

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH THURSDAY MAY 15, 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 10:02 a.m. on May 15, 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, Scott McNaugher, David Perry, Jodi Hart; Bob Wilson, Hanna Rupenski, Karla Turzak, Kathryn Van Why, Jana Williams and Patricia Konesky. Also present were Shawn Gallagher of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, Bernie Belgin, Denise Moschak and Alison Keating.

MINUTES

Ms. Fishback asked for approval of the minutes from the April 17, 2025 meeting.

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

Ms. Fishback asked if it was acceptable to complete the roll call by asking all in favor as opposed to calling each name individually.

Mr. Onorato noted that Mr. Palmosina is on the call and can hear everything but is unable to respond.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Fishback asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that street cleaning began on April 1st and this year enforcement is being done with ticket by mail. He advised that the process is moving along smoothly, and the public has accepted the process.

Mr. Onorato advised that the June Board Meeting will need to be rescheduled as it is currently

schedule on an Authority holiday date and advised that we will reach out with dates for a reschedule that is acceptable to the majority of board members.

Mr. Onorato stated that at the last Board meeting the Board asked for an update on the hiring process with the residency requirement lifted. He advised that since the requirement was waived we have hired a total of 17 employees, 9 garage attendants, 1 part time maintenance worker and 7 part time enforcement officers, plus there are two additional positions that are recently accepted and are scheduled to begin work next week.

Ms. Lucas stated that she remembered that there was some discussion regarding having a wage differential for city residents vs. non-resident and asked if that was enacted.

Mr. Onorato responded that city residents that applied were going to get preference as long as the candidates were equally qualified, but not a wage differential. He advised that we were able to hire the 5 city residents with the other being county residents.

Ms. Lucas asked if we were able to determine how we were able to attract those 5 city residents, were there any changes in the job posting process that would have accounted for this increase, when previously we were unable to hire candidates.

Mr. Onorato responded that there were no changes made to the process, and it was random that they applied at the time they did.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that Authority staff attended the Pennsylvania Parking Association's annual conference which was held here in Pittsburgh at the Sheraton in Station Square. He advised that we helped host the conference and that he and Ms. Hart were both presenters at the conference. He stated that since it was a local seminar we had the opportunity to send additional staff.

Mr. Wilson stated that he had some questions regarding people receiving old tickets from 2021 and wanted to know if Mr. Onorato had any comments regarding this.

Mr. Onorato responded that the issue has already been addressed and stated that he would follow up with Mr. Wilson regarding the issue.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Finance Report, which shows \$4.6 million in revenues for April 2025 up from \$4.4 million last April but still below the \$4.9 million in 2019 base year. He stated that revenues are down approximately \$2 million from the base year and that 2025's year to date is \$17.1 million and in 2019 year to date revenues were \$20.2 million and last year's \$16.5 million, noting that we are continuing to move up in total. Mr. Onorato advised that the budget through April 2025 is \$16.7 million, and we are approximately \$400,000 over our budget target.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Monthly Operating Revenue Report, which shows that in April 2019 revenues were \$4.9 million, April 2023 revenues were \$3.7 million, April 2024 revenues were \$4.4 million and April 2025 were \$4.6 million, trending in the right direction for the overall total revenues.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Garage Facilities Report, which he stated show garage revenue for April 2025 of \$2.6 million compared to \$2.4 million in 2024. He noted that the big changes are at Mon Wharf which saw a significant increase due to their being closure in April 2024 due to flooding and there no closures to date this year. Mr. Onorato advised that the increase in Forbes Semple is due to the completion of the construction work, in addition to adding some temporary leases for UPMC while they are renovating their facility and being displaced due to those renovations. He noted that UPMC worked with the Authority when we were completing the construction at the Forbes Semple Garage resulting in the closure of that garage at time.

Mr. Onorato advised that the year-to-date garage revenues show the same trend with the 2025 revenues being \$9.5 million compared to \$9.1 million in 2024. He advised Mellon Square revenues are down in 2025 due the on-going construction.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Enforcement Ticket Report, stating that there were 85,000 tickets issued year to date in 2025 and there were 74,000 tickets for the same period in 2024. He advised that ticket issuance is a little over 11,000 from last year's pace and noted it is due to the tickets by mail. He stated that street cleaning began April 1st and we were fully automated and enforced using ticket-by-mail, in addition to those that had to be handwritten due to the vehicle being parked facing the wrong way. He advised that there were 1,708 tickets issued via mail in the lots, 1,575 issued in the loading zones, 7 in the no parking/no stopping lanes, 812 in bike lanes and 7,155 street cleaning for at total of 11,257 tickets issued by mail.

Mr. Wilson asked how the street cleaning process was doing.

Mr. Onorato responded that the street cleaning process is proceeding well and we are up about 3,000 for the same time period as last year and mentioned that this is only with three sweepers running with the other sweepers being out of condition. He stated that Public Works like the system also as we are not slowing them down as they do not have to wait on the enforcement vehicles and stated that they commented that they are now finishing their routes two hours earlier on some days because the enforcement vehicle was able to keep up with the sweepers.

Ms. Lucas stated that this is a huge operational improvement, and she personally did not anticipate having that benefit to the operations coming from the parking enforcement modernization.

Mr. Onorato stated that in the past the enforcement officers would need to get out of the vehicle to place the ticket on the windshield and the sweeper would need to wait for the officers to get back in the vehicle and resume enforcement and this would delay the process. He stated that with ticket-by-mail the sweeper just continues down the street and the enforcement vehicle is able to follow. He noted that we have had some vehicles parked the wrong way resulting in the officer having to exit the vehicle and manually record the plate and place the ticket on the windshield.

Mr. Wilson stated that when he's in the City Council Representative role, many people have stated that the street sweeper never came down their street, this is another dynamic that he sees

in terms of the residents now not even seeing an enforcement vehicle, and he asked if there have been any complaints received and does the public understand what is going on.

Mr. Onorato replied that we have not received many complaints other than those contested at Parking Court, but noted that once those residents see the accompanying photos, they do not have any basis for their complaint, and it's hard to contest it when the photos confirm they are in violation. He advised that we advertised the program heavily before it began, that we sent out notices to community groups, and did press releases before the program began. He also confirmed to the Councilman that he is correct in his understanding that the vehicle only enforces if the city completes the sweeping that day, but if the sweeper is out of operation that particular day, we do not enforce the street without the sweeper cleaning it.

Mr. Wilson asked if there are typically more than 3 street sweepers that can street sweep on each day.

Mr. Onorato responded that the Department of Public Works have 9 sweepers in their fleet, and he believes that as of today there are four sweeps in running condition.

Mr. Wilson stated that he looked into the amount of sweepers out of service and said he spoke with Public Works and stated that it's helpful to hear the Parking Authority confirm that there are only 3 sweepers running. He asked if all 9 sweepers were working would we be able to enforce all of the areas they would cover.

Mr. Onorato confirmed that we would have enough officers and vehicles to follow all 9 sweepers.

Ms. Fishback stated that during last month's street sweeping in her area, she actually watched the process and stated that the sweeper and the enforcement vehicle were just able to keep moving down the street and stated that the program appeared to be working smoothly.

Mr. Luther stated that the logical extension of this is that he watched what appeared to be a "train" of vehicles moving down Forbes Avenue and asked at what point could cameras be put on DPW vehicles so that we don't have to have a trailing vehicle.

Mr. Onorato responded that we do not have the personnel at the city division to maintain and download on a daily basis and that the Parking Authority is responsible for the cameras and if the sweepers a down the cameras on those sweepers would be down for the amount of time that the sweeper is. He also stated that we use these cameras in other vehicles for enforcement other than street sweeping, so he doesn't see the cameras going on the sweeper any time soon. He advised that we are currently touching base with Philadelphia Parking Authority as they currently have cameras on their Port Authority buses and we are looking to do that before we entertain the placing them on the street sweepers.

Mr. Luther asked that when we are enforcing behind the street sweepers will the officer ticket for other violations as well or are they exclusively looking for vehicles on the street during street cleaning.

Mr. Onorato responded that right now they are strictly enforcing street cleaning.

Ms. Lucas stated that this is great, the 2-hour savings to DPW, the decrease in emissions, decrease in congestion, the infrastructure degradation, personnel cost savings, all amazing, let alone the fact that we are now able to enforce laws that have been in force for a number of years. She stated that she would like to see a strategic plan for enforcement city wide because between this and the other Automotus work, we see a huge benefit and she would like to see how this could be scaled as it seems like it's a win, win, win for everybody. Ms. Lucas stated that DOMI could work with the Authority on getting a strategic plan for the Parking Authority that identifies the future for what gets enforced, how it gets enforced every month but we do not necessarily hear about a lot of the future, and this is just an amazing example of the technology really paying dividends.

Mr. Onorato responded that we would be glad to work with DOMI to put a plan together, but in discussions with staff, we do want to continue, and it has always been our goal to roll this out incrementally, with the street cleaning first and make sure we work out and bugs, where he stated we had a quick internal discussion yesterday, where we set the target date of July 1st to bring automated enforcement to the South Side during the day, with continuation in the evenings in the PED and once that is up and running, we would like to bring it to the Oakland area.

Ms. Lucas responded that it appears that we are talking about it and have ideas of how we want to grow and expand, but stated that she would like to see it all written down and see what it would take to get to a city-wide enforcement practice.

Mr. Onorato responded that we may reach out to her department to see who can assist. He stated he would reach out to her directly to discuss.

Ms. Lucas stated that if a consultant is being hired then it would need to come to the Board for approval. She stated that there was a little bit of a conversation a few years ago when approving a contract for a facilities plan, and we talked about how that was narrowly scoped for just looking at the condition of facilities and performance of garages, so this is a theme that has been talked about for a few years but she would like to move forward on it.

Mr. Wilson asked Ms. Lucas if her ask is to have a broader strategic plan.

Ms. Lucas responded for the Parking Authority overall, that talks about where they want to go with enforcement. She stated that DOMI works with Council, the Parking Authority pretty much works with DOMI, Parking Authority works with Council, on things like Parking Enhancement Districts, Mobility Enhancement Districts, Stadium Parking, Special Events Parking, there is new technology for off-Street Parking, automated enforcement expansion. She stated that there is all these things that are happening in the world of enforcement, parking and curbside management, but she does not believe there is one document and one look at how they all work together and where they should be in the future to make sure that the curbs are operating as efficiently as possible to make sure that the off-street parking is maximizing its potential and

thing like that because all of that affects how the streets are operating, the accessibility of our streets, the safety of our city, so she would want to see a strategic plan around all those elements.

Mr. Wilson added that one way he would like to formalize this is to form a task force or a committee that has a clear objective and put together a plan like Ms. Lucas is asking for and he would be happy to put together a resolution.

Mr. Onorato mentioned to Ms. Lucas that she is aware that next month is the International Parking and Mobility Institutes annual conference is next month and we are doing two presentations and we are finalizing a chart that shows the Pittsburgh Parking Authority eco-system that shows the progression from 2005 with Parking Court all the way up through automated ticket today. He advised that there are about 15 key points, 4 of which Pittsburgh was the first to do that and he stated we can share this with the Board prior to the conference, for informational reasons. He stated it outlines how we got to where we are today and how we are going to role it out, which includes expanding it to the neighborhoods.

Ms. Lucas stated that this is not specific to the Parking Authority, noting that the City is taking its first comprehensive plan and DOMI did a fifty-year vision plan a few years ago, and this is just something that helps us to figure out how to grow, and in the future we get tough decisions like do we sell a specific asset, do we close an asset, do we make a big investment, do we accept new technology, she stated that these decisions don't have to be made piece-mail, there will be a plan or a route in place to help guide those decisions. Ms. Lucas stated she looks forward to seeing the presentation that Mr. Onorato is working on for IPMI.

Ms. Fishback stated that she does not believe that a resolution is needed to form a committee to have a conversation as what a strategic plan might look like or to implementing some initial steps or goals, she believes those conversations can just happen off-line and asked counsel for confirmation.

Mr. Gallagher confirmed that Ms. Fishback's statement is correct.

Ms. Fishback stated that in addition to circulating a new date for June we can also include asking Board members their thoughts on an initial conversation around establishing a committee to discuss development of a strategic plan.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Enforcement On-Street Meter Report, stating that the overall revenues for 2025 is \$1.781 million which is higher than 2019's revenue of \$1.776 million. He stated from a revenue standpoint we are back to pre-pandemic level even with the loss of spaces due to various activities and difference programs, like bike lanes, throughout the city.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Parking Court Report, stating that year-to-date ticket fines are \$3.6 million and last year's was \$3.1 million, almost a \$500,000 increase.

RESOLUTION NO. 15 OF MAY 2025, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FLOWBIRD (FORMERLY CALE) TO REPLACE THE LOWER DOORS ON APPROXIMATELY 200 MULTI-SPACE METERS, was read by Ms. Fishback and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that we replaced all of the meters in 2012 so they are well over 10 years old and advised that all of the lower doors are the original ones and through inspections we identified about 200 that have rusted doors. He advised that we are looking to replace those doors at a cost of \$112,626.00 plus shipping costs and the funds are to taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

Ms. Fishback asked if there is any anticipated projection on the expected life of these doors and asked is a warranty part of this purchase.

Mr. Onorato responded that there is not a warranty on the purchase, and he anticipates at least 10-years, if not more, of life on the new ones.

Ms. Lucas asked where the equipment is coming from and there are any concerns on tariffs and the costs that could be incurred and has any of those risks factored into how many doors are being replaced now. She noted that if this material is coming from out of the Country and right now it's a certain rate but we believe that rate may increase in the future because of tariffs or other things outside of our control, do we buy more or less today in anticipation of those changes.

Mr. Onorato responded that the entire meters are made in Sweden, but these doors are being manufactured in Florida and the anticipated delivery time is 6-8 weeks once the order is placed. He advised that if tariffs on the meters become too costly to purchase and replace, we would look to eliminate meters through attrition and move to touchless or contactless payment methods through the phone apps as an alternative.

Mr. Luther stated that parking meters developed by a French Company which is owned by a British conglomerate and manufacturing them in Sweden with a warehouse operation in Florida is exactly the case for neoliberalism that we are all in the midst of discussing.

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. 15 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 OF MAY 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE SERVICES OF WISE-SIGHT INC. FOR STATIONARY CAMERAS IN SELECT AUTHORITY SURFACE LOTS FOR ENFORCEMENT AND TICKET BY MAIL, was read by Ms. Lucas and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that we currently have stationary cameras in 2 of our lots in the South Side, and it has proven to be very successful, and we are looking forward to expanding to an additional 10-12 lots using the Co-Stars contract with WiseSight. He advised that with the cameras the lots would be enforced during the entire 10 hours that enforcement is permitted and said it would be more beneficial than having officers drive through the lot at various times throughout the day. He advised that this is part of our plan to modernize and using more technology for our operation as we continue to expand the use of current technology.

Ms. Lucas asked what it would take to expand to all of our lots.

Mr. Onorato responded that we identified these 10-12 lots based on revenues and violations that have been occurring in those lots. He advised that some of our lots would not be a good fit for this as the cost of the equipment would not offset the revenues brought in. He stated that we will continue to monitor those manually.

Ms. Lucas asked if manually meant someone enforcing in person.

Mr. Onorato responded that when the cameras were first installed we were just collecting data, and it showed that we were missing 76 % of the violations on a daily basis. He advised that based on the revenues that the lots generated we wanted to make sure that the stationary cameras bring in the revenues to cover the cost of the operation.

Ms. Lucas asked how you know what you are missing in the other lots that don't have that level of data collection.

Mr. Onorato stated that we are going to assume that we are missing the same level of violations, which is why we are expanding to this 10 or 12 lots, and then as we move forward we would look at the other lots.

Mr. Luther stated that this resolution is authorizing the Executive Director to enter into negotiations but not entering into an adjusted contract, but he is not sure they are empowering the Executive Director to do something with funds from the General Funds.

Mr. Onorato responded that this resolution is giving us the ability to negotiate with them. He stated that on Co-Stars there are two different types of pricing and we would like to evaluate which one would be more beneficial to us and once that is determined he will bring that back to the Board with a dollar amount and how we are going to cover the costs.

Ms. Fishback stated that she didn't realize that Mr. Onorato needed Board approval to negotiate.

Mr. Onorato responded that with this being on the Co-Stars contract he just wanted the Board to be advised that we are moving forward with this.

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. 16 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

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

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Fishback noted that we will need to determine a new date for the reschedule the June meeting and an off-line conversation about whether or not to form a committee for Ms. Lucas idea for a strategic plan.

Mr. Onorato stated that he will reach out to Ms. Lucas and Councilman Wilson to touch base on how to proceed.

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

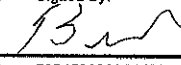
There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Lucas the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m. with all the Board expressing their approval.

APPROVED TO CONTENT

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