

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH THURSDAY JULY 17, 2025

Having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act No. 84 of 1986, a virtual meeting of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh was held at 10:05 a.m. on July 17, 2025. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Liz Fishback, Bobby Wilson, Kim Lucas, Bob Palmosina and Sean Luther. Present from staff were David Onorato, Christopher Speers, Christopher Holt, Matt Jendrzewski, David Perry, Jodi Hart; Jo-Ann Williams, Bob Wilson, Hanna Rupenski, Karla Turzak, Kathryn Van Why, Jacob Dulberger, Matt Engleson and Patricia Konesky. Also present were Shawn Gallagher of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, Bernie Belgin, Denise Moschak and Alison Keating.

MINUTES

Ms. Fishback stated that there was not a June board meeting and asked for approval of the minutes from the May 15, 2025 meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Luther and seconded by Mr. Wilson the minutes were approved with all members in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the Picklesburgh stated that the news releases deemed the event a success from an events standpoint, however we really had traffic issues because of the event. He stated that we had to limit parking and at one point close the Ft. Duquesne and Sixth garage because we could not have access to Ft. Duquesne Blvd. He advised that one day the State Police shut down Ft. Duquesne Blvd. and reversed the west bound traffic out of the garage. He said there needs to be a much tighter and formal traffic mitigation plan. Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we had a 1000 space garage that we could not use because the patrons could not get out of the garage due to Sixth Street, Ft. Duquesne Blvd, Sixth Street Bridge, Seventh Street Bridge all being closed to traffic. He noted that Market Square was also affected due to road closures. He stated that he will relay his concerns to the City and asks that they require some regulations on traffic designs before they issue any permits.

Ms. Fishback asked if the team can capture these concerns in writing while everything is still fresh in their memories so that we are able to share very clearly that with the members of the new incoming administration early next year.

Mr. Onorato responded that we have already captured this information internally and stated that we will formalize it.

Ms. Hart added that she is on the special events committee along with EMS, the fire department, and PRT and stated they have made notes and documented them as a group.

Mr. Luther stated that he would be interested in finding out what the normal occupancy levels of the garages were on non-Pirates' summer weekends. He advised that the intent of Picklesburgh is to drive traffic into downtown when most of the activity is reduced, so if we cannot get patrons in a garage, there is a problem. He stated it would be interesting to see that delta from the limited operations versus our standard unprogrammed operations.

Mr. Speers stated that the perfect traffic storm started on Wednesday. He advised that on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday our Ft. Duquesne Garage was full with approximately 900 vehicles each day. He stated that after the garage was filled, Sixth Street was closed at Ft. Duquesne Blvd. so we lost both our entrance and exit on the Sixth Street side, requiring us to take all traffic on Wednesday off Ft. Duquesne Blvd. and also exit all 900 vehicles through one exit. He stated that he personally got stuck in Ft. Duquesne for about one hour, and they and additional 20 minutes to move from our exit to the convention center. He stated that there were no traffic directions at the intersection on Wednesday, which again was two days before the event actually started. He stated that once Sixth Street was shut down, there is basically a loop going from Ft. Duquesne to Stanwix down to Seventh and everybody just loops and goes onto the detour, which is Seventh Street, which is one lane. He stated that what also contributed to the traffic congestion is that once you got down to where the Arts Landing project is the right lane is out of service due to the construction, so there is basically all the traffic from Stanwix funneling into one lane at Seventh Street. He stated that it got worse on Saturday when the police decided to shut down Ft. Duquesne Blvd. at 4:00 pm until about 9:30 pm that evening.

Ms. Hart added that in addition to Picklesburgh, there were three events scheduled in the area which caused the resources to be spread thin. Ms. Hart also added that it took her 45 minutes personally to travel from the Blvd of the Allies to Ft. Duquesne Blvd due to the backups. She also stated that PRT had advised that on Wednesday, all of the buses routes that went into downtown was a minimum of 50 minutes late.

Mr. Luther stated that he would appreciate it if we were able to communicate this directly to the PDP team before it comes back to the special events team at the city.

Mr. Onorato responded that we will communicate all of this to the PDP.

Ms. Fishback asked if we were aware if there were any other events of this scale planned before

the end of this year.

Mr. Onorato responded that Light Up Night is a large scheduled event, but he does not believe they close the bridges and streets for this event.

