

REGULAR BOARD MEETING - BLOOMINGTON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION CORPORATION (BPTC) DECEMBER 2, 2014, 5:30 P.M.

In the Edward J. Kuntz Board Room of the Bloomington Transit Operating Facility, 130 W. Grimes Lane, Chairman McConn convened the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present: Chairman McConn, Vice Chairman McDaniel, Secretary Hasler, Board Member Obermeyer and Board Member Cartwright. Also present were Lewis May, General Manager, Brenda Underwood, Human Resources/Marketing Administration, Ian Patton, Operations Manager, and there no members of the public present.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman McConn opened a public hearing to receive public comment on Ordinance 14-03 an ordinance amending salary and wage rates of appointed officers and employees of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, Monroe County, Indiana for the year 2015. There was no comment from the public therefore Chairman McConn closed the public hearing accordingly.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no petitions and communications.

MESSAGES FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that Mark Palmer our lobbyist for the ITA scheduled a meeting for Friday at 10:00. He said several lobbyists will be there. He noted Mark Palmer wanted advocates there like Hoosier Environmental Council and Area Agencies On Aging and their lobbyists. He said it is a strategy session and Mark Palmer will be talking to lobbyist and lawyers.

Mr. May said Regina Moore, City Clerk, is looking at all the City Boards and Commissions apparently the terms of appointments to several City boards and commissions have gotten out of whack in terms of how they are staggered, when they start, when they end, and how they overlap with other Board Members. The purpose of the proposed change is to bring some semblance of order to the staggering of terms. Vice Chairman McDaniel noted that the Board Member terms don't all expire at the same time. Mr. May said part of that means having to reorder when some of these Board terms end. He said they have proposed in the case of Bloomington Transit that all City Council appointee terms be extended an additional year and that all mayoral appointments be shortened a year. Vice Chairman McDaniel said the expiration dates that Regina Moore had did not match the dates that are on the City's website. Mr. May said as he understands it, under the proposed legislation, the three Council appointments would get extended by some length of time the two Mayoral appointments would be shortened by about a year each. He said she is asking for comments at this point they have not agreed or decided to do it yet. Mr. May said his concern is how can a local agency change what is established by

state law. He said he would forward the email for all the Board Members to look at and that he would express concerns about the proposed legislation relative to the shortening of any terms and the need to comply fully with State law relative to PTC appointments.

MESSAGES FROM THE MANAGER

Mr. May noted that the Board just had a Public Hearing on the proposed service change on Route 3 Highland Village/Curry Pike whereby service is proposed to operate through the Highland Village area only in the outbound direction on weekdays from 3 to 6 p.m. and to use Curry Pike in the inbound direction during this same time with the proposed effective date of January 12, 2015. He said there was not great concern expressed with the proposed change by the two people at the last Board Meeting as they understand what we are doing and would like to see some changes made on the Westside but we do not have the resources to make those changes now. He said it is his recommendation that we move forward with the service change effective January 12, 2015. Mr. May provided a map of the Route 2 West 11th Street and noted the operation's staff has recommended that we make a very minor change to the route. He said it is currently using Seventh Street on the outbound trip as it goes up Walnut and turns west onto Seventh Street and takes Seventh Street to Rogers. Mr. Patton said it is a congested and complex area it has bike boxes in it in which a lot of people do not understand the operation of. He added that it has a turn lane on each end it goes from one lane to a lane plus a turn lane on opposite ends. Mr. Patton said it is also one in which we are encountering our Route 6 bus traveling east on a very high frequency. He said a related concern is North Walnut Street at Seventh where we are making a left turn that is frequently obstructed by food and beer delivery trucks, often one on each side of the street. So what is a three lane street on the map is often in reality a one lane street. As it is a half hour route, often the bus sits through the light twice and misses the connections with other routes downtown. Mr. May said we are proposing a very quick two block change on this route instead of taking Seventh Street over to Rogers we would go Walnut to Sixth to Morton to Seventh Street. He said there are no bus stops in that segment that would be eliminated except there is one at northeast corner of Seventh and Morton and we are proposing to move it to the southeast corner.

