

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH
MONDAY JULY 11, 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 July 11, 2011 at 10:29 a.m., 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1616. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Linda Judson, Natalia Rudiak and Scott Kunka. Present from staff were: David Onorato, Anthony Boule, Christopher Speers, Chris Holt, Patricia Konesky, Janet Staab and Nicholas Gentile. Also present were Jason Wrona of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney; William Stewart of Strategic Communications; Bill Vidonic of the Pittsburgh Tribune Review and Cathy Qureshi of the City of Pittsburgh.

MINUTES

Mr. Kunka asked for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on May 31, 2011.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kunka asked for public comments.

There were none.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF JULY 2011, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO SOLICIT PROPOSALS TO UPGRADE THE CURRENT ON-STREET METER TECHNOLOGY THAT WILL BE INNOVATIVE AND PROVIDE FOR FUTURE ENHANCEMENT TO THE PITTSBURGH ON-STREET PARKING SYSTEM, was read by Mr. Kunka and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that over the past 10 years the Authority has been proactive in upgrading its operational technology. He said the new rate and enforcement schedule enacted by City Council effective June 1, 2011 creates an appropriate opportunity to upgrade the on-street meter technology for approximately 3500 to 4000 on-street spaces.

Mr. Onorato said this upgrade would likely eliminate the single-space meters and replace them with multi-space models but also advised that he is aware of a vendor that is interested in bidding on this project with a single-space product equipped with a credit-card form of payment.

Mr. Kunka inquired if both technologies and others would be explored, such as those discussed in recent meetings that the City held.

Mr. Onorato stated that the Authority will consider any type of technology offering payment options other than cash.

Upon motion by Ms. Rudiak and seconded by Ms. Judson, Resolution No. 27 of 2011 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak, yes; Ms. Judson, yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF JULY 2011, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO NATHAN CONTRACTING FOR THE EXPANSION JOINT REPLACEMENT AND ASSOCIATED STRUCTURAL SLAB REPAIRS AT THE FORBES-SEMPLER GARAGE, was read by Mr. Kunka and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato stated that the scope of work is for the removal and replacement of three expansion joints and to perform post-tension work related to the slab replacement. He stated that Nathan Contracting, the low bidder, has worked in the past with the Authority on whole and partial deck slab replacements at both the Wood/Allies and Forbes/Semple Garages. He said the Authority was pleased with their work on those projects.

Upon motion by Ms. Rudiak and seconded by Ms. Judson, Resolution No. 28 of 2011 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak, yes; Ms. Judson, yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF JULY 2011, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO A&A CONSULTANTS, A STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING FIRM, TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION FOR AUTHORITY-OWNED GARAGES, was read by Mr. Kunka and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that the Authority is requesting to award a one-year contract with two one-year options for the annual inspection of its garage facilities to comply with the inspection requirement established by the Trust. He said A&A consultants completed the expired inspection contract at a cost of \$16,800. Mr. Onorato said the first year's cost for inspections is \$18,000 and a three-to-five percent increase from that total for the option years. He noted that if the Authority were to exercise the options, the cost for years two and three would be presented to the Board for approval.

Mr. Kunka noted that there were very large variations in the bids submitted and asked if the Authority was aware of any indication as to the cause.

Mr. Onorato advised that he was not aware of any reason, but confirmed that the Authority did speak to representatives from A&A Consulting regarding their bid and said they've re-confirmed to holding to their bid price and scope of work .

Mr. Onorato noted that A&A was not the lowest bidder, but in discussion with Cosmos Technologies, the low bidder, it was discovered that there were staffing issues within that company that would prevent it from meeting the requirements of the job. He said he was advised that there was only one inspector for the entire project and was told that they were not willing to assign additional personnel.

Ms. Rudiak stated that at a Board Meeting a month or so ago, she remembered approving an RFP for an in-depth study to evaluate the condition of four of the Authority's parking facilities. She asked for an update on this project and how it would affect the RFP on today's agenda.

Mr. Onorato advised that the condition assessment of the Smithfield/Liberty, Ninth and Penn, Ft. Duquesne and Sixth and Third Avenue garages approved previously is for an in-depth examination of those facilities, where A&A's scope of work is more of a visual inspection of the entire system. He said he anticipates having a report on the condition of the four facilities sometime by mid-August and reported that the annual inspections normally occur at the end of each calendar year.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Ms. Rudiak, Resolution No. 29 of 2011 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak, yes; Ms. Judson, yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF JULY 2011, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO LIGHTHOUSE ELECTRIC FOR THE GRANT STREET TRANSPORTATION ELECTRICAL PACKAGE, was read by Mr. Kunka and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that following standard practice, all final payments requests are brought to the Board for approval.