Ms. Fishback stated that she is sorry for the team's firsthand accounts because they were stuck in the traffic situation and let's take as much of the learned hardship as we can and ensure that it does not happen again next year for that event, and also other including the NFL Draft.

Ms. Lucas asked Ms. Hart that since she sits on the events committee, was there anything that she thought should have been done that wasn't.

Ms. Hart mentioned that she had been in contact with DOMI and she believes there was a perfect storm, with construction having two of the lanes down which limited traffic plus going down to one lane and then having one of the major bridges down that brings people into downtown. She noted that two of the major entry points into downtown were gone and the footprint took up so much space and so many of the major arteries that it caused major issues. She stated that from a special events standpoint it's very hard to not be able to approve some of these events which come with a lot of pressure to approve them, so even though we know there is going to be issues we don't have the backing to be able to get those changed.

Mr. Onorato stated that he believes what was lacking was police control at all of the intersections. He noted that the Authority works with the Steelers organization for traffic control for the Steeler games, he advised that they outline where the police are going to be stationed and how they are going to keep traffic moving. He noted that during the height of the Picklesburgh event, there were police leaving when their shifts were over and we were left to fend for ourselves. He stated he believes they need to show how the traffic flow will be controlled with the use of city police.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that he has been working closely with DOMI to get Hazelwood Green as a paying neighborhood, and that they are currently working on getting the signage erected. He stated working with the Director of Finance at the city the rate was approved to be \$2.00 per hour, and we anticipate beginning enforcement by the end of the year. He did state that we will inform the public before any live tickets are issued in that area.

Mr. Luther asked if there was any possibility that we could use Hazelwood Green as a demo for camera-based on-street meter enforcement similar to the purple lanes but for hourly traffic.

Mr. Onorato responded that we do plan on using automated enforcement in Hazelwood Green and stated that it may not be the first area as we will be rolling out camera-based enforcement within the next 4-6 weeks in the South Side area.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that both union contracts expire at the end of this year, and we will begin negotiation talks in early August with both the Teamsters Union and the AFSCME Union.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Quarterly Finance Report, noting that on-street and off-street meters are both exceeding last year's pace at this time and they are just slightly lower than the 2019 base year. He advised that revenues were \$4.2 million this month and in 2019 the meter revenues were \$4.8 million, down about \$600,000. He advised that year-to-date revenues through June were \$25.9 million up from year, but slightly down about \$600,000 from the 2019 revenues. He noted that we are approximately 4.6 % of our budget for 2025.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Enforcement and Meter Report, noting that there were approximately 24,000 tickets issued this year, an increase from the 16,000 issued at this time last year. He advised that there have been 9,000 tickets issued to date using ticket-by-mail with 1,400 issued in lots, 1,400 issued in loading zones, 24 in no-park/no stop sign, 481 in bike lanes and 5,600 in street cleaning violations. He advised that ticket-by-mail accounted for 40 % of the tickets issued for the month.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Quarterly Parking Court Report, which shows revenues at \$5.7 million compared to \$4.7 million last June and 2019 revenues being \$5.5 million, which shows we are actually ahead of the 2019 base year. He added that this report shows the projected revenue to the city at \$4.1 million compared to \$3.3 million at the same time last year.

Ms. Fishback stated that she recently went through the Parking Court system due to receiving a ticket when she was parallel parking in the Strip District and the camera incorrectly recorded her vehicle in a bike lane. She stated she proceeded through the entire process and wanted to give her kudos to all involved. She stated that she found the process to be easy and seamless, people were helpful in getting her paperwork while she was travelling, she stated that she hopes to never have to use that service again, she wanted to give her thanks to the Parking Court team as it was a very painless process.

Mr. Onorato stated that he will relay those comments to the Parking Court team.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Garage Utilization Report, which shows utilization at static shots of 11:00 am and 2:00 pm in the garages. He stated that utilization for 2025 has increased, with Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays seeing a higher utilization rate than Monday and Fridays, but all days are increasing. He noted that we are seeing the full signs posted earlier in the day as a sign of return to normalcy.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Day and Evening/Weekend Transactions Report, which shows that after January and February we are outpacing 2024's transactions in the garages for the day activity which is the majority of our revenues.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Proposed vs. Actual Revenue Graph, stating that it shows the comparison to the straight-line revenue for the year if the same amount was collected each month compared to the actual revenues, which he stated is trending above the straight line, noting that we are above our budget project for the year.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Day/Evening-Weekend Transients and Net Revenue Report, which shows the daily trends. He stated that we use this report throughout the year as a glance to see