Mr. May said we have a minor change to our Personnel Policy and this comes as a recommendation from our ASCME union. Mr. May said we think this is a very good recommendation and one that we should consider. He said it has to do with how we classify preventable accidents. Currently, a Class I accident is any accident which results in less than \$500 in property damage (as determined by BPTC management) and no personal injury, nor results in any conviction for any traffic violation. A Class II accident is any accident which results in \$500 or more in property damage (as determined by the company), any personal injury or conviction for any traffic violation. He said it is very hard to have any kind of accident with less than \$500 worth of damage these days. As such, it was the union's recommendation and we concur that we should increase the threshold for reaching a Class II accident from \$500 to \$1,200 which would more than double that threshold. He noted that staff believes this is a reasonable level. He said we are suggesting that the Board make an amendment to the Personnel Policy for classifications of accidents that would reestablish that threshold at \$1,200 or more for a Class II and if the Board agrees we would implement that immediately.

Mr. May said we had a public hearing earlier on the Proposed 2015 Salary Ordinance. He said each year the Board adopts a salary ordinance which establishes the maximum wage rates and

salaries for all employees at BPTC. He said to comply with State Board of Account rules we need to adopt a Salary Ordinance before the end of the year. He said this is a two meeting process at our last Board meeting we had Introduction of the Salary Ordinance and tonight we had our Public Hearing. He said what we have done is increased the maximum salary for all positions by 2 percent except for our BT Access drivers which had a high increase we are trying to bring them closer and narrow the gap between them and fixed route drivers. For the non-bargaining unit positions we also increased the maximum salary for all positions by 2 percent. He said there is a copy of Ordinance 14-03; an ordinance amending salary and wage rates of appointed officers and employees of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, Monroe County, Indiana for the year 2015 on the agenda tonight for the Board's consideration and approval.

Mr. May gave an overview of October ridership noting that October 2014 fixed route ridership decreased 0.5 percent compared to October 2013. He noted there were the same number of weekdays this October compared to last October however there was one additional Friday and one less Tuesday in the 2014 calendar for October compared to the 2013 calendar. Year-to-date fixed route ridership is up 2.18 percent compared to the same period last year. Mr. May noted BT Access ridership was up 2.31 percent in October 2014 compared to October 2013. He said the year-to-date BT Access ridership is down 3.94 percent compared to the same period last year.

Mr. May noted there are two Board meetings remaining on the schedule for December that include December 16 and December 30. He said it appears that we will need both Board meetings to finish with necessary business.

MESSAGES FROM THE CONTROLLER

There were no messages from Controller Browning.

MINUTES

There were no minutes for approval.

CLAIMS

The claims for December 2, 2014 were presented for approval by Board Member Obermeyer and seconded by Vice Chairman McDaniel. The claims were approved unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Under Old Business, Vice Chairman McDaniel moved to approve Resolution 14-29; a resolution adopting a service change on Route 3 Highland Village/Curry Pike whereby service shall operate through the Highland Village area only in the outbound direction on weekdays from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and use Curry Pike in the inbound direction during this same time and changes to Route 2 11th Street whereby service shall go Walnut to Sixth to Morton to Seventh Street and relocate the bus stop at the northeast corner of Seventh and Morton to the southeast corner with an effective date of January 12, 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. Resolution 14-29 was approved unanimously.

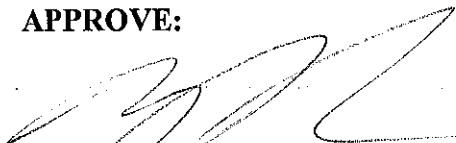
Under Old Business, Secretary Hasler moved to adopt Ordinance 14-03; an ordinance amending salary and wage rates of appointed officers and employees of the Bloomington Public Transportation Corporation, Monroe County, Indiana for the year 2015. The motion was seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. Ordinance 14-03 was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Under New Business, Board Member Cartwright moved to approve Resolution 14-28; a resolution amending Section 7.04 of the BPTC Personnel Policies and Employee Handbook. The motion was seconded by Board Member Obermeyer. Resolution 14-28 was approved unanimously.

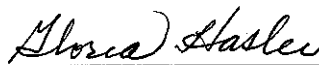
ADJOURNMENT

APPROVE:



12-16-14
Ray McConn, Chairman
Board of Directors BPTC

ATTEST:



12-16-14
Gloria Hasler, Secretary
Board of Directors BPTC