND LICENSING
MINUTES OF TUESDAY, August 9, 2011

Committee on Public Utilities and Licensing met in the first floor conference room - west at City Hall on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Alderperson Hennessey.

Present: Alderpersons Jill Hennessey, Lee Thennes, Jason Sladky and Dave Soeldner .

Absent: Alderperson Matt Kadow.

Also present: City Clerk Jennifer Hudon, Dir. Public Works/Engineer/Parks & Recreation Valerie Mellon, Director of Building Inspection Jim Muenzenmeyer, Transit Manager Derek Muench and news media.

The Committee considered request of Transit Manager Derek Muench to implement agency fares for three years beginning January 1, 2012 at a rate equal to 50% of the cost of providing the ride as charged by the provider. On January 1, 2013, the rate would equal 75% and on January 1, 2014, the rate would equal 100%.

Moved by Alderperson Thennes, seconded by Alderperson Hennessey, to implement agency fares for 2012-14.

Discussion followed.

Alderperson Thennes amended his motion, seconded by Alderperson Hennessey, to implement the 50% rate for 2012 and re-evaluate the agency fares for 2013 and 2014 at a later date. Ayes, 4. Nays, none.

Discussed next was Maritime Metro's fare increases. Mr. Muench gave a brief history of the MMT 2012 budget and proposed fare increases.

After a short discussion, it was moved by Alderperson Thennes, seconded by Alderperson Sladky, and unanimously carried to increase the monthly bus pass from \$20 to \$22 in 2012; increase the cash fare for seniors (65+) and disabled from \$0.75 to \$1.00; and increase

the Summer Freedom Pass from \$25 to \$30; all effective in 2012. Ayes, 4. Nays, none.

Committee agreed to re-evaluate the fare increases for 2013 next year.

Discussion followed relative to the 2012 budget and a proposed operational change to require bus drivers on the PM shift to clean buses from 7:00 p.m. to 8:20 p.m. for an estimated savings of \$22,000 per year. Committee did not act on this item and requested further information regarding ridership between 7:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding the design of the new transfer station. Val Mellon and Derek Muench answered questions regarding the project and grant. No action was taken.

Aldersperson Thennes left the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Moved by Aldersperson Sladky, second by Aldersperson Soeldner to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 meeting. Ayes, 3. Nays, none. Minutes approved.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Aldersperson Jill Hennessey, Chair
Public Utilities and Licensing Committee

By: Jennifer Hudon, City Clerk