



A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District was held on Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Watsonville City Council Chambers, located at 809 Center Street in Santa Cruz, California.

Chair Pirie called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

**SECTION 1: OPEN SESSION**

**1. ROLL CALL:**

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

Margarita Alejo  
Hilary Bryant  
Dene Bustichi  
Daniel Dodge  
Ron Graves  
Donald Hagen  
John Leopold  
Ellen Pirie  
Lynn Robinson  
Mark Stone

**DIRECTORS ABSENT**

Ex-Officio Donna Blitzer  
Michelle Hinkle

**STAFF PRESENT**

Angela Aitken, Acting AGM/Finance Manager      David Moreau, Asst Paratransit Superintendent  
Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel              Leslie R. White, General Manager

**EMPLOYEES & MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO VOLUNTARILY INDICATED THEY WERE PRESENT**

Lynn Knudsen, Santa Cruz Follies                      Paul Smith

**2. ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: SPANISH LANGUAGE INTERPRETATION**

Amy Weiss announced that she was available for Spanish language interpretation.

**3-1. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Written:

a. SPIN                      Re: Lucky 8 Award Celebration

Oral:

None.

**4. LABOR ORGANIZATION COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**5. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION TO SUPPORT EXISTING AGENDA ITEMS**

Leslie R. White noted that item #11 had been deleted.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**6-1. ACCEPT AND FILE PRELIMINARILY APPROVED CLAIMS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-2. MONTHLY BUDGET STATUS REPORTS FOR MAY 2011 AND APPROVAL OF BUDGET TRANSFERS**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-3. CONSIDERATION OF TORT CLAIMS: REJECT THE CLAIMS OF PEDRO VALDEZ, CLAIM #11-0015; ERIKA GUIDO, CLAIM #11-0016; LOGAN BEAN, CLAIM #11-0018**

Submitted by: Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel

**6-4. ACCEPT AND FILE PARACRUZ OPERATIONS STATUS REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2011**

Submitted by: April Warnock, Paratransit Superintendent

**6-5. ACCEPT AND FILE RIDERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR MAY 2011**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-6. ACCEPT AND FILE RIDERSHIP AND PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR JUNE 2011**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-7. ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF ACTIVE GRANTS AND SUBMITTED GRANT PROPOSALS FOR JULY 2011**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-8. ACCEPT AND FILE STATUS REPORT OF FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATION AND CURRENT LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

Submitted by: Angela Aitken, Acting Asst. General Manager & Finance Manager

**6-9. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 2011**

Submitted by: Tony Tapiz, Administrative Services Coordinator

**6-10. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 2011**

Submitted by: Tony Tapiz, Administrative Services Coordinator

**6-11. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2011**

Submitted by: Tony Tapiz, Administrative Services Coordinator

**6-12. APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2011**

**6-13. NOTIFICATION OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

- 6-14. CONSIDERATION OF DECLARING ONE (1) CLARK TUG, ONE (1) CHEVROLET VENTURE, AND MISCELLANEOUS FLEET TOOLING AS EXCESS FOR PURPOSES OF DISPOSAL OR AUCTION**
- 6-15. CONSIDERATION OF AUTHORIZING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO EXECUTE AN EXTENSION AMENDMENT TO THE CONTRACT FOR TRANSIT SERVICES WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ (UCSC) BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**
- 6-16. CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING CONTRACT FOR TIRE CAROUSEL SYSTEM WITH BUSINESS SYSTEMS, INC. TO ADD CALIFORNIA SALES TAX**
- 6-17. ACCEPT AND FILE ACCESSIBLE SERVICES REPORT FOR MONTH OF JUNE 2011**

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR GRAVES SECOND: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD**

Chair Pirie moved item 6-11 to the Regular Agenda as item 10.1

**Approve the Consent Agenda as amended.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.**

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

### **7. PRESENTATION OF EMPLOYEE LONGEVITY AWARDS**

The Board of Directors presented a Certificate of Appreciation and Ten-year Service Pin to Margarito Hernandez, Vehicle Service Worker II; and Certificates of Appreciation for 15 years of service to Les Beck, Bus Operator, Sharon Toline, Bus Operator, and Chris Jones, Transit Supervisor.

### **8. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF AMENDING SANTA CRUZ METRO'S FARE ORDINANCE 84-2-1 WITH SUBSEQUENT RESOLUTION AND REGULATION TO INCLUDE INCREASED FARES, NEW BUS PASSES, AND SMART CARD FARE MEDIA**

Angela Aitken said that the Fare Ordinance was in need of revision and that today's hearing was the final public hearing on the matter.

Erich Friedrich presented that proposed amendments to the Fare Ordinance.

Director Hagen asked that outreach regarding the changes be conducted in Spanish as well, and stressed how important service is to the community. Director Leopold noted that riders were willing to pay more in order to preserve service. Director Dodge asked about the discounted day pass. Erich Friedrich said that it was a fