



City of Waukesha

City Hall,
201 Delafield Street
Waukesha, WI 53188

Meeting Minutes - Final

Transit Commission

Thursday, November 21, 2019

5:30 PM

Council Chambers, City Hall
Use upper level doors off Buena Vista Ave.

1. Call to Order

Present 3 - E. Payne, Kassens, and Pieper

Absent 2 - O'Donnell, and Michalowski

2. Public Comment

Public spoke opposing the Transit changes:

Maria Cziel, 825 Pleasant St.- request to reconsider raising senior fares due to fixed income.

James Macon, 734 N. 26th St., Milwaukee - Union representative asked to keep the service running.

Scott Champeau, Waukesha Bus Driver Union Steward

Luke Coutu, 533 Brastad Place, Waukesha

Mark Zarwell, 1219 S. Grandview, Waukesha

3. Approval of Minutes

- A.** [ID#19-1504](#) Approval of Minutes
November 5, 2019

Attachments: [tc 11-5-19 draft](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Eric Payne, seconded by Alderman Joe Pieper, that the Minutes of November 5, 2019, be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

4. Public Hearing

Manager Brian Engelking explained the Transit changes. Proposing an increase on the 31 day passes of \$4 on the Adult Pass and \$2 on the Youth and Senior/Disabled. The Summer Youth pass would increase \$5. Cash fares and 10-ride cards would not change. First fare increase of any kind since March 2013. Transit tries to keep the fares as low as possible. Main reason will raise \$15,000 additional revenue which offsets additional City Share. Sizable increase for city share which went up over \$175,000. State revenues have shrunk by over \$300,000.

James Macon, 734 N. 26th St., Milwaukee, spoke against the proposed changes. Mark Zarwell, 1219 S. Grandview, Waukesha, spoke against the proposed changes and wants expanded Route 9 service.

Aaron Wasser, 1212 S. Grand Ave, Waukesha, spoke against the bus pass increase. Samuel Frye, 1425 Victoria Circle, Waukesha, spoke against the proposed bus pass increase and wants Sunday Route 9 service.

Linda Winchester, 801 N. East Ave, Waukesha resident spoke against the proposed changes as the fare increase and service changes would be a hardship due to a fixed income and disability.

Scott Champeau, Waukesha Bus Drivers Union Steward spoke against the proposed changes.

Written communication from Ioda Fridl of Waukesha was read, against the proposed reductions.

Written communication from Renee of Waukesha was read, against the proposed reductions in service.

Ald. Pieper addressed the residents and stated that he and Ald. Payne take this item very seriously. They have constituents that ride the bus. Ald. Pieper walked through the budget realities; 13.6% budget reduction from the State. City portion into the Transit system is increasing to \$1.4m. The Committee has responsibility that the systems works for all the residents; i.e., raising fares and consolidating routes and assures the a good Transit system within a tight City budget. Thanked all for coming to speak tonight.

A motion was made by Alderman Joe Pieper, seconded by Alderman Eric E. Payne, that this item be Opened the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

4. Public Hearing

A motion was made by Alderman Joe Pieper, seconded by Alderman Eric E. Payne, to Close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

5. Discussion and Recommendation re:

- A. [ID#19-1505](#) Approval of Proposed Service Changes and Reductions to Effective Monday, January 6th, 2020

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Sheet -January 2020 Service Changes hearing notice service changes and Pass Fare Increase January 2020](#)
[Route 1 Nights Sundays 2020 Proposed](#)
[Resolution - Revisions to Route 1 January 2020](#)
[route 1 description January 6 2020](#)

Ald. Payne question on the lower ridership routes would it matter if they ran a smaller bus. Transit doesn't have a smaller bus that would create an efficiency. Ridership has decreased over the long period of time. Looked at the trends.

Ald. Payne: Another question, we base it on the 10 riders per hour, and some of the other routes are running into the 20s. Why is that not a wash for the lower ridership? Standard is for each route to reach 10 riders. On Sundays at a hole they are down 10. Concern that if this continues they there could be tougher decisions down the road.

A motion was made by Alderman Joe Pieper, seconded by Alderman Eric Payne, to approve the proposed changes to service. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

- B. [ID#19-1506](#) Approval of Resolution Authorizing Revising of Fare Tariff No. 24 to Create Fare Tariff No. 25 for Waukesha Metro Transit Increasing Bus Pass Fares

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Sheet -Approval of Fare Tariff No 25](#)
[Resolution - Creation Fare Tariff no 25](#)
[fare tariff #25 1-6-2020](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Joe Pieper, seconded by Alderman Eric Payne, to approve the proposed fare increases. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

- C. [ID#19-1507](#) Approval to Repeal Ordinance 31.16 Baby Strollers and Refer to Ordinance and License Committee

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Sheet -Approval of Elimination of Ordinance 31.16 Baby Strollers](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Eric Payne, seconded by Alderman Joe Pieper, to approve the repeal of Ordinance 31.16 and refer this matter to the Ordinance and Licensing Committee for consideration. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

D. [ID#19-1508](#) Approval of Stroller Policy

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Sheet -Approval of Stroller Policy](#)
[Proposed Stroller Policy](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Joe Pieper, seconded by Alderman Eric Payne, to approve the proposed Stroller Policy contingent on the elimination of Ordinance 31.16. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

E. [ID#19-1509](#) Approval to Eliminate Bus Stops

Attachments: [Agenda Cover Sheet -Eliminate Bus Stops](#)

A motion was made by Alderman Eric Payne, seconded by Alderman Joe Pieper, to approve the proposed bus stop eliminations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - E. Payne, Kassens and Pieper

Absent: 2 - O'Donnell and Michalowski

6. Communications and Referrals

Driver, Nicole Chamberlain, who found the 2 children in the cold last Monday (11/11/19) will be acknowledged with a resolution at a future Council Meeting.

7. Adjournment

"A majority of the Council members may be in attendance"

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