## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH THURSDAY OCTOBER 16, 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 10:03 a.m. on October 16, 2025. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Bobby Wilson, Kim Lucas, Bob Palmosina and Sean Luther. Present from staff were David Onorato, Christopher Speers, Christopher Holt, Matt Jendrzejewski, Jodi Hart, Jo-Ann Williams, David Perry, Scott McNaugher, Karla Howell, Bob Wilson, Kathryn Van Why, Karla Turzak, Hannah Rupenski, Jon Fleming and Patricia Konesky. Also present were Shawn Gallagher of Buchanan, Ingersoll & Rooney, Bernie Belgin, John Small, Denise Moschak and Alison Keating.

## **MINUTES**

Mr. Wilson asked for approval of the minutes from the September 18, 2025 meeting.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any public comments.

There were none.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Onorato advised that an Executive Session was held on October 10, 2025 to discuss real estate matters.

Mr. Onorato advised that the November board meeting is being rescheduled for Friday November 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that the Authority hosted a contingent of 12 representatives from the City of Columbus. He advised that DOMI was also a participant. He advised that they were interested in our street enforcement and curb management policies and spent the day with us going over our operations. He advised that they were very pleased and offered Pittsburgh representatives to visit their city.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Finance Report, advising that the September parking facility receipts increased from \$2.3 million last year to \$2.5 million this year, with the 2019 base year being \$2

million. He advised that combined meter revenue for September for both on and off street increased from last year from \$1.6 million to \$1.7 million this year which almost were even with the 2019 amount. He advised that the year-to-date garage revenues increased approximately 8 % and meters increased approximately 4 %. He advised that total year-to-date revenues were \$40 million with last year's being \$37.5 million and our base year of 2019 being \$43.8 million, noting that we are up 6 % based on our 2025 budget for revenues.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Monthly Violation Report, advising that there were 226,000 tickets issued through September this year compared to 177,000 last year. He advised that meter violations, residential permit parking and tickets by mail represent approximately 81 % of the total tickets issued. He advised that there were 6,396 tickets issued this month via mail and the breakdown as follows: 1,017 in lots,1,456 in loading zones, 734 for no parking/no stopping, 632 in bike lanes, 113 for double parking and 2,444 for street cleaning.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Quarterly Parking Court Report, advising that year-to-date revenues were \$8.7 million with 2024's being \$7.2 million. He advised that the projected revenues to the City through September would be \$6.3 million and noted that the same time period last was \$5.1 million.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Garage Utilization Report, advising that it shows utilization of all of our garage facilities at two different times throughout the day. He advised that the utilization has increased slightly compared to the same timeframe last year and is going in the right direction. He noted that Mellon Square utilization dropped by 20 % which was due to the on-going construction which removed a few hundred spaces during the construction.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Transient and Net Lease Revenue Report, which he stated show that these revenues increased each month from the beginning of the year. He advised that the evening and weekend trends are pretty even.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Day and Evening Transaction Report, which stated that in January and February broke even with last year's transactions, and in the remaining months we exceeded last year's total number of vehicles parking in the garages.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Straight-Line Budget Report, noting that we receive equal revenues throughout the 12-month period and advised that we are exceeding the straight-line budget each month, which is a good trend.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Day and Evening Revenue Transaction Report, stating that this chart shows any trends throughout the year, and we can predict when we will peak and when we have valleys in our revenues and transactions. He did note that both have been pretty consistent and the revenue does seem to follow the path of transactions.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Downtown Housing Report, which permits Downtown residents to receive a discount on their monthly lease. He advised that at the beginning of the year there were 527 and as of the end of September there are 608. He noted that during the second quarter the amount dropped to 508 leases and during this past quarter 100 leases were issued, which we

believed is due mainly to the student population moving back in. He advised that the Smithfield/Liberty, Mellon Square and First Avenue account for 321 of those leases, or just over 52 % of the Downtown Housing Leases.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Meter Report, which he stated tracks the meter revenue by neighborhood and lot as well as by quarter. He advised that through all the meter operations 1.8 % of the revenues came in by coin, just under 35 % via credit card at the meters, and 63% received using mobile applications. He advised that slightly over 98 % of the meter transactions are being paid by credit card.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Garage Revenue Report, which he stated tracks the revenue per space for each facility. He noted that the industry projects their revenues per space. He advised that in September 2025 we collected \$2,792 gross revenue per space up from \$2,574 last year during the same timeframe, which equates to \$218 per space increase for January through September. He advised that Smithfield/Liberty, Oliver and Ft. Duquesne and Sixth Street are the three top revenue producing garages.

Mr. Onorato discussed the Pay-By-Phone report, advising that the Authority has four mobile apps: Parkmobile, Flowbird, PayByPhone, and Meter Feeder. He advised that ParkMobile did \$8.9 million in revenues through September for 95 % of the meter transactions, Flowbird's revenues were \$26,000 PayByPhone's revenues were \$230,000 and Meter Feeder's \$150,000. Mr. Onorato advised that ParkMobile recorded over 2.6 million transactions, followed by PayByPhone at 67,000, Meter Feeder at 45,000, and Flowbird at 5,000. He noted that Parkmobile accounts for 95 % of the transactions, which is understandable as they were our first mobile app vendor in 2015 and the others were not added until 5 years later. He stated that even though we are able to give our end users choice, the majority remained with ParkMobile.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments on the Executive Directors Report of the monthly reports.

There were none.

RESOLUTION NO. 27 OF OCTOBER 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE ONE (1) ADDITIONAL PARKING SERVICES FLEET VEHICLE NECESSARY FOR OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE AT IT'S GARAGE FACILITIES AND LOTS, was read by Mr. Wilson and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we currently have 15 sweeper/scrubber combination vehicles in our inventory which we use in our garage facilities to maintain the cleanliness of the floors. He advised that this sweeper will be housed at the Oliver Garage, which is a subsurface street level facility. He noted that there is not a sweeper currently housed at this garage and stated that we do try to move these vehicles from one garage to another but noted that they are not really designed to ride on the streets. He advised that the cost for this purchase is not to exceed \$61,000 with the funds to be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Palmosina, Resolution No. 27 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

# RESOLUTION NO. 28 OF OCTOBER 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO RIGHT ELECTRICAL INC. FOR THE OLIVER GARAGE EMERGENCY BATTERY BACKUP MODERNIZATION, was read by Mr. Wilson and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we need to replace the battery backup system at the Oliver Garage which is a subsurface facility with three levels below street level. He advised that the current system has been there since the facility opened and we are looking to replace this system which controls the light fixtures, the fire alarms and the exit signs upon power failure at that facility. He advised that we received three bids with the lowest bid received from Right Electrical Inc., in the amount of \$143,400. He advised that Right Electric is a first-time vendor for the Authority, and he noted that we did meet with them to make sure that they understood the scope of work and were able to complete the work on the bid they submitted. He advised that they had no questions or issues and confirmed they would be able to complete the work at the cost they submitted. He advised that there is a typo on the resolution, that the total cost is \$143,400 and that the resolution will be amended before it is sent for board signature.

Mr. Luther made a motion to approve the resolution as amended and Ms. Lucas seconded that motion.

Mr. Wilson stated that the motion is passed as amended. He asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Luther and seconded by Mr. Palmosina, Resolution No. 28 of 2025 was approved with all members in favor.

# RESOLUTION NO. 29 OF OCTOBER 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE SIXTEEN (16) FULLY AUTOMATED AI LICENSE PLATE RECOGNITION (AILPR) SYSTEMS FOR INSTALLATION ON AUTHORITY ENFORCEMENT VEHICLES, was read by Mr. Wilson and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we would like to purchase 16 AILPR camera systems that will be mounted on Authority enforcement vehicles for use in ticket by mail. He advised that we would replace the cameras that we currently have on the vehicle as well as adding a few additional. He stated that there will be four cameras per vehicle, and each camera will be able to take two images, front and back of a parked vehicle. He stated that by going forward we will be able to expand the use of these cameras to digitize the curbs and signs, we will be able to identify no parking zones, fire hydrants and no parking area based on signage. He stated we would be able to enforce those types of violations via ticket by mail. He advised that this purchase a five-year contract at a cost of \$1,687,182.66 with the first-year expense being \$811,987.68, which is higher than the balance of the remaining four years, due to the cost of the capital outlay in year one. He advised that year two through five we would be paying the subscription and warranty costs and year 2 will be just over \$203,00, year 3 just over \$213,000 and year 4 just over \$223,000 and year 5 just over \$234,000. He advised funds will be taken from both the Operation Fund and the Capital Improvements Fund.

Ms. Lucas stated that she is in support of this but wanted to know about the procurement process and asked if there is any additional coordination that will need to be done with the City, DOMI or City Council.

Mr. Onorato responded that if we increase the enforcement in the area, we will have the technology and the hardware to do that and that will be done here at the Authority with no coordination with the City or City Council. He stated that we may work with DOMI in the future when we digitize the curb, noting that we currently have a standing bi-weekly meeting with DOMI and will coordinate this when they proceed with that process. He advised that we currently have a contract with gtechna, and we will purchase the LPR's through them, as we have done in the past and in accordance with the contract. He noted that the camera equipment we have is outdated and we are attempting to replace the hardware under that contract.

