

TRANSIT COMMISSION

February 13, 2023

5:00 pm

The Transit Commission met on the above date and time in person and virtually with the following members present: Michelle Bainbridge, Laurie Grosenick, Ald. Licht, and Tom Hahn (Virtually). Absent was Cathy Egan. Also in attendance were Bill Hugin (Virtually) and Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk.

1. Call to order

In absence of Egan, Ald. Licht called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Review & approve minutes of October 6, 2022

Motion was made by Hahn to approve minutes of December 12, 2022, seconded by Bainbridge, and carried by unanimous voice vote.

Commission agreed to allow for public comment during this time and asked that it be added to the Transit meeting agenda for future. Michele Altman representing Cornerstone of Grace spoke on the local nonprofit and how to go about getting information on potential donations to the cab company for taxi-cab voucher to help the women and children in their organization. Commission members presented ideas on other avenues to check into that could potentially help donate.

3. REVIEW RIDERSHIP / FINANCIAL STATISTICS. Commission members reviewed report presented.

4. BUSINESS:

- A. **Review and discuss:** citizen comments from public hearing to recommend taxi fare increase. Discussion that no members of the public were present during the public hearing on January 17, 2023 for cab fare increases.
- B. **Review and take action:** recommendation for transit system fare increase of \$0.25 for fares for Elderly/Disabled within City limits and \$1.50 to fares outside City limits starting April 1, 2023. Motion by Grosenick to approve resolution to go forward, second by Bainbridge and carried by unanimous voice vote. Discussion on disabled resident taxi ID cards, request to add to next agenda.
- C. **Discuss: taxi cab purchases.** City Clerk Megan Dunneisen gave an update on the status for the purchase of two Ford Transits for the cab fleet. Order is still in submission.

4. REVIEW CITIZEN COMMUNICATIONS RECIEVED BY CITY:

Hahn spoke about being contacted in regard to taxi drivers in the Pick N' Save parking lot. Reports of fast driving. Hahn stated he spoke to Watertown Transit Manager Bill Hugin who followed up on the complaint. Hugin reported other claims of fast driving and that he has also followed up on those. There were no other communications received.

6. Set next meeting date. The next meeting date will be April 17, 2023, at 5:00pm.

7. Adjournment

Motion was made by Hahn to adjourn meeting, seconded by Grosenick and carried by unanimous voice vote at 5:45pm.

Megan Dunneisen, City Clerk