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PPRTA Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 8, 2009 – 1:30 p.m.

Pikes Peak Area Council of Governments Main Conference Room

MEMBERS PRESENT

City of Colorado Springs

Vice Mayor Larry Small, Chair
Councilmember Jerry Heimlicher
Councilmember Jan Martin

City of Manitou Springs

Councilmember Marc Snyder (Alternate)

Town of Ramah

Trustee Pamela Smith

Town of Green Mountain Falls

Mayor Tyler Stevens

El Paso County

Commissioner Sallie Clark, Vice Chair
Commissioner Dennis Hisey
Commissioner Wayne Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Staff of Member Governments and Citizens

PIKES PEAK RTA STAFF PRESENT

Mr. Rob MacDonald, PPRTA Board Secretary
Ms. Beverly Majewski, Financial Manager
Mr. Rick Sonnenburg, Program/Contracts Manager
Ms. Tamara Gilida, PPRTA Counsel
Ms. Lisa Thomas, Mobility Manager
Ms. Lori McGinnis, Transportation Case Manager
Ms. Jacquelyn Puett, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order/Establish a Quorum (0:00)

City of Colorado Springs Director Small established a quorum and called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

2. Approval of the Agenda (0:11)

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Public Comment Period for Items Not on the Agenda (0:35)

Ms. Andrea Archer with the Colorado Springs Independence Center reviewed public transit ridership statistics and gave a presentation highlighting the relationship between public transit and quality of life.

Mr. Kennan Cole, a public transit passenger, spoke about the importance of public transportation and challenged the Board to find a way to increase citywide transit ridership.

Ms. Lynn Hopeman, Pikes Peak Partnership/Amblicab, discussed the creation of a Consolidated Transportation Plan for specialized transit and asked to be placed on the August PPRTA Board meeting agenda.

Mr. Steve Saint, Chair of the Green Cities Coalition, discussed with the Board possible funding solutions for the public transit system.

4. Approval of the June 10, 2009, Regular Meeting Minutes (56:05)

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens made a motion, seconded by El Paso County Director Hisey, to approve the June 10, 2009, PPRTA Board meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Citizen Advisory Committee Monthly Report (57:05)

CAC Chair Jan Doran highlighted items from the July 1, 2009, meeting of the PPRTA Citizens Advisory Committee.

6. Financial Reports (01:02:34)

Ms. Beverly Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, stated that the sales and use tax revenue had not been received. Ms. Majewski will update the Sales and Use Tax Summary report and the Revenue and Expense Summary after the revenue has been received and e-mail the reports to the Board members.

7. 2009 Draft Budget Amendment Public Hearing (01:04:38)

Ms. Majewski, PPRTA Financial Manager, stated that July 8th is the date set for the Public Hearing for the Pikes Peak RTA's 2009 Amended Budget. She confirmed that the date, time and place have been duly noticed in the designated newspaper and reviewed the following items that will impact the 2009 approved budget.

- A 15% reduction in 2009 estimated revenue
- A reduction in 2009 estimated interest revenue
- A reduction in the estimated reserves based on the reduction in revenue
- Allocation of 2008 revenue shortfall carryover of \$2,181,857

- Administrative savings of \$81,604
- 2008 excess fare box revenue of \$343,001
- 2008 carryover of unspent budget of \$41,408,293
- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds impact on capital projects

City of Colorado Springs Director Small opened the Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed amendment to the budget. There were no public comments on the amended budget. City of Colorado Springs Director Small closed the Public Hearing.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the revised budget. Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

8. 2009 Capital, Maintenance, and Public Transportation Contracts (01:07:40)

A. City of Colorado Springs

Mr. Cam McNair, City Engineering, City of Colorado Springs, presented five contracts for Board approval in the following order:

