

A regular meeting of the St. Cloud Metropolitan Transit Commission was held on the 17th day of August, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Webex Meetings. Commissioner Miller presided with the following present:

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| Commissioners: | 1. Dave Kleis | (Absent) |
| | 2. Rick Miller | |
| | 3. Ryan Fitzthum | |
| | 4. Kurt Hunstiger | |
| | 5. John Libert | |
| Chief Executive Officer: | Ryan Daniel | |
| Chief Administration Officer: | Sunny Hesse | |
| Chief Operations Officer: | Dave Green | |
| Director of Finance: | Connie Robinson | |

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: **Commissioner Hunstiger moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

Consent Agenda:

5.) Minutes of July 20, 2021 Regular Meeting

6.) July 2021 Balance Sheet and Income Statement

7.) July 2021 List of Bills

8.) July 2021 Ridership Reports for Fixed Route, Dial-a-Ride, and Northstar Link

Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Fitzthum seconded a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion carried.

Open Forum: No one spoke.

General Business.

9.) Resolution #2021-07 Setting Final Levy on All Taxable Property in Transit Area. Paula Mastey notified the Board that there was no change in the dollar amount from last year to this year. There were also no changes made from the preliminary resolution that was presented earlier this year. **Commissioner Hunstiger moved and Commissioner Libert seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2021-07 Setting Final Levy on All Taxable Property in Transit Area. Motion carried.**

10.) Resolution #2021-08 Authorizing Call of Certain Outstanding Gross Revenue Bonds, Series 2014. Paula Mastey noted that Metro Bus is planning to pay off the 2014 gross revenue bonds as early as possible. Ms. Mastey informed the Commissioners that this early payoff would save Metro Bus over \$800,000 in interest moving forward. With the money from the gross revenue bonds 2014, Metro Bus was able to purchase 23 large buses, purchase and remodel the Mobility Training Center, a new CNG fueling station, and various maintenance updates to better service CNG buses. **Commissioner Fitzthum moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Resolution #2021-08 Authorizing Call of Certain Outstanding Gross Revenue Bonds, Series 2014. Motion carried.**

11.) Ratification of AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. Sunny Hesse informed the Commissioners that Metro Bus had agreed to annual wage discussion reopeners pertaining to the three year AFSCME contract. Ms. Hesse noted that on August 6, 2021, AFSCME and Metro Bus reached a tentative agreement on a 2% general wage increase effective October 10, 2021. **Commissioner Libert moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Ratification of AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion carried.**

12.) Consideration of Policy Revisions – Policy 6.9 Overtime & Policy 9.2 Vacation leave. Sunny Hesse informed the Commissioners that these Metro Bus policy revisions pertain to non-union employees only. Ms. Hess noted that these revisions better align with the Teamsters and AFSCME contracts that are in place for union employees and condense the Metro Bus vacation schedule from 40 years to 30 years.

Commissioner Fitzthum moved and Commissioner Hunstiger seconded a motion to approve Policy Revisions – Policy 6.9 Overtime & Policy 9.2 Vacation leave. Motion carried.

Department Update:

13.) Maintenance Update. Mike Reid, Maintenance Manager, noted that Metro Bus had recently taken delivery of eight new Dial-A-Ride buses, one new Connex bus, a Ford F350 shop truck, and two Dodge Durangos to replace the existing Street Supervisor vehicles. Mr. Reid also noted that there have been many significant updates made around the Operations Center in the last year, from new faucet fixtures in all restrooms, LED lighting upgrades throughout the office area, new countertops throughout the office area, new shop doors throughout the maintenance area, as well as updates to the gas and methane detection system and sprinkler system.

Adjournment. **Commissioner Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m. Motion carried.**