

PUBLIC UTILITIES & LICENSING  
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 1, 2012 MEETING

Chairperson Hennessey called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Alderpersons Hennessey, Soeldner, Braunel, Sladky. Absent: Alderperson Sladky. Also present: City Clerk Hudon, Buildings/Transit/Parks Supervisor Jim Muenzenmeyer, Dir. of Public Works/City Engineer Val Mellon and Steve Roekle of Assist to Transport.

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 31, 2012 meeting by Alderperson Soelder, second by Braunel and unanimously carried.

The Assist to Transport contract was discussed. Jim Muenzenmeyer explained that the main issue of contention was whether to use city gas or allow Assist to Transport to purchase from private vendors. Discussion ensued about there only being two city pumps available, how many vehicles used diesel fuel, the convenience of utilizing private vendors. Mr. Roekle indicated he has 3 private vehicles and occasionally will fill a return ride with an Assist to Transport customer. After discussion on record keeping issues Alderperson Sladky made a motion to approve the contract without city fuel. Second by Soeldner and unanimously carried.

The Ordinance reducing the hours of liquor and beer sales was then discussed. It was the consensus of the committee that the earlier sales times did not appear to be problematic. Motion by Alderperson Braunel, second by Sladky to place the ordinance on file. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held on possible Maritime Metro logo being placed on the clock tower at the new transfer facility. The committee noted that this was not a heavily traveled street and questioned the need for the logo. Alderperson Braunel made a motion not to have the logo on the clock tower, second by Soeldner and unanimously carried.

Fare increases as discussed at the public hearings were discussed. Alderperson Hennessey made a motion to approve the increase of \$2 for monthly passes and ten packs of passes. Second by Sladky and unanimously carried.

Jim Muenzenmeyer discussed a rebate received by Maritime Metro Transit in the amount of \$21,574 to be placed in the general transit budget. Motion by Alderperson Braunel, second by Soeldner to accept the rebate. The motion passed unanimously.

Jim Muenzenmeyer discussed capital items for transit. Jim reported that according to Kevin Glaeser the hoist and bus wash were critical items. A/C maintenance equipment and a tire machine were not necessary. They do need bus shelters, and an in-ground hoist. Jim stated that according to Tony Scherer, Transit has \$14,000 available for the furnace and bus shelters. Motion by Braunel, second by Hennessey to use funds for the shelters & furnace (80/20 split) and authorize Jim Muenzenmeyer to work on specs for the bus wash and hoist. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

The temporary bus transfer site was discussed. David Less, Norma Bishop, Mayor Nickels and Jim Muenzenmeyer had met regarding the Wis. Maritime Museum property on Franklin Street. They discussed a lease fee of about \$700 to cover utilities and Wis. Maritime Museum would get the use of a billboard. The lease period would be from March 15<sup>th</sup> through December 31, 2012.

Jim Muenzenmeyer discussed the possibility of free bus service on Saturdays from now until the end of the year. Green Bay has done this and increased their ridership. They would be losing

only the cash fares & this would increase ridership. Motion by Alderperson Braunel, second by Soeldner to allow free ridership for the remainder of 2012. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

A communication will be sent to Council regarding the fare changes and route changes along with free ridership on Saturdays. Motion by Sladky, second by Soeldner to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hennessey, Chairperson  
By: Jennifer Hudon, City Clerk/Deputy Treas.