He said this final payment would represent the final, final payment for the Grant Street Transportation Center construction project. He advised that both IKM and Massaro have signed off on all the work that Lighthouse completed on this project.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Ms. Rudiak, Resolution No. 30 of 2011 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak, yes; Ms. Judson, yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

RESOLUTION NO. 31 OF JULY 2011, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO HIRE THE NECESSARY STAFF

TO PROPERLY ENFORCE THE PARKING REGULATIONS INCLUDING THE EXTENDED HOURS OF OPERATION RECENTLY ENACTED BY CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 43, was read by Mr. Kunka and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that this request is a result of the rate increase and extended enforcement hours included in Ordinance No. 43, which took effect on June 1st. He advised that our current staff has been working the additional hours for the past month of June and, while they are doing a good job, they are stretched extremely thin. He said the changes also increased the collectors' responsibility as weekly volume increased in certain areas. Mr. Onorato advised that we are seeking to add six part-time enforcement officers, four full-time enforcement officers and three field supervisors for the enforcement staff, together with one collector/maintenance/laborer, to properly enforce and accommodate the changes. He noted that with the exception of the field supervisors, all positions would be AFSCME members. Mr. Onorato advised that the Authority would assess the staffing numbers in the future to determine if this increase in personnel is sufficient or if additional staff is needed.

Mr. Kunka asked for clarification that all of the proposed increase positions other than the three field supervisors were union positions.

Mr. Onorato confirmed that they are.

Mr. Kunka inquired if the field supervisors had the ability to issue tickets.

Mr. Onorato replied that the AFSCME contract states that parking enforcement officers are solely authorized to issue tickets, so the field supervisors would not be permitted to issue tickets or enforce parking restrictions. He said the field supervisors would be non-union management level positions.

Mr. Kunka asked the expiration date of the AFSCME contract.

Mr. Onorato advised that the AFSCME Union contract expires in 2012.

Mr. Kunka stated that the Authority will investigate incorporating some changes into the next contract.

Mr. Kunka asked for additional questions.

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Ms. Rudiak, Resolution No. 31 of 2011 was approved as follows: Ms. Rudiak, yes; Ms. Judson, yes; Mr. Kunka, yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that the Authority's website has been updated to reflect the June 2011 changes in rates and enforcement hours, complying with a request Ms. Rudiak made at May's Board Meeting.

Mr. Onorato advised that at the request of Council, per a discussion he had with Councilwoman Rudiak, that he would submit the Authority's suggestions to adjustment in the rate increases in the South Side, Oakland and part of Centre Avenue. He stated that he would get this information to Ms. Rudiak so she could present it to the other members of Council.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the changes in the enforcement hours of operations, stating that enforcement extended until 10:00 p.m. in six neighborhoods. He noted that the current schedule represented an effort to cover all of the neighborhoods with existing staff, adding that management staff has extended its hours as well.

Mr. Onorato advised that the proposed new multi-space meters locations were also discussed in the meeting with Ms. Rudiak and said it's the Authority's position that when the RFP is issued, the 900 spaces identified in the monetization proposal are approved spaces where the Authority can install new meters and/or technology upgrades. He asked Ms. Rudiak to confirm that this was her understanding as well.

Ms. Rudiak confirmed that it was.

Mr. Kunka stated that he believes that this expansion is addressed in the legislation.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that Authority staff has been working with Magnus Rex on the logistics for the filming of the Batman movie, which is slated to occur in July and August. He said there will be significant road and closures that will affect access to Authority garages. He advised that we are working closely with the producer to recoup any costs associated with the restrictions and to adequately notify and relocate customers of the affected garages. He noted that while the filming may prove to be an inconvenience to our patrons, it is good for the city.

Ms. Rudiak asked where the filming will occur.

Mr. Onorato advised that we have been notified that filming will occur in various areas of the city, including Downtown, Oakland, and near CMU. He advised that the Authority garages being affected are Oliver, Smithfield/Liberty and Mellon Square.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the weather impact on the Mon Wharf, noting that the Wharf was open the entire month of June. He said that we were closed for 15 days during April and were closed for four days in May. He reported that, year-to-date, the closure total was 49 full days and 10 partial days.

Mr. Onorato advised that both the May and June reports are included in today's packet, as the May reports were not available at the last meeting due to the change in the meeting schedule.

Ms. Rudiak asked if the issue of time limits regarding allowed parking times was discussed. She asked if, after a certain hour in the evening, can the time limits be adjusted to permit attendance at an event such as the symphony, where you cannot leave the venue to put additional money in the meter.

Mr. Onorato advised that we have had questions from the public on this issue and our response at this point is to suggest using garages where our evening rates are a flat \$5.00.

Ms. Rudiak asked if we are suggesting that those patrons utilize the garage facilities.

Mr. Onorato stated that it is the alternative, but said that we are also reviewing and will make recommendations where we think meter use can be adjusted and expanded.

Ms. Rudiak stated that the Authority is the expert on the matter and said she believes looking at this option would be helpful.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

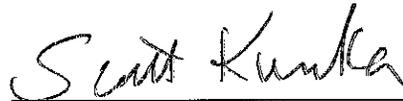
Mr. Kunka asked if there was any old or new business.

There was none.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m.

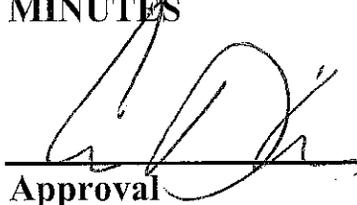
Upon motion by Ms. Judson and seconded by Ms. Rudiak the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

APPROVED TO CONTENT



Chairman

ACCEPTED FOR FILING IN THE AUTHORITY'S BOOK OF MINUTES



Approval