

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
MAY 10, 2016 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Fred Fitch, Chairman. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Bob Morford, Keith Jackson, Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Jay Burk, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Cherry Phillips, V. Gay McGahee, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Jerry Ihler, City Manager; Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF APRIL 12, 2016.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by McGahee to approve the minutes of City Transit Trust meeting of April 12, 2016. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider awarding ITB 2016-1 to Gillig, LLC for the purchase of heavy duty transit buses using 2016 CIP funding. Exhibits: Bid Tabulation.

Ryan Landers, General Manager, stated this item is to award the ITB to Gillig for the purchase of heavy duty transit buses using the 2016 sales tax extension funding.

MOVED by Wells SECOND by McGahee to approve awarding ITB 2016-1 to Gillig, LLC for the purchase of heavy duty transit buses using 2016 CIP funding. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

2. Hold a public hearing and consider approving a resolution updating the Title VI Program for the Lawton Area Transit System (LATS). Exhibits: Resolution No. 16-__. Title VI Program on file in City Clerk's office.

Landers stated the Title VI Program, the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color and national origin in any programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance. As a recipient of federal grants we are required to have a program. This particular program is a three year program and our existing one expires in May 2016. This item is to accept the new program.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED. No one appeared to speak and the public hearing was closed.

MOVED by McGahee SECOND by Wells to approve **Resolution No. 16-03** updating the Title VI Program for the Lawton Area Transit System (LATS). AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Consider approving a resolution authorizing the filing of a competitive grant application for federal assistance under Section 5339(b) Federal Transit Administration for Capital for Bus and Bus Facilities for Federal Fiscal Year 2016, approving the application and authorizing LATS to file the electronic application. Exhibits: Resolution No. 16-__.

Deborah Jones, representing the Lawton Area Transit System, stated this is a competitive grant application which is a funding opportunity. The announcement was made March 29th for \$211 million for the entire nation. They have put together a program that includes four heavy duty transit buses as the first project and the second project is to improve some transfer hubs. We are close to the middle of a route study and the consultant made a good observation that our system has changed over more than a decade and it is time to look at more hubs and more ways to transfer and shorten routes. She stated they prepared a map of where those three hubs would be. The first hub is the existing downtown area, the second one would be at the park at 52nd and Cheyenne Avenue and the third one would eventually be the fire training site at 17th and Lee Boulevard. The 17th and Lee site would have more amenities, it would have a building and they would sell passes and it would be permanently manned. This is a long shot and the competition you face in Oklahoma are all the rural operators who need buses. She stated Oklahoma City is applying but she is not sure they are applying for buses. She looks at this as an opportunity and the worst that can happen is that we don't make the cut. If that is the case we would augment our purchase order and go from three heavy duty transit buses to four more for a full seven on the production line. They anticipate the production line to be about fifteen months. They anticipate other funding opportunities in the future. This is just an opportunity to apply for some money.

Phillips questioned if we have ever applied for this grant before.

Jones stated no, this is a new grant under the highway authorization.

MOVED by Wells SECOND Phillips to approve **Resolution No. 16-04** authorizing the filing of a competitive grant application for federal assistance under Section 5339(b) Federal Transit Administration for Capital for Bus and Bus Facilities for Federal Fiscal Year 2016, approving the application and authorizing LATS to file the electronic application. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Phillips, McGahee, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

FRED L. FITCH, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY