

MINUTES

Reading Parking Authority

November 19, 2014

The Reading Parking Authority held their meeting on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at 5:30 P.M. in their office at 613 Franklin Street, Reading, PA.

Board Members Present

Dr. Gary Wegman, Chairman

Larry Murin, Vice-Chairman

Mark Cianciosi, Treasurer

Larry Miccicke

Ashley Chambers

Absent

None

Others Present

Patrick Mulligan, Executive Director, RPA

Christina Gilfert, Finance Director, RPA

James Lillis, Solicitor

Guest(s)

Don Spatz, Reading Eagle

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Murin @ 5:30 pm

Public Comments

None

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

A Motion 2014-62 was made by Mr. Miccicke to accept the minutes from the October board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Chambers. The motion 2014-62 passed.

Correspondence

None

Executive Director's Report

Meetings

I met with Bill Malloy from the JW's about their upcoming meetings next year. This was just a preliminary meeting with introductions with some new faces that will be coordinating the parking with the RPA. I met with Ronald Hatt who has taken over as the coordinator for the College Heights Community Residential Parking Program. Larry Murin joined us part way through the meeting. He mainly needed some clarification on our program and agreed to come back with suggested boundaries for the RPP. I met with the City's Comprehensive plan coordinator and discussed the RPA's current role and future vision as to what we believe will be our roll in the future as it pertains to parking.

Mobile-Now!

The new Mobile –Now commercial has been completed and is now being aired on WFMZ. Twice a week during evening news and once during a syndicated news program.

2nd & Washington

Tyvek Corner is no more, Stucco has been applied to the area in question and painted to match the color of the garage.

Elevator Issues

We continue to experience elevator issues. Elevator #3 is currently down with a pump issue. The repair is covered under our service agreement.

Holiday Parade & Tree Lighting

The RPA is providing free parking for the Holiday Parade again this year which will occur this Saturday, November 22, 2014 at 9:00 am. We are also providing free parking at the 6th & Cherry lot for the participants of the tree lighting that will occur this Friday, November 21st @ 6:00 pm. As in years past, the RPA will not be enforcing meters on November 28th, the day after Thanksgiving.

Scarecrow

The RPA has participated in the 1st Annual Scarecrow contest organized by DID. Our scarecrow won second place.

Motions

Motions for the Board

1. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Mr. Miccicke and seconded by Ms. Chambers. The motion passed 2014-62
2. A motion to approve the accounts payable report was made to approve accounts payable by Ms. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Miccicke. The motion 2014-63 passed.
3. A motion was made by Mr. Murin and seconded by Mr. Miccicke to approve the City of Readings request to a onetime increase in the yearly contribution the Authority provides the City. The motion 2014-64 passed four to one.
4. A motion is made to adjourn the meeting 2014-65 A motion was made by Mr. Murin and seconded by Mr. Cianciosi. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Solicitor's Report:

None

Approval of Accounts Payable

A motion to approve the accounts payable report was made to approve accounts payable by Ms. Chambers and seconded by Mr. Miccicke. The motion 2014-63 passed.

Old Business

A motion was made by Mr. Murin and seconded by Mr. Miccicke that the board approve the additional requested contribution from the Reading Parking Authority to the City of Reading provided the Authority will continue to meet their obligations which include bond and note payments, among other things with respect to Section 5112(b) the Pennsylvania Parking Authority Act. The request is an additional \$3,068,558.00 above the \$2,000,000.00 the RPA currently provides as a yearly contribution. The contribution is to be paid in equal monthly installments. The request also includes an additional \$500,000.00 for FY 2016, 2017, 2018 & 2019 above the \$2,000,000.00 contribution. The motion is made with the following provisions:

1. That the City promptly take action to award the Reading Parking Authority the ability to manage the towing contract for the City of Reading
2. That City promptly move to allow the Reading Parking Authority to introduce demand pricing for on-street parking in the core business district.

The motion (2014-64) passed with four voting in favor of the request and one dissenting vote

New Business

The board has authorized the ED to start identifying the expenses needed to set up a towing operation within the City.

The board authorized the ED to set up a meeting with Our City or Reading, I-Lead and the City to start discussions as to how the RPA can be helpful in the development of 400 Penn.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session

Was to discuss the legality of a request from the City of Reading.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

RPA Next Regular Meeting

The next board meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2014