

# TARC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



## July 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of Transit Authority of River City (TARC) met on Tuesday, July 27, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. in person at TARC Board Room, 1000 West Broadway.

### Board Members Present

#### **In person:**

Mary Morrow  
John Launius  
Charles Rogers  
Ted Smith  
Carla Dearing

#### **Virtual:**

JC Stites  
Gary Dryden  
Tawanda Owsley

### Quorum Call

Chair Morrow called the meeting to order at 1:33 P.M.

### Adoption of Minutes

The motion was duly moved for the June 2021 Board Meeting minutes and the Special Board Meeting minutes by John Launius and seconded by Charles Rogers. Board of Directors unanimously accepted the June 2021 Board Meeting minutes.

### Staff Reports-

#### TARC Monthly Performance Report

Presented By: Randy Frantz

See Powerpoint presentation

#### Financial Summary

Presented By: Tonya Carter

Due to it being year end, we do not have Financials for June 2021. The auditors will be arriving next week and then we will know more.

We do know that the MTTF ended the year with \$10.6 million more than we projected.

Today, we have \$22.5 million in the Trust Fund. We will probably need to tap into CARES fund to close out the gap at year end.

### Board Resolutions

#### Resolution 2021-22 – Website Design and Hosting

Presented by: Carrie Butler

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a fixed-price website redevelopment agreement with Planeteria Media based upon the proposed statement of work

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and price submitted by Planeteria to the RFP for Website Redevelopment with a not-to-exceed amount of \$81,050.00.

The motion was duly moved by Carla Dearing and seconded by Ted Smith and approved.

### **Resolution 2021-23 Change Order: Dispatch Office Renovations**

Presented by: Geoffrey Hobin

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to issue a change order to contract 2020642 with Churchill McGee for \$10,000.00, increasing the total not to exceed value of the contract to \$173,735.00.

The motion was duly moved by and Charles Rogers and seconded by John Launius and approved.

### **Resolution 2021-24 Ellipse/Hitachi Annual Maintenance Services**

Presented by: Geoffrey Hobin

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with an Initial Term of one (1) year with an Option of four (4) one-year terms for Ellipse Software and Licensing for a not-to-exceed amount of \$803,228.42.

The motion was duly moved by John Launius and seconded by Carla Dearing and approved.

### **Resolution 2021-25 Cosol-Training Services for Ellipse-Hitachi**

Presented by: Geoffrey Hobin

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a one-time additional services agreement with Cosol based upon the attached Statement of Work for a total not to exceed \$24,500.

The motion was duly moved by Carla Dearing and seconded by Charles Rogers and approved.

### **Resolution 2021-26 Rolling Stock: AC Parts and Supplies**

Presented by: Maria Harris

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a multi-vendor contract for an initial three (3) year term with two additional one (1)-year options with Gillig LLC, Mohawk Manufacturing and Supply Company, Muncie Transit Supply, Southern Coach Parts Company and Thermo King Midwest, Inc. based upon the attached bid pricing for Air Conditioning Parts and Supplies for a not-to-exceed amount of \$300,237.75.

The motion was duly moved by John Launius and seconded by Ted Smith and approved.

### **Resolution 2021-27 Rolling Stock: Steering Parts and Supplies**

Presented by: Maria Harris

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract for an initial three (3) year term with two additional one (1)-year options with Muncie Transit Supply, Mohawk Manufacturing Supply Company and Neopart Transit based upon the attached bid pricing in the proposals submitted by the three bidders set forth directly above for Steering Parts and Supplies.

The motion was duly moved by Charles Rogers and seconded by John Launius and approved.

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## **Resolution 2021-28 Update TARC Agency Safety Plan**

Presented by: Carrie Butler

A Resolution approving the revisions made in our Agency Safety Plan based on recommendations made by KIPDA.

The motion was duly moved by Ted Smith and seconded by Carla Dearing and approved.

## **Resolution 2021-29 Transit Scheduling Training and Professional Services**

Presented by: Aida Copic

A Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into:

- 1) An initial two (2) year contract, with an additional two (2) year option with CTG, based upon the attached statement of work and pricing schedule with a not-to-exceed amount of \$278,074; and
- 2) A one (1) year contract with TMD for Scheduling Training Services according to the proposed scope of work and pricing schedule as submitted in the BAFO with a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,683.

The motion was duly moved by Carla Dearing and seconded by Charles Rogers and approved.

## **New Business**

The Board would like to form an Adhoc committee for officers within subcommittees.

The motion was duly moved by John Launius and seconded by Ted Smith and approved to create such committee.

John Launius made a motion to be Chair of Adhoc committee. Carla Dearing, Ted Smith and Tawanda Owsley made a motion to be members of Adhoc committee.

Meeting would be broadcast publicly.

## **Public Speakers**

Ebony Anderson, current Coach Operator of TARC says:

For the course of about 2 years, the workers have been victims and under managed and devalued of our worth to this company. You must understand that when management misses the mark, the drivers have to communicate to passengers whom are frustrated because public transportation is vital, but has not been consistent. Not because we don't come to work, but priorities of bus lines going our are not being met. However I am here because we are essential workers. We have been in the trench. We want you to explain to us how come we weren't valued enough to give us essential pay. We have worked over this time span with buses not stopping. We were in the trenches while Covid was riddling us as well as over families while you all worked from home clear of this virus.

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When workers were laid off and runs were cut, drivers that had been here 15-20 years were working late night, some cleaned buses to keep getting a paycheck, we were in the trenches. Somehow that seems unfair and unvalued.

Putting the names of drivers on a bus may have made you guys feel good but we were scared out of our minds to come to work while dealing with our own personal financial hardships and health it was an insult to the workers who was in the trenches. The decisions you make in this board room affects us deeply you may not know this because for most of you we are nameless and faceless.

Our morale is at an all time low and after following our director we have been left with no solutions. We want better communication between management and ATU.

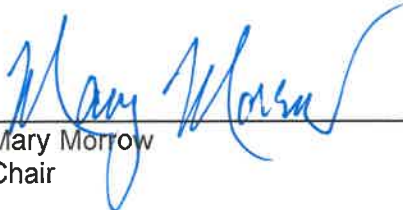
My question to you Mrs. Butler and this Board is how are you all going to rectify our concerns that our ATU president has brought up including but not limited to lack at Safety, Management, accountability, essential pay and hiring within.

### Proposed Agenda Items

- Resolution for Board Member Charles Rogers.

### Adjournment

Chair Morrow made a motion to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. which was moved by Charles Rogers and seconded by JC Stites and approved.

  
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Mary Morrow  
Chair

8-24-21  
Date