

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH  
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2011**

Having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act No. 84 of 1986, a regular meeting of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh was held on May 18, 2011 at 10:28 a.m., 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1616. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Christopher D'Addario, Linda Judson and Scott Kunka. Present from staff were: David Onorato, Anthony Boule, Judi DeVito, Chris Holt, Patricia Konesky, Janet Staab, Tom Urbano, Shonda Goldsmith, Helen Kain and Nicholas Gentile. Also present were Jacqui Lazo of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney; William Stewart of Strategic Communications; and Cathy Qureshi, Mike Strelie, Bill Urbanic and John Fournier of The City of Pittsburgh.

**MINUTES**

Mr. Kunka asked for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on April 21, 2011.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, the minutes were approved as follows: Mr. D'Addario; yes, Ms. Judson; yes, Mr. Kunka, yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Kunka asked for public comments.

Mr. Fournier, Chief of Staff for Councilwoman Rudiak conveyed an apology from Councilwoman Rudiak for being absent, advising that she was required to testify as a witness in a criminal case and therefore could not be present. He stated he was asked to state on behalf of the Councilwoman that she hoped the Board would view the meeting agenda as an opportunity to start building a close working relationship between the City and the Parking Authority that would enhance the garages and entire parking system. He stated that the Board resolutions regarding meter increases being presented today benefit both the Parking Authority and the City and said that Councilwoman Rudiak stated that she hoped that these are the first of several that will strengthen the relationship between the Parking Authority and City Council.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Kunka proposed that since Councilwoman Rudiak was not present at today's Board Meeting and she is Council's representative on the PPA Board, Resolution Numbers 20 and 21 be held until the next Board Meeting. He proposed that with the consent of his fellow Board members, a special Board Meeting be scheduled on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in order to present these resolutions to the Board for adoption.

Mr. Kunka further recommended that given that the June Board Meeting date would need to be changed due to scheduling conflicts, the June Board Meeting be combined with the special meeting on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Kunka also advised that another scheduling conflict had emerged regarding the July Board Meeting date and proposed July 11<sup>th</sup> as the next formal Board Meeting. He stated that the resolutions passed by City Council affecting Authority operations will require budgetary and personnel changes and said the change will permit members to work with staff both as it is preparing to implement the June 1, 2011 increase and calculating budgetary changes that will be presented to the Board on July 11.

Mr. Kunka said if the proposal to hold Resolutions 20 and 21 until the May 31, 2011 Board Meeting was not opposed by the members present today, they would be held and reintroduced on that date. He stated, however, that the Authority staff would be making preparations for implement the rate and enforcement increases effective June 1, 2011.

**RESOLUTION NO. 20 OF MAY 2011, “A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF INCREASED RATES FOR ON-STREET PARKING IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH AS ESTABLISHED BY PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL,** was held until the May 31, 2011 meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 21 OF MAY 2011, “A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH TO IMPLEMENT AN EXTENSION OF THE ENFORCEMENT HOURS AS ESTABLISHED BY PITTSBURGH CITY COUNCIL FOR THE ON-STREET PARKING METERS IN THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH,** was held until the May 31, 2011 meeting.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22 OF MAY 2011, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO RAM CONSTRUCTION SERVICES FOR PARKING DECK BEAM AND SLAB REPAIRS AT THE FT. DUQUESNE AND SIXTH STREET GARAGE AND PARTIAL BEAM REPAIRS AT THE THIRD AVENUE PARKING GARAGE,** was read by Mr. D’Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that as a result of the Authority’s annual inspection, the need for critical repairs were identified at both the Ft. Duquesne and Sixth and Third Avenue Garages. He stated that the Authority is typically proactive in these matters and was seeking approval of a contract award to complete the necessary repairs. He advised that the RFP was publically advertised and said the Authority received seven bids, with RAM Construction being the lowest bidder at \$248,308. Mr. Onorato said that the bid sheet is attached to the resolution for

reference, noting that while the first two companies' bids were close there was a very large gap between those and the remaining bid amounts. He advised that if RAM Construction is awarded the contract, they intend to mobilize on June 13<sup>th</sup> and anticipate a 90-day completion schedule. He also advised that RAM Construction intends on meeting the MBE/WBE goals through its subcontractors.

Mr. Kunka asked if there were any additional questions.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Addario and seconded by Ms. Judson, Resolution No. 22 of 2011 was approved as follows: Mr. D'Addario; yes, Ms. Judson; yes, Mr. Kunka, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23 OF MAY 2011, "A RESOLUTION REGARDING REMOVAL BY LAMAR ADVANTAGE GP, LLC OF THE UNFINISHED OUTDOOR L.E.D. DISPLAY ON THE FACE OF THE GRANT STREET TRANSPORTATION CENTER AND RESTORATION OF THE GSTC,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that the Authority entered into a license agreement with Lamar to have a large display board attached to the GSTC sail, together with a ticker around the side of the building. He stated that for various legal reasons the mounting of the display was halted by the City of Pittsburgh. Mr. Onorato stated that the Authority was never involved in those legal proceedings but said that as part of the original license agreement between the Authority and Lamar, the billboard will be removed and the building will be retrofitted to its original design, all at the cost to Lamar. He said the Authority will notify Lamar in writing and enter into an agreement to identify the schedule and timeframe for the removal work to be completed.

Mr. Kunka asked if the authorization of this agreement with Lamar would release the Authority, Lamar and the City of Pittsburgh from the lawsuit.

Mr. Onorato replied that it would.

Mr. Kunka asked that once the sign was removed, if all relationships between Lamar and the Authority would be ended.

Mr. Onorato stated that Lamar and the Authority's relationship would not cease until the sail was restored to its original design.

Mr. Kunka asked if there were any additional questions.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 23 of 2011 was approved as follows: Mr. D'Addario; yes, Ms. Judson; yes, Mr. Kunka, yes.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Onorato updated the Board Members on the flooding affecting the Mon Wharf and advised that based on the advisory issued today, the Authority again close the Wharf

for parking. He advised that there was a good chance that it would remain closed for the duration of the week.

Mr. Onorato advised that the Executive Director's agenda included changes in the dates for the next two Board Meetings, but noted that Chairman Kunka addressed the topic earlier in the meeting. He repeated that there now will be meetings on May 31 and July 11, 2011.

Mr. Onorato noted that if the resolutions for increased enforcement hours are approved by the Board, the Authority would need to amend its budget to include additional enforcement personnel.

Mr. Onorato reminded the Board of the International Parking Institutes 2011 Expo and Conference which will be in Pittsburgh next week. He advised that the Board Members are registered and recommended that they attend as much of the event as much as their schedules permit. He said the conference provides a great opportunity to network with and learn about the vendors the Authority works with and the products they provide.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

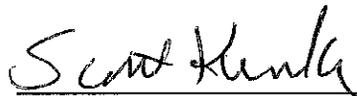
Mr. Kunka asked if there was any old or new business.

There was none.

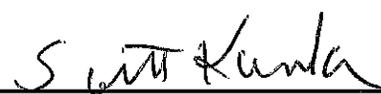
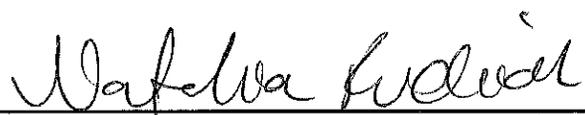
The next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday May 31, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Mr. D'Addario the meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

## **APPROVED TO CONTENT**

  
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Chairman

## **ACCEPTED FOR FILING IN THE AUTHORITY'S BOOK OF MINUTES**

   
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