

MINUTES
CITY TRANSIT TRUST SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2013 - 6:00 P.M.
NEW CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS/AUDITORIUM

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Fred L. Fitch, Chairman. Notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the City Hall notice board as required by law.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Keith Jackson, Rosemary Bellino-Hall, Jay Burk, Dwight Tanner, Jr., Richard Zarle, Stanley Haywood, Doug Wells.

ABSENT: Bob Morford.

ALSO PRESENT: Bryan Long, City Manager; Frank V. Jensen, City Attorney; Traci Hushbeck, City Clerk.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF CITY TRANSIT TRUST MEETING OF OCTOBER 22, 2013.

MOVED by Zarle, SECOND by Jackson to approve the minutes of City Transit Trust meeting of October 22, 2013. AYE: Morford, Jackson, Bellino-Hall, Burk, Tanner, Zarle, Haywood, Wells. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Consider authorizing LATS to conduct public involvement meetings to obtain public comment for contingency plans in the event of another federal government shutdown.
Exhibits: None.

Gary Rushing, LATS General Manager, stated Federal funding lapsed on midnight September 30, 2013, initiating a partial shutdown of the Federal government. Fortunately, Congress approved a bipartisan agreement late on October 16, 2013, reopening the federal government. President Obama signed the agreement shortly after midnight on October 17, 2013, thus breaking a three-week-long stalemate between Congress and the White House. As a result, federal agencies, including the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) returned to work. In response to the shutdown, the City Manager and LATS General Manager discussed the implications on the delivery of mass transit services to our community. On October 22, 2013, the LATS General Manager presented an Action Item Commentary (AIC) during a City Transit Trust Special Meeting. The Trust directed the City Manager and LATS General Manager to develop a contingency plan in the event we experience another shutdown of the federal government. An initial plan has been drafted. LATS is required to conduct public meetings to obtain public comment on plans which may affect the delivery of mass transit services.

Rushing reviewed a list of mass transit services impacted by a federal government shutdown (on file in City Clerk's office). He reviewed options to bring to public for comments. He stated if they experience a second government shutdown they would be able to continue regular operations for another three months. The target date for Congress is January 15th. Option two would be to reduce the fixed route bus service from ten buses to five buses. They have estimated they could continue for six months. Option three would be to suspend the fixed route bus service and continue only the paratransit service.

6:05:57

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m. upon motion, second and roll call vote.

DOUG WELLS, ACTING CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

TRACI L. HUSHBECK, SECRETARY