

**MINUTES
DALLAS AREA RAPID TRANSIT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS'
June 24, 2008**

The Dallas Area Rapid Transit **Board of Directors'** meeting convened on Tuesday, June 24, 2008, at 6:33 p.m., at DART Headquarters, 1401 Pacific Avenue, Dallas, Texas, with Chair Chrisman presiding.

City of Dallas

Scott Carlson
Jerry L. Christian
Pamela Dunlop Gates – **Assistant Secretary**
Angel Reyes
Robert Strauss – **Vice-Chair**
William Tsao
William M. Velasco
Claude Williams

City of Garland

Angie Chen Button

City of Irving

John C. Danish – **Secretary**

City of Plano

Linda Paulk

Cities of Addison, Highland Park, Richardson, and University Park

Raymond Noah

Cities of Carrollton and Irving

Randall Chrisman – **Chair**

Cities of Dallas, Plano, Glenn Heights, and Cockrell Hill

Faye Moses Wilkins

Cities of Farmers Branch, Garland, and Rowlett

Mark C. Enoch

William Velasco, Raymond Noah, and Mark Enoch were absent. Ms. Wilkins was absent to attend the Cockrell Hill City Council meeting, where her reappointment to the DART Board of Directors' was considered.

General Items:

1. Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2008

Ms. Dunlop Gates made a motion to approve the amended June 10, 2008, Board of Directors' Meeting minutes.

Mr. Danish seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

2. Committee Advisory Reports: Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)

Mr. Claude Doane, Chair of the CAC, provided a brief overview of the group's last meeting which occurred on June 19, 2008. Mr. Doane stated that DART staff had provided information on System-wide Accessibility and the second Downtown Alignment. Mr. Doane added that the CAC had adopted a Code of Conduct at the meeting as well.

Mr. Doane provided the Board with a copy of the Minutes from the meeting (on file with the Office of Board Support) and said he planned on updating the Board again in August.

3. Public Comments

Chair Chrisman reviewed the rules that govern the Public Comments portion of the meeting, including the Code of Conduct for Citizens, News Media, and Visitors at DART Board Meetings (on file in the Office of Board Support).

The following individuals addressed the Board:

Alpha Earles, 9350 Skillman, Apartment #3501, Dallas, Texas, 75243, (214) 503-9738: Mr. Earles spoke to the Board regarding the need to increase the number of cars available on Blue Line trains during the weekend. Mr. Earles said the increase in gasoline prices has caused an increase in ridership and the trains leaving downtown Garland are overcrowded. Mr. Earles added that he rides the Blue Line each day, including many weekends, and there is a need for increased DART Police presence on the trains.

Mr. Brad Cross, 622 Coolair Drive, Dallas, Texas, 75218, (214) 603-3403: Mr. Cross spoke to Mr. Gary Thomas, President/Executive Officer, and to the Board concerning inquiries he had made in the past that were still unanswered. Mr. Cross said his inquiries referenced the newly remodeled Pearl Street Station and safety standards. Mr. Cross continued that on June 6, 2008, he rode the Blue Line from Pearl Street to Mockingbird and saw a non-uniformed individual in the cab with the operator for the duration of his ride. Mr. Cross asked why the person was in the cab if the person was not a DART employee. Mr. Cross requested a copy of Mr. Thomas' speech in Denmark that concerned innovative ideas.

Mr. Quincy Holloway, 3200 Handley Ederville Road, Richland Hills, Texas, 76118, (817) 788-5395: Mr. Holloway said he wished to submit a business proposal to DART concerning a covered parking system.

Mr. Strauss left the room at 6:44 p.m.

Consent Items:

Mr. Carlson made a motion to approve Consent Items 4 – 15.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion and Chair Chrisman asked if there was any more discussion. Ms. Dunlop Gates asked Chair Chrisman to split the Consent Items as she wished to vote in favor of Items 4 – 10 and against Items 11 – 15.

Mr. Carlson amended his motion to include only Items 4 – 10.

Consent Items:

4. Authorization to Delegate Contracting Officer Authority

Approval of Resolution No. 080087 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to delegate Contracting Officer authority to Tonya Bee, Marie Benton, James Pankovics, Robbie Crockhom, Maria Del Spolar, and Reginald Valentine.

5. Contract for Office Supplies

Approval of Resolution No. 080088 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a three-year contract for office supplies to Lee Office Solutions in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$621,663.

6. Contract for Telephone Systems Equipment Maintenance, On-site Technical Support, and Ongoing Software Release Upgrades

Approval of Resolution No. 080089 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a three year contract, subject to legal review, for telephone system equipment maintenance, on-site technical support, and on-going software release upgrades to Affiliated Communications for a total authorized amount of \$1,017,942.

7. Exercise Contract Option for Paratransit Vehicle Business System (VBS) Wireless Communication Services

Approval of Resolution No. 080090 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification for Paratransit

Vehicle Business System (VBS) Wireless Communication Services with GreyHawk Technologies, Inc., [Contract No. C-1006552-01] to:

Section 1: Exercise the fourth, one-year option.