Ms. Lucas stated that with curb mapping this is certainly an opportunity to think about where certain regulations are currently opposed and strongly suggest working with DOMI potentially expand or right-size different zones.

Mr. Palmosina asked if the warranty was included in the total price and is there a lifespan for this equipment.

Mr. Onorato responded that the warranty is included and that we have a five-year contract

which will cover the hardware under the warranty.

Mr. Wilson asked the need for AI if we already have LPR?

Mr. Onorato responded that we currently have LPR, both mobile, mounted on the vehicles, and on the handhelds that the enforcement officers use and all that is doing is telling whether or not the vehicle is paid or not. Using AI will determine if they are compliance with a no parking area, a fire hydrant, intersections, etc. He advised that without AI we cannot determine those violations. Mr. Onorato stated that we currently use LPR to determine if a vehicle is paid or unpaid or if they have a permit or not.

Mr. Wilson stated that this new AILPR technology will basically scan the road and will make some determination based on that. He asked if there would be some sort of photographic evidence of the violation and if that evidence would be available should the person contest the ticket.

Mr. Onorato responded that all of the data will be available at the Parking Court should the customer contest the ticket. He also noted that photos will be included on the notice that the customer receives in the mail, and the notice also will state that additional photos will be available on our website for the customer to review.

Mr. Wilson asked if we had any idea how many other cities are currently using this type of enforcement.

Mr. Onorato responded that we are the first city to implement ticket-by-mail for on-street enforcement and that is a result of Pennsylvania Legislators being the first to change the legislation to allow ticket-by-mail. He noted that some cities have already digitized their curbs in anticipation of legislative approval of ticket-by-mail, but that they have not begun that means of enforcement yet.

Mr. Wilson asked how this process would enforce the loading zones since we already enforce those and would bike lanes be included in the AILPR enforcement.

Mr. Onorato responded that Automotus already enforces the "purple loading zones" via stations cameras, and those will remain as is. He advised that digitizing the curb will give us the opportunity to include the other loading zones throughout the city. Mr. Onorato advised that bike lanes are not a stationary violation so he does not know how those would be enforced once the streets are digitized. He noted that if a vehicle is parked in a bike lane now, we definitely know it's a violation. He said that we researched what Philadelphia did with placing cameras on their public buses but advised that Pittsburgh Regional Transit was not willing to entertain that idea.

Mr. Onorato said that we currently have a few stationary cameras in some bike and bus lanes to try to increase compliance.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. Luther and seconded by Mr. Palmosina, Resolution No. 29 of 2025 was approved by Mr. Wilson, Ms. Lucas and Mr. Palmosina. Mr. Luther stated he missed some of the discussion so he would abstain.

RESOLUTION NO. 30 OF OCTOBER 2025, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO TWO SEPARATE MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING ("MOU") TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DEMOLITION AND ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 1315 AND 1329 FIFTH AVENUE WITH DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ("DUQUESNE") AND THE URBAN REDEVELOPENT AUTHORITY ("URA") was read by Mr. Wilson and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that with the sale of the 9<sup>th</sup> & Penn site to the Cultural Trust for a green space, we have been looking to replace that property and we have identified two properties located side by side on Fifth Avenue, currently owned by the URA and Duquesne University and we are seeking permission to enter into two separate MOU's for the acquisition and then the demolition of the three structures that are on those two sites. He advised that they are vacant structures and are in dire need of demolition. He stated that we would like to have the authority to negotiate with both entities and stated that we would return to the board with the terms and conditions regarding the pricing and acquisition and demolition of those three properties.

Mr. Wilson asked if there was any projected date of the demolition.

Mr. Onorato responded that this has not been determined yet and once the terms and conditions have been determined we can reach out to the demolition companies to get a more definitive date. He noted that both the URA and Duquesne University had already issued RFPs for demolition of the structures, and we may look to piggyback off one of those. He stated that we may have a better understanding of the timeframe next month.

Mr. Wilson asked if we knew the names of the companies that occupied these buildings.

Ms. Hart stated that one of those was the former site of Best Barbecue that had a fire. She also stated that the buildings owned by the URA have been vacant for some time and she did not know the names of the businesses that were in those.

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any questions or comments.

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Palmosina, Resolution No. 30 of 2025 was approved by Ms. Lucas, Mr. Palmosina and Mr. Wilson. Mr. Luther confirmed via email that his vote was yes.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any old business matters to discuss.

There were none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Wilson asked if there were any new business matters to discuss.

There were none.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m. with all the Board expressing their approval.

## APPROVED TO CONTENT

Elizabeth Fishback

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