anything abnormal. He noted if the trend stays the same it is good and we can anticipate when we are going to have activity in the garages.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Downtown Housing Lease Report, which he stated shows there was a decrease of 25 in the first quarter of 2025 but that it has increased by 6 in the second quarter for a total of 508 total with Smithfield Liberty, Mellon Square, Grant Street Transportation Center and First Avenue making up 70 % at those locations combined. He stated that with the media reporting and increase in downtown residential units being built we are hoping for an increase in these type of leases.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Multi-Space Meter Revenue Report, which he stated shows the number of meters and spaces and the corresponding revenues by each neighborhood and lot by each quarter. He also noted that coins through the meters represent 1.25 %, credit cards at the meters represent just under 35 % and mobile transactions are just under 65 % to date.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Revenue Per Space Report, which shows revenues through June. He advised that a per space is an industry standard which gives us the opportunity to compare ours to others within the industry. He advised that the gross revenue per space for 2025 is \$1,811 which is a slight increase for 2024's \$1,715 per space. He advised that Smithfield/Liberty, Ft. Duquesne and Sixth Street and Oliver Garage are the three top revenue producing garages this year. He noted that due to the heavy construction on-going at Mellon Square this year it has dropped out of the top three in this category. Mr. Onorato stated that the second page of this report has both the revenues and expenses per space through March 2025.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Pay By Phone Report, which he stated shows the breakdown of revenues though each of the four pay-by-phone apps. He advised that Parkmobile did 267,000 transactions in June, Pay-By-Phone was second with 6,840 transactions and Meter Feeder completed 4,740 transactions. He advised that in June 2025 there was a total of 1,820,019 transactions through the combined four phone apps combined. He advised that the amount of mobile transactions confirms the customers preference to use the mobile payment method.

Ms. Fishback asked if there was a clear preference of which firm the public prefers.

Mr. Onorato responded that Park Mobile had a presence for 5 years before any of the additional 3 firms were added and therefore have the majority presence. He stated that they were established at the time the additional vendors were added and advised that those vendors were aware of this status before they agreed to a contract. He advised that the public is pleased that they have options and choices for their provider.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any questions or comments on the Executive Directors Report.

There were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 17 OF JULY 2025, "RATIFY A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES OF WISESIGHT, INC. FOR STATIONARY CAMERAS IN SELECT AUTHORITY SURFACE LOTS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TICKET BY MAIL, was read by Ms. Fishback and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that this resolution was discussed with the cancellation of the June Board Meeting, he had emailed this resolution for the Board Member to vote on, which they did and approved, and we are now asking for ratification of this resolution. He wanted to get this resolution into the minutes and noting that it was approved.

Ms. Fishback asked legal counsel if there were any recommendations or additional requirements needed.

Mr. Gallagher responded that nothing further needed to be done, and we could proceed with roll call.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Lucas, Resolution No. 17 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 18 OF JULY 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JUSTPARK FOR RESERVATION PARKING AT AUTHORITY GARAGES, was read by Mr. Wilson and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board this is in addition to our current reservation system that we just started with ParkMobile, and we would like to add JustPark. He advised that people purchasing tickets at the Steeler's website or any event occurring at Acrisure Stadium, once they secure a ticket on their website it will ask if they would like to reserve parking and if chosen it will identify our garages along with our competitors, if they are in the program, as options to reserve your parking in advance of the event. He advised that this is an option that we believe the public is going to welcome and we believe that going forward, like the mobile phone app, once a person gets used to using this app, more people will purchase parking in advance of their event. He advised that we will always retain 100 % of the parking revenues from this program.

Mr. Onorato confirmed that this is a non-exclusive agreement.

Mr. Lucas asked if we have had any conversations with the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust about expanding this to include any Cultural District events as well.

Mr. Onorato responded that we have not reached out to PCT as we are in the early stages of implementation, but stated that we will have that conversation with them in the near future.