Section 2: Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$79,746, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$447,764.

8. Exercise Contract Option for Security Guard Services at 1401 Pacific Avenue

Approval of Resolution No. 080091 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification for security guard services at 1401 Pacific Avenue with Weiser Security Services, Inc., Contract No. 1007614-1] to:

Section 1: Exercise the second, one-year option.

Section 2: Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$263,580, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,302,952.

9. Exercise Contract Option for Uniform Rental Services

Approval of Resolution No. 080092 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification for uniform rental services with Aramark Uniform Services [Contract No. C-1008952-01] to:

Section 1: Exercise the first one-year option.

Section 2: Increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$277,434, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,109,714.

10. Contract for Bus Door Components

Approval of Resolution No. 080093 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract for bus door components to North American Bus Industries in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$272,245.

Mr. Carlson repeated his second and it was approved unanimously.

Chair Chrisman then asked for another motion for Items 11 – 15.

Mr. Danish made a motion to approve Items 11 – 15:

11. Contract for Light Rail Vehicle Track Brake Overhaul Kits

Approval of Resolution No. 080094 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract, subject to legal review, for LRV track brake overhaul kits to Knorr Brake Corporation in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$923,925.

12. Contract Modification to Rebuild Bus Destination Sign Components

Approval of Resolution No. 080095 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification to rebuild bus destination sign components with Transit Destination Sign Service, LP, [Contract No. C-1011541-01] to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$89,209, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$446,048.

13. Contract Modification to Test/Rebuild Light Rail Vehicle (LRV) Parts

Approval of Resolution No. 080096 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to execute a contract modification to test/rebuild LRV parts with Bombardier Transportation (Holdings) USA, Inc., [Contract No. C-1007243-01] to increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$270,685, for a new total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,353,435.

14. Contract for Light Rail Vehicle Four-Year Brake Overhaul Kits

Approval of Resolution No. 080097 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract, subject to legal review, for light rail vehicle four-year brake overhaul kits to WABTEC Passenger Transit in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$1,651,523.

15. Contract for Bus, Rail, and Facility Filters

Approval of Resolution No. 080098 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a two-year contract, subject to legal review, for bus, rail, and facility filters to Stewart and Stevenson, L.L.C. in a total authorized amount not to exceed \$825,648.

Mr. Carlson seconded the motion and it was approved by majority vote. Ms. Dunlop Gates voted “no”.

Individual Items:

16. **+Contract for 115 RE Continuous Welded Rail for the Rowlett Extension**

Ms. Wilkins made a motion to approve Resolution No. 080099 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a contract, subject to legal review, for 115 RE Continuous Welded Rail for the Rowlett Extension to Progress Rail Services in the amount of \$3,394,300, with a supplemental work contingency of \$33,943 (1%) for unanticipated expenses, for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$3,428,243.

Mr. Williams seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

17. **Contract for Auditing Services for the State-Required Performance Audit**

Ms. Dunlop Gates made a motion to Resolution No. 080100 that authorizes the President/Executive Director or his designee to award a contract, subject to legal review, for auditing services for the State-required performance audit to Transportation Resource Association, Inc. for a total authorized amount not to exceed \$138,944.

Ms. Paulk seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

18. **Extension of the Term of the President/Executive Director's Employment Contract**

Ms. Paulk stated that this item was unanimously approved by the Personnel Committee and the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Ms. Paulk moved approval of Resolution No. 0800101 that amends Article II, Term, of the Employment Agreement between DART and Gary Thomas as follows:

The Initial Term of this Agreement shall begin on October 1, 2006, and shall expire on September 30, 2009. This Agreement may be terminated or renewed in Accordance with the provisions of Article VII. If DART takes no action to renew or terminate this Agreement prior to September 30, 2009, the Agreement shall automatically renew on a year-to-year (October 1 to September 30) basis.

Mr. Danish seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

19. State Legislative Agenda for the 81st Regular Session of the Texas Legislature

This item was not approved at the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Other Items:

20. Officer Reports

There was no report.

21. Chair Report

Chair Chrisman congratulated Ms. Button on her recent political victory and thanked her for the many years of faithful service to the DART Board. Ms. Button conveyed her appreciation for being allowed to represent the City of Garland. Ms. Button introduced her successor Mr. Tracy Whittaker, who was in the audience as a guest.

Chair Chrisman extended birthday congratulations to Mr. Tsao.

Mr. Strauss returned at 6:52 p.m.

With Chair Chrisman's permission, Mr. Tsao stated that he wished to thank DART on for its recent outreach to the Asian community. Mr. Tsao related several worthwhile programs and events that had been arranged with the assistance of Mr. Thomas and his staff.

22. General Counsel's Report

There was no report.

23. President/Executive Director's Report

There was no report.

24. Communications and Public Comments

There were no additional Communications and Public Comments.

25. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Gail L. Cook
Board/Committee Secretary

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+ Same Night Item
* Briefing Item