

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE**  
**PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH**  
**THURSDAY DECEMBER 19, 2013**

Having been duly advertised in accordance with the Sunshine Act No. 84 of 1986, a regular meeting of the Public Parking Authority of Pittsburgh was held on December 19, 2013 at 10:27 a.m., 232 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1616. The following Board members were present at the start of the meeting: Linda Judson, Christopher D'Addario and Fauna Solomon. Present from staff were: David Onorato, Jo-Ann Williams, Judi DeVito, Christopher Speers, Chris Holt, Wes Pollard, Bill Conner, James Smith and Patricia Konesky. Also present was Jason Wrona of Buchanan Ingersoll & Rooney. Also present were Guy Costa, Bill Stewart of Strategic Communications, Frederick Winkler, Architect, Tim McNulty of the Pittsburgh Post Gazette and Bob Bauder of the Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

**MINUTES**

Ms. Judson asked for approval of the minutes from the regular meeting held on November 21, 2013.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Addario and seconded by Ms. Solomon, the minutes were approved as follows; Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ms. Judson asked if there was any member of the public present who would like to comment.

There were none.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that, through November the 2013, revenues and expenses are due to come in just under budget and said that a year-end report will be finalized next month.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the handrail upgrade project currently underway at the Ft. Duquesne and Sixth garage, stating that the work is anticipated to be completed by the end of next month.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the on-going construction at the Grant Street Transportation

Center to accommodate the relocation of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car and said the project is scheduled to be completed for a January 8, 2014 move-in date. He noted that the car-wash area construction has yet to begin.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that on-line hearings scheduled since the program's inception in October has exceeded 1200 requests. He said the process has proven successful.

Mr. Onorato shared with the Board an article that appeared in the December issue of the International Parking Institute's magazine written by Mr. Speers, the Authority's Director of Parking Services. He said the article's subject was the bike station built at our Third Avenue garage.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board on the Holiday Free Parking program, reporting that for three Saturdays and Black Friday, approximately 21,000 vehicles were accommodated. He said that represented a value of just over \$96,000.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that the Mon Wharf was closed on December 6 due to a flood forecast but added that no flooding occurred. He advised that the Wharf was closed for a total of 12 days in the 2013 calendar year, most of those occurring in January and February. Mr. Onorato reported the loss compared to 20 full and eight partial days lost in 2012.

Mr. Onorato advised that the monthly board reports were attached and asked if there were any questions.

There were none.

Ms. Judson asked if there were any comments, questions or concerns regarding the reports.

There were none.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION NO. 57 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH'S BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING DATES FOR 2014,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised the Board that we are requesting that 2014 Board meeting dates and times remain as they are, on the third Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Addario and seconded by Ms Solomon, Resolution No. 57 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 58 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH'S BANK ACCOUNTS FOR THE 2014 CALENDAR YEAR,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that we are seeking authorization to continue use of the existing 2013 bank accounts during 2014.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 58 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 59 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE AND ENTER INTO, ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC PARKING AUTHORITY OF PITTSBURGH (THE "PPAP") A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH INTERNATIONAL METRO INC. FOR THE COMMERCIAL RETAIL SPACE IN THE SMITHFIELD/LIBERTY GARAGE.,** was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advised that the Authority is seeking to enter into a new lease agreement with Metro News, Inc., a long-time tenant of the Smithfield/Liberty garage. He advised that the present lease terms would continue but with a change in the monthly rent during the first year. He advised that International Metro has committed to fund an upgrade of its area at a cost of approximately \$16,000, and said the terms stipulate that if they do not show that work has begun by March 2014, the rent will revert back to \$1000.00 per month and be retroactive to make up for any rent lost in the prior months. Mr. Onorato noted that the rent does increase in years three, four and five, which will bring the rent back to the dollar amount it is today.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 59 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 60 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE**

**ADDITIONAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR ONGOING OPERATIONAL MAINTENANCE AT ITS GARAGE FACILITIES AND LOTS** , was read by Mr. D’Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato updated the Board that the equipment being requested for purchase is to be used to assist the garage personnel with snow removal and on-going maintenance. He advised that we currently have one riding sweeper and one riding scrubber in our inventory, together with five Kawasaki mules. He advised that this purchase will give the Authority the ability to strategically locate the equipment so each can be used in half of our facilities without having to drive them from one end of town to the other. He said the five mules are more often shared by one or two facilities and are utilized more for daily maintenance than for snow removal.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D’Addario, Resolution No. 60 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D’Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 61 OF DECEMBER 2013, “A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE PARKING ACCESS AND REVENUE CONTROL EQUIPMENT FROM CTR SYSTEMS TO REPLACE ANTIQUATED ENTRY/EXIT LANE AND PAY STATION EQUIPMENT AT THE FIRST AVENUE GARAGE**, was read by Mr. D’Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato stated that this resolution represents a continuation of the Authority’s process of upgrading its revenue control equipment, noting that the equipment at First Avenue is more than 10 years old. Mr. Onorato noted that our 2014 budget provides for the purchase and said the upgrade would include the addition of a fourth pay station to be placed on the third level at the T-Station stop. He said the addition would eliminate the need for customers to come to the lobby to pay before entering the T-Station area. He noted that the entry-lane equipment is located outside the facility and is therefore exposed to varying weather conditions. Mr. Onorato reported that the upgrade for the entire facility is budgeted at a not-to-exceed cost of \$360,000.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D’Addario, Resolution No. 61 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D’Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 62 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AWARD A THREE-YEAR CONTRACT, WITH TWO (2) ONE-YEAR OPTIONS FOR A MANAGEMENT CONTRACT TO ABM PARKING SERVICES FOR PARKING MANAGEMENT SERVICES AT THE THIRD AVENUE PARKING GARAGE.**

Before the resolution was read, Mr. Onorato stated that this resolution was to award a five-year contract for the management services at the Authority's Third Avenue Garage. He said at the request of the incoming mayoral administration, the Authority will delay entering into a contract for that purpose until the new administration has had the opportunity to review its terms. Mr. Onorato said he hoped to have this resolution included on next month's Board agenda.

Ms. Judson stated that Resolution No. 62 will be pulled at this time.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 62 of 2013 was pull from the board packet and not voted upon.

**RESOLUTION NO. 63 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE FINAL PAYMENT TO F.J. BUSSE COMPANY FOR INTERIOR LOBBY RENOVATIONS AT THE GRANT STREET TRANSPORTATION CENTER (GSTC) FACILITY, was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.**

Mr. Onorato advised that this work was at Grant Street Transportation Center Garage for the retrofit for Enterprise Rent-A-Car's relocation to that facility. He noted that MBE/WBE participation on this project was more than 30 percent.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 63 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

**RESOLUTION NO. 64 OF DECEMBER 2013, "A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO APPROVE A CHANGE ORDER TO VIGLIOTTI LANDSCAPE & CONSTRUCTION FOR LANDSCAPE AND LOT IMPROVEMENTS TO THE BLOOMFIELD**

**FRIENDSHIP/CEDARVILLE PARKING LOT**, was read by Mr. D'Addario and considered by the Board.

Mr. Onorato advise the Board that this change order is for \$25,000, just below 35 percent of the original contract, a figure he described as somewhat out of the ordinary for the Parking Authority. He advised that the amount is the difference between the total dollar total of the grant from Allegheny County and the monies spent on the project to date and said it represents the cost of additional renovations we could complete by utilizing the full dollar amount of the grant. Mr. Onorato said this additional scope of work includes the installation of bike racks and additional shrubbery and landscaping. He noted that the full expenditure of the contract is within the grant amount in its original form.

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

There were none.

Upon motion by Ms. Solomon and seconded by Mr. D'Addario, Resolution No. 64 of 2013 was approved as follows: Ms. Solomon, yes; Mr. D'Addario, yes; Ms. Judson, yes.

## **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Judson asked if there was any old business.

There was none.

Mr. Judson addressed the Board and advised that she has placed in the mail a letter to the Honorable Luke Ravenstahl tendering her resignation as the Parking Authority Board Chair effective at the close of business on December 31, 2013. She stated that she also provided a copy of that letter to Mr. Onorato as well as all current Board members and Solicitor Jacqui Lazo. Ms. Judson stated that her resignation has nothing to do with any pending changes on Grant Street. She stated that, as many of those present are already are aware, she and her husband recently purchased a 12-acre horse farm in Beaver County, Daugherty Township and, having sold their home in Squirrel Hill, she is therefore no longer a city resident. She stated that she has always believed that people making and voting on decisions that affect a community or municipality should be equally impacted and affected by those decisions and said that was now not true in her case.

Ms. Judson said she wanted to thank Mayor Bob O'Connor who first appointed her to the Parking Authority Board. She said she would never forget the surprise she expressed when Mr. O'Connor told her that she was going to be on the Parking Authority Board. She said that Mr. O'Connor told her that she had no idea the impact and the importance parking has on the viability of the city, on bringing business and residents to the city, adding from that point forward she never looked at a parking meter, lot or garage the same way.



Mr. Judson also expressed her thanks to the Honorable Luke Ravenstahl who kept her on the board, and said she wanted to thank his staff who has always been excellent in providing her with information and new thoughts and ideas and never got tired of her calling and asking questions regarding decisions made here would affect public policy. Ms. Judson stated that not once in seven years that she has been on this Board has anybody told her what to say or how to vote adding that she does not take real well with being told what to do. She said it makes her very proud to stand here today and say that the votes that she cast were in the best interest of the citizens of the City of Pittsburgh and were purely in the best interests of the Parking Authority.

Ms. Judson also thanked the Executive Director David Onorato, about whom she stated she could talk forever about his attributes and assets and his skills and knowledge. She stated that his understanding of this industry is amazing, adding that she works with businesses everyday in her legal practice and saying if her clients had more leaders at the top like this Parking Authority does they probably would not need her as their attorney. Ms. Judson said he is the epitome of what a leader should be and said he has never asked anybody to do anything that he wouldn't do. She stated he always gives more than 100 percent and said he always brings out the best in everybody he works with, whether that person is a member of his executive team, on his staff or a member of the public who use the Authority's services. Ms. Judson said that she has been honored to work with Mr. Onorato.

Ms. Judson said she would also like to thank Mr. Onorato's management team and staff members who have always been so kind and helpful with her and the questions she said she had asked.

Ms. Judson also thanked her fellow Board members, both present and past. She said that looking at the current board, wishing Mr. Mazefsky were present, she described Mr. D'Addario as an incredible independent businessman who works hard and can drive an amphibious vehicle. She also thanked Ms. Solomon who she described as not only is a fashionista, but someone who can play steel drums. "What a combination". She said recalling previous members, there is nothing like having simultaneous input from people such as Scott Kunka and L.C. Greenwood, calling it a great stereo of opinions.

Ms. Judson also thanked Jacqui Lazo and Mr. Wrona of Buchanan, Ingersoll and Rooney. She stated that as an attorney it would be so easy, and it is so easy, for her to be critical of other attorneys and law firms, but she stated that she never walked away from a meeting feeling that they and their firm were giving less than 100-percent effort. She stated that she has always been impressed by Ms. Lazo and Mr. Wrona, who she watched grow and develop over the last seven years, and the other team of lawyers that Buchanan brought to the table. She said it has been an honor to work with all of them.

Ms. Judson also extended her thanks to Mark McCall of Tucker, Johnson and Smeltzer. She stated that as a consultant to the Authority for years in matters of insurance, Mr. McCall has been such an asset, not just in terms of having a third-party review and independent eye, but in the amount of money he has saved in negotiating policies, mandating claims reviews, and the like.

Mr. Onorato confirmed that he felt the same way with regard to Mr. McCall's service.

Ms. Judson also said she wanted to thank the unions that represent Authority workers, Teamsters Local 926 represented by Marc Dreves and Local 84 of AFSCME headed by Rich Caponi and their business agent Brenda Morris. She stated that there have been many times when they came to the table and did not always agree but she said that everybody did what they needed to do to get the job done.

Ms. Judson said that being on this Board for the past seven years has been such a huge honor. She stated that she does not drive past the Grant Street Transportation Center without seeing the plaque there with her name listed with that of L.C. Greenwood's. She said it is probably the only time in her life that she has been in the same place with anything associated with football.

Ms. Judson stated that having been the Authority's first female chairperson, chairman, chairwoman is huge and has meant a lot to her. She noted that just because she is moving on that doesn't mean that the friendships formed during her tenure won't continue. She said that everyone has her contact information and said that no one should hesitate to contact her if she can be of any help to them or their families. Ms. Judson said she leaves the Authority with certainly more knowledge than she had seven years ago, and said she also leaves with friendships and relationships that she treasures and hopes to keep the rest of her life.

Mr. Onorato thanked Ms. Judson for her service on the Board, and for her support and leadership. He also thanked the entire Board for the support it provide to all staff members, noting that its willingness to help and volunteer does not go unrecognized. He said that he truly believes that the Authority is in a better position today than when Ms. Judson joined the Board. He thanked both her and the Board for the quality of their guidance and said the Authority is a more advanced organization today because of their efforts. Mr. Onorato said he wished Ms. Judson the very best in the future.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.

Upon motion by Mr. D'Addario and seconded by Ms. Solomon the meeting was adjourned 10:56 a.m.

## **APPROVED TO CONTENT**

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**Chairman**

## **ACCEPTED FOR FILING IN THE AUTHORITY'S BOOK OF MINUTES**



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**Approval**