

Utilities Committee

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

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1 The Meeting of the Utilities Committee was called to order at 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2,
2 2021. It was noted that the meeting had been announced and a notice posted at City Hall.

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4 Roll call was taken, with the following members present: Ald. Tom Smith, Ald. Jim Olson, Ald.
5 Diane Wulf, Village of West Salem Trustee Leroy Brown

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7 Also Present (either in person or remotely): City Administrator Eric Rindfleisch, Mayor Kim
8 Smith, Financial Services Director/Treasurer Fred Buehler, City Attorney Amanda Jackson
9 City Engineer Jarrod Holter, Paul Woodward of Running, Inc., La Crosse Area Planning
10 Committee Transportation Planner Jackie Eastwood

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12 Excused Absence: Village of Holmen Trustee Micah Wyss

13 14 **Item 2 – Approval of minutes from the previous meeting**

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16 Motion by Ald. T. Smith, second by Ald. Olson, to approve the minutes from the previous
17 meeting as printed and on file in the City Clerk's Office.

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19 On voice vote, motion carried.

20 21 **Item 3 – Public Input (limited to 3 minutes/individual)**

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23 Ald. T. Smith called three times for anyone wishing to provide public input and closed that
24 portion of the meeting.

25 26 **Consideration and possible action on the following items:**

27 28 **Item 4 – MASS TRANSIT**

29 30 A. Shared Ride Transit

31 1. Financials (Justin Running or Paul Woodward/Fred Buehler)

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33 Paul reported the April 2021 statistics:

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- 35 • **West Salem Trips:** 601 (an increase of 383 from April 2020)
- 36 • **Holmen Trips:** 754 (an increase of 426 from April 2020)
- 37 • **Onalaska Trips:** 2,113 (an increase of 995 from April 2020)
- 38 • **Total Trips:** 3,468 (an increase of 1,804, or 108.41 percent, from April 2020)
- 39 • **MTU Passes:** 240 (an increase of 52 from April 2020)
- 40 • **Agency Trips:** 731 (an increase of 376 from April 2020)
- 41 • **Year-to-Date Trips:** 13,612 (a decrease of 900 from April 2020)

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- 42 • **Revenue:** \$55,306 (a decrease of \$8,304, or 13.05 percent, from April 2020)

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44 Ald. T. Smith said it appears there has been more activity in the city, and he asked Paul if he
45 believes things have picked up over the last month.

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47 Paul said, “Absolutely. It feels like everywhere across the state things are starting to loosen up a
48 bit. A lot of our cities have now gone back to Shared Ride Taxi service instead of single riders,
49 which is working well across the state for us so far. We’re just seeing a general increase in
50 everything.”

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52 Motion by Ald. Olson, second by Leroy, to accept and place on file the Shared Ride Transit
53 Financials.

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55 Ald. T. Smith noted the Shared Ride Transit Financials will be placed on file.

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- 57 2. Update from Federal Transit Authority and Wisconsin Department of Transportation
58 regarding the lifting single passenger policy and the mask requirement for passengers
59 and drivers through September 13, 2021

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61 Paul told committee members Running, Inc. had contacted both the FTA and WisDOT on May
62 23 asking if it would be appropriate for Running, Inc. to discontinue the single ridership
63 restriction due to a change in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance for Rideshare
64 and limousine vehicles. Paul said both FTA and WisDOT representatives gave their approval for
65 Running, Inc. to remove the single ridership restriction. Paul told committee members both
66 drivers and passengers still are required to wear masks through September 13.

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68 B. MTU:

- 69 1. Transit Financials (Adam Lorentz)

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71 No report.

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73 C. Holmen Transit Input (Holmen Rep.)

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75 No report.

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77 D. West Salem Transit Input (West Salem Rep.)

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79 Leroy noted the La Crosse Area Planning Committee is conducting its survey for the 10-year
80 Regional Transit Development Plan and said the LAPC is seeking as much input as it can
81 possibly obtain.

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83 E. Onalaska Transit Input (Onalaska Rep.)

Reviewed 06/03/2021 by Fred Buehler

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85 No report.

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87 **Item 5 – UTILITIES**

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89 No report.

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91 **Adjournment**

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93 Motion by Ald. Wulf, second by Ald. Olson, to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.

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95 On voice vote, motion carried.

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