

**Minutes**  
**Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee**  
**December 13, 2007**

Mr. Graham called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Present were:

**Committee Members**

Mr. Jim Graham, Chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Hewlett  
Mr. Christopher Zimmerman  
Mr. Peter Benjamin  
Mr. Dana Kauffman  
Mr. Emeka Moneme  
Mr. William D. Euille  
Mr. Marion Barry  
Mr. Gordon Linton  
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins  
Mr. Anthony Giancola

**Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Graham noted that an action item, Indexed Fare Policy, had been removed from the agenda after mailout as requested by Ms. Hewlett.

The revised agenda was approved.

**Action Items**

**A. Receive Public Hearing Staff Report on Fare and Parking Increase and Act on Fare Proposal**

Mr. Woodruff reviewed the staff report on the public hearings for fare and parking increases and requested Committee approval of a resolution to increase Metrorail, Metrobus and parking fares as proposed.

Mr. Graham moved approval, and Mr. Moneme seconded the motion.

Mr. Kauffman moved approval of a substitute proposal and Mrs. Hudgins seconded the motion. Mr. Kauffman's proposal would increase fares by \$15 million over the January to June 2008 timeframe, and allow staff to prepare the FY09 operating budget for Committee review, prior to a second round of public

hearings and fare increases. Mr. Kauffman's proposal was not approved.

Mr. Benjamin moved approval of a substitute proposal that would generate the required \$109 million, but reduce the proposed maximum fares, tier charges and parking increase. Parking fees will increase \$0.75 in January, and if revenues are not sufficient, an additional \$0.25 increase will occur in July. Mrs. Hewlett seconded the motion. The vote to accept the substitute amendment was approved 8 to 3, with Mr. Kauffman, Mr. Zimmerman and Mrs. Hudgins voting no.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion to amend the substitute proposal to call for biennial fare increases tied to increases in the consumer price index. Mr. Linton seconded. The amendment was approved 8 to 3, with Mr. Barry, Mr. Kauffman and Mrs. Hudgins voting no.

On the main motion for fare and parking increases, with substitutes and amendments, Mr. Linton made a motion to direct staff to study and report to the Board a recommended comprehensive fare policy, and recommendations on a service guarantee policy with options to refund customer fares when service does not meet established benchmarks. The main motion was approved 8 to 2 with Mr. Kauffman and Mrs. Hudgins voting no.

## **B. Southeast Bus Garage – Approval of Project, Budget Amendments, Contract Advertisement, and Property Exchange Agreement**

Mr. Requa requested Committee approval to increase the capital budget by \$60 million, establish an operating reserve account for \$9.25 million, and negotiate and execute a property exchange agreement.

Mr. Barry moved approval, Mr. Moneme seconded the motion and the motion was approved, with Mr. Kauffman voting no.

## **C. Approval of Largo Close-Out**

Ms. O'Keeffe requested Committee approval for the settlement of a claim for \$9.5 million to close-out work on the Largo Extension project.

Mrs. Hewlett moved approval, Mr. Benjamin seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

## **Information Item**

### **A. FY08 Monthly Financial Report (July - September 2007)**

Mr. Harcum stated that the monthly report has been revised to include the capital budget, debt service and performance measures. Through the first quarter of FY08 operating revenues are on budget and costs are under budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 p.m.