Mr. Speers added that he had been working with Marc Fleming a few months ago, and he is aware that Marc left the Trust a few months ago, and he has not spoken with the new marketing manager, but stated we are very interested in working with the Trust on JustPark, who was formally ParkHub. He stated that we had been talking about possibly doing discount subscription packages, where people can reserve multiple events at once.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Fishback and seconded by Ms. Lucas, Resolution No. 18 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 19 OF JULY 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO CARL WALKER CONSTRUCTION, INC. FOR THE REPAIRS AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AT MELLON SQUARE PARKING GARAGE, was read by Ms. Lucas and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we currently have a contractor on-site at Mellon Square completing a major renovation including structural repairs. He advised that since they are already onsite the City asked if they would be willing to create public restrooms in the former storefronts along Smithfield Street, and in doing so will hopefully save costs on mobilization. He advised that the entrance to the restrooms will be directly from the sidewalks with no entrances from within garages. He advised that the total cost for the build out is \$498,429.96 and the Authority would be reimbursed by the City for the costs incurred using the American Rescue Plan Act Fund where they have some excess money. He stated this would be a good amenity to be there and would be completed by the NFL Draft date.

Ms. Lucas stated she is very supportive of this and thanked the Authority for getting it done, and said her only question is would it be completed before the NFL Draft, which Mr. Onorato already responded that it is the goal.

Ms. Fishback asked if change order number 2 was specific to this resolution or was it change order number 2 for the year and did we anticipate any further change orders on this project.

Mr. Onorato confirmed that it is change order number 2 for this resolution only and that, barring any unforeseen conditions, it would be the last change order for this bathroom building-out, but on the garage repair project we do not anticipate any additional change orders.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Ms. Lucas, Resolution No. 19 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any old business matters to discuss.

Ms. Lucas asked if this was the right time to ask about the conversation made at the May meeting about setting up a strategic planning working group, especially after hearing the challenges today about the special event issues and know that we have an unprecedented in scale next year with the draft, just having time to have a board collaboration with Parking Authority staff to have a conversation about opportunities so that we do not miss any with this huge event coming online.

Mr. Onorato responded that we will reach out to set this meeting up. He advised that we have started our application through the International Parking and Mobility Institute Accredited Parking Organization with Distinction and that this process goes into details of the operations which he believes would be able to assist us with the Strategic Plan.

Mr. Onorato wanted to follow up on the discussions regarding Picklesburgh and wanted to let the Board know that it was totally out of our control, that we were advised of the events and the street closures and we had no input. He advised that we did request that Sixth Street not be closed, but our request was refused. He stated that he does not see us having much input into next year's event. He stated that we will give our advice, but he is not sure that it will be heard.

Ms. Lucas responded that she hoped that the people working at DOMI would be open to hearing what the Parking Authority had to say and hear our recommendation to optimize the experience, because bad operations for the Parking Authority are bad operations for the streets which are bad operations for the City.

Ms. Fishback asked the timeline for the accreditation.

Mr. Onorato responded that it is the end of the year anticipated deadline.

Mr. Fishback stated that it seems like the gathering of the information to complete the accreditation is a few months away and since this information may be used to guide us on developing the strategic plan, would it make sense for the board to get together to discuss how we can simply better set ourselves up for success. Ms. Fishback stated that we could be some time on the calendar for a virtual meeting and would make sure it was in accordance with the Sunshine Act.

Mr. Onorato asked Ms. Lucas if she knew if DOMI would be willing to share a copy of their strategic plan.

Ms. Lucas responded that the Move 2070 mobility vision plan is available online and there was a two-year action agenda that she would think that DOMI would be happy to share it.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any new business matters to discuss.

Mr. Onorato stated that the fees for a residential parking permit increased effective July 1st. He stated that once we attended a Council post agenda meeting this past week, the media picked up on it and there were some complaints. He noted that there was a lot of misinformation out there and we reached out to have it corrected and advised that the article in today's Post-Gazette has the corrected information. He stated that the media's grasp was that the Authority was in a deficit operation when in total, residential parking only represents 1% of our revenues, and we clarified this and hopefully they will get the story corrected. He stated that the increase was seamless, and we only received a handful of questions about the increase and most people have accepted and are paying the increased rate. He advised that this is the first increase in the cost of the permits since the program's inception in the 1980's.

Ms. Fishback noted that she was aware that we did market research and found that we are still lower than other cities our size.

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any additional questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Lucas the meeting was adjourned at 10:52 a.m. with all the Board expressing their approval.

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