

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2022 - 12:00 P.M.
LAWTON CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Stan Booker, Chairman. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mary Ann Hankins, Kelly Harris, Linda Chapman, Allan Hampton, Onreka Johnson, Randy Warren.

ABSENT: Jay Burk, Sean Fortenbaugh

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Cleghorn, City Manager; John Ratliff, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk

BUSINESS ITEM:

1. Receive public input on general transit authority matters.

Mayor Booker stated they will open the floor to anyone who would like to speak.

David Tyler, 501 SW 77th Street, stated that 4th Street and A Avenue was selected in the beginning because of its location to the library, courthouse, mall and the businesses downtown. He stated if there is a problem with the homeless, they City needs to enforce ordinances and not take it out on the people who ride the bus. They do not need to build this on Railroad.

Joe Bailey, 2723 NE Euclid, stated the Railroad location is a ridiculous location. He stated proximity to downtown is crucial. He stated that the traffic is heavy on Railroad street, and the only logical place to put it is on 4th Avenue and A.

Tony Layton, 8211 NW Stonebridge, stated he is opposed to any project in the SW 1st and B area that will compromise his business at 15 SW B Avenue. He stated they have plans to expand their business. He stated he also does not support a Greyhound bus terminal at that location. He questioned how the City would compensate him for the disruption of his business and the inconvenience to his clientele. He encouraged the council to pursue another location.

Phil Kennedy, 3713 NE Eastlake, stated his business is located at 2 SW C Avenue, and he is concerned about the safety of this location. He stated having buses in that location would make the transportation issue very challenging as Railroad is used for construction truck traffic on a regular basis as well as emergency vehicles. He stated there is also a large transmission line at Railroad and B Avenue that supplies power to a large portion of the surrounding community and damage to that pole would cause serious outages.

Jim Foster, 4805 SE Trend Road, stated he cannot drive legally and he has used the bus system. He encouraged the council to ride the bus and experience what riders experience every day.

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened in regular, open session at 1:34 p.m. Roll call reflected all members present. (Council Member Warren did not attend executive session)

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEM:

2. Pursuant to Section 307B.3, Title 25 Oklahoma Statutes, consider convening an executive session for the purpose of discussion concerning the purchase and/or appraisal of real property within the downtown area of the City of Lawton for future Lawton Area Transit System (LATS) facilities, and if necessary, take appropriate action in open session.

Ratliff read the title of item #2.

MOVED by Harris SECOND by Chapman to direct staff to look at alternative sites for the bus transfer station. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEM:

3. Reconsider the scheduling of a Transit Trust Authority Special Meeting (public hearing) on November 10th, 2022 and take action as the Trustees deem appropriate.

MOVED by Harris SECOND by Hankins to cancel the public hearing scheduled for November 10, 2022. AYE: Hankins, Harris, Chapman, Hampton, Johnson, Warren. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

STAN BOOKER, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY