

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING RECORD

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Meeting Date: August 26, 2008 **Start Time:** 2:07 p.m. **Adjournment:** 3:23 p.m.

Committee Members Present:

Linda L. Koop (Chair), Sheffie Kadane (Vice Chair), Jerry R. Allen, Vonciel Jones Hill, Angela Hunt, Ron Natinsky, Carolyn R. Davis

Committee Members Absent:

Pauline Medrano, Absent on Personal Business

Other Council Members Present:

None

City Executive Staff Present:

Ramon Miguez, Assistant City Manager

TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes for June 23, 2008 and August 8, 2008

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Motion was made to approve the meeting minutes from June 23, 2008.

Made by: Hunt Seconded by: Natinsky Passed unanimously

Motion was made to reconsider the meeting minutes from June 23, 2008.

Made by: Hunt Seconded by: Kadane Passed unanimously

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the June 23, 2008 meeting subject to corrections. Corrections were made to the spelling of Councilmember Davis' name and that she was absent on city business.

Made by: Kadane Seconded by: Hunt Passed unanimously

Motion was made to approve the minutes for the August 12, 2008 meeting subject to corrections. No corrections were suggested and the minutes were approved as submitted.

Made by: Kadane

Seconded by: Hunt

Passed unanimously

2. Proposed Ground Lease with Southwest Airlines Company at Love Field

Presenters: Dan Weber, Director, Aviation

Mr. Weber briefed the Committee on the proposed ground lease with Southwest Airlines that would enable Phase I of the Love Field Modernization Program. The lease will allow for the relocation of SWA training and support functions, air cargo facility, the City's DPD Love Field unit and concession support space. The lease is scheduled for Council consideration on August 27, 2008.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Natinsky asked if \$0.40 per square foot per year was the rental rate that would be requested for approval at the August 27, 2008 Council Meeting. Mr. Weber confirmed that this was the case. Mr. Natinsky asked when the site would move from an unimproved to improved status. Mr. Weber stated that the site is currently completely paved, but the decision was made to go with the unimproved rental rate because it must be completely demolished. Mr. Weber indicated that it will migrate from unimproved to improved status in 2028. Mr. Miguez stated that this is standard in all of our leases allowing the amortization of the investment over the term of the lease, and upon conclusion of that term, the improved building rent is charged.

Mr. Natinsky asked if the air cargo facility would be a shared facility. Mr. Weber stated that this was the case and that Southwest Airlines would be required to provide additional space for any new airline tenant that wants to conduct cargo operations.

Mr. Natinsky asked if the two rectangular buildings in the presentation were SWA buildings. Mr. Weber stated that those two buildings would house City offices and concession support space, but would be constructed by Southwest. The status of the middle building has not yet been determined. Mr. Miguez reiterated that the building footprints shown in the presentation have not yet been finalized.

Motion was made to move this item forward for full Council consideration on August 27, 2008.

Made by: Natinsky

Seconded by: Hunt

Passed unanimously

3. Car Rental Concession Request for Bid at Love Field

Presenters: Dan Weber, Director, Aviation

Mr. Weber briefed the Committee on the bid process and recommendations for car rental concessions at Love Field. The current 5-year contracts expire September 30, 2008 and the concession has been rebid with a measure of flexibility to allow for adjustments during the Love Field Modernization Program (LFMP) construction period. Mr. Weber discussed the traffic congestion issue with shuttle buses serving the rental lots. He indicated that there will be long term options to deal with this problem through the LFMP and the potential future people mover.

Aviation Services is recommending that the Council award the 5-year concession contracts to the eight bidders at the terms that they bid. This item is scheduled for Council consideration on September 10, 2008.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Natinsky asked if the choice of available counter space in the terminal was made based on the bids. Mr. Weber confirmed that the highest bidder would get first choice.

Mr. Natinsky asked if the contracts would prevent a "one-bus solution" to the shuttle congestion problem at the terminal. Mr. Weber stated that the contracts contain language that would allow implementation of a one bus solution.

Mr. Miguez pointed out that Advantage Rent-A-Car would continue to serve Love Field, but they would do it from an off-site location.

Motion was made to move this item forward for full Council consideration on September 10, 2008.

Made by: Natinsky

Seconded by: Hunt

Passed unanimously

4. Commercial Truck Parking Enforcement in Neighborhoods

Presenters: John Brunk, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation
Zena Fernino, Program Manager, Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Brunk briefed the Committee on the City ordinances that restrict commercial truck parking in residential areas and the penalties associated with those violations. He reported that Parking Management in Public Works and Transportation assigned two parking enforcement officers to begin working this issue in February 2008. In six

months, there have been 303 citations issued and 80 trucks towed. An informational flyer is being developed that would be delivered with each citation to help educate the driver about the parking restriction.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Koop asked about enforcement against truck drivers parking in privately-owned parking lots. Mr. Brunk stated that neither of these sections of City Code address that issue. He pointed out that this would be a private property issue that must be enforced by the property owner.

Mr. Natinsky asked if headway was being made on this issue with the additional enforcement. Mr. Brunk stated that this is likely to be a recurring issue and will need to be continually addressed. Mr. Natinsky asked if the tickets being issued are being paid. Mr. Brunk stated that he did not have that information on hand, but could research it.

Mr. Kadane asked if moving trucks were being allowed to park in neighborhoods overnight if they are moving a resident. Ms. Ferrino indicated that the officers exercise some discretion in this type of situation and would not issue a ticket.

Mr. Allen asked if this enforcement effort was necessitated by issues occurring around the inland port area. Mr. Brunk confirmed that this was one of the problematic areas. Mr. Allen suggested that the base fine be raised from \$25 to a significantly higher level for these violations.

Ms. Koop asked staff to visit with Councilmembers Atkins and Davis because their districts are specifically affected by this issue. Ms. Koop also stated that if councilmembers have specific areas that are having truck parking problems, they should contact Mr. Miguez or Mr. Brunk to get their concerns addressed. Ms. Koop asked staff to look into the suggestion of raising the fines for this violation and bring it back to the Committee.

5. Pavement Management Program Update

Presenters: Erick Thompson, Assistant Director, Public Works and Transportation

Mr. Thompson briefed the Committee on the status of the new data collection technology being used to inventory street and alley pavement conditions. He indicated that roughly 75% of streets and 10% of alleys have been surveyed. It is anticipated that they will achieve their goal for this year to assess 100% of the streets and a third of the alleys. Mr. Thompson stated that Pavement Management plans to come back to the Committee in the spring with an update on data collection, street condition goals, and condition grading.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Ms. Hunt was very supportive of this program indicating that we save money and get better data using these tools.

Mr. Natinsky asked if there was information available on which streets and alleys were completed. Mr. Thompson said that he would get that information for the Councilmember. Mr. Natinsky asked if the data collection truck was assessing alleys as well as streets. Mr. Thompson stated that it is more of a challenge for the truck to do alleys. Mr. Natinsky asked if there were a way to check the width/height requirements for alleys. Mr. Miguez indicated that Sanitation drivers are a better resource for capturing this information and relaying it to Code Enforcement.

Ms. Koop asked how the car gets down an alley that isn't paved. Mr. Thompson stated that some alleys that aren't paved would not have proper access for the car or the van, and would have to be done visually. Koop asked if we have a lot of alleys that aren't paved and asked for information on which alleys are paved and which are not paved.

Ms. Davis asked for a list of street conditions in her district. She asked if the van would identify streets that need repaving. Mr. Thompson stated that it would. Ms. Davis asked about the 2010 Bond Program and if citizens would still be able to request streets that need improvement. Mr. Thompson stated that they would be able make requests.

6. Network Technology Refresh

Presenters: Worriss Levine, Director, Communications and Information Services

Mr. Natinsky excused himself from the meeting because of a conflict of interest on this item.

Mr. Levine briefed the Committee on the status of the City's communications network. He indicated that the system was upgraded in 2000, but many components are now obsolete and beginning to fail. In most cases, replacement parts are no longer available. The system is critical to services such as phones, email, internet, payroll, and computer-aided dispatch, and needs to be upgraded.

Action Taken/Committee Recommendation:

Mr. Kadane asked if any of the equipment would be received from AT&T. Mr. Levine stated that AT&T would be working with Cisco to provide the necessary equipment.

Ms. Koop asked if 911 was included in this system. Mr. Levine stated that 311 was a part of this system, but 911 is separate.

Motion was made to move this item forward for full Council consideration.

Made by: Hunt

Seconded by: Kadane

Passed unanimously

Linda L. Koop (RB)

Linda L. Koop, Chair
Transportation and Environment Committee

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