1. Pipe Valve & Fitting, Capital (Woodmen Road Widening and Interchange): \$61,884.00
2. Colorado Department of Transportation, Capital (Cimarron Street Bridge): \$921,434.00
4. Heritage Title Company as Escrow Agent for Continental Materials, Capital (Proby Parkway, Phase 1): \$2,026,400.00
5. Paul M. and Margaret M. Shada, Capital (Woodmen Road Widening and Interchange): \$70,000.00

El Paso County Director Hisey made a motion to approve projects 1, 2, 4 and 5. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Colorado Department of Transportation, Capital (I-25 Companion Projects): \$37,000.00

Mr. McNair stated that this invoice was for the landscaping on the west side of I-25 at the Bijou Street bridge and although this project was outside the scope of the I-25 Companion Projects, CDOT thought the project was necessary. He stated that information regarding this project was presented to the Pikes Peak RTA Citizens Advisory Committee and tabled in early 2007, never reaching the Board for approval.

Town of Green Mountain Falls Director Stevens departed at 2:51 p.m.

El Paso County Director Clark stated that along with landscaping, this project included basic infrastructure needs such as a retention pond, a retaining wall and pedestrian and disability ramp installation. She stated that the County also put money into this project and considered it appropriate for safety and aesthetic issues.

El Paso County Director Williams stated that he is opposed to using capital dollars to pay for this project which was outside the scope of the I-25 Companion Projects, citing voter fidelity as an issue. He stated that the project should be paid for using maintenance funds instead of capital funds.

City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher made a motion to approve the City's payment request for the \$37,000 capital project. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to amend City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher's motion, in order to reimburse the City for the \$37,000 project using maintenance

funds instead of capital funds. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion to amend did not pass on a 4-4 vote, with dissenting votes by El Paso County Director Clark, City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher, City of Colorado Springs Director Martin and City of Colorado Springs Director Small.

The Board then voted on the original motion by City of Colorado Springs Director Heimlicher to approve the City's payment request for the \$37,000 capital project. The motion did not pass on a 4-4 vote, with four dissenting votes by El Paso County Director Williams, El Paso County Director Hisey, City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder and Town of Ramah Director Smith.

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the City's payment request for the \$37,000 project using maintenance funds for payment. City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder seconded the motion.

After discussion, City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder withdrew his second to the motion, removing the motion from consideration.

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder made a motion to reconsider. Town of Ramah Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-1 vote, with one dissenting vote by El Paso County Director Williams.

City of Manitou Springs Director Snyder made a motion to approve the City's payment request for the \$37,000 capital project. El Paso County Director Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed by a 7-1 vote, with one dissenting vote by El Paso County Director Williams.

B. City of Manitou Springs

Mr. Michael Leslie, City of Manitou Springs, presented five Manitou Avenue Streetscape Construction change orders for approval.

- 1) KECI, Colorado, Capital (Removal of 128.330 SY of sub-surface concrete): \$3,849.90
- 2) KECI, Colorado, Capital (Relocate manhole, replace 80' of 18" storm drain pipe): \$20,095.00
- 3) KECI, Colorado, Capital (Complete in place 80' of 18" concrete storm drain pipe): \$16,000.00
- 4) KECI, Colorado, Capital (Install fire hydrant, connect via 120' of 6" line to water main): \$30,170.00
- 5) KECI, Colorado, Capital (Add concrete joints and thickened curb to bring roundabout to CDOT specification): \$11,619.60

El Paso County Director Williams made a motion to approve the five contracts. El Paso County Director Hisey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Administrative Actions and Reports (02:06:19)

A. Staff Field Review Report

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

10. Other Reports (02:11:07)

A. Quarterly Report from Member Government

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

B. City of Colorado Springs Monthly Change Order and Property Acquisition Report

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

C. City of Colorado Springs Transit Services Monthly Update

This was an information item. There were no questions or comments.

11. PPRTA Member Announcements (02:12:03)

El Paso County Director Clark announced that the County Fair begins July 18th. City of Colorado Springs Director Small announced that the Pro Rodeo begins July 8th.

12. Adjournment (02:12:25)

City of Colorado Springs Director Small adjourned the meeting at 3:46 p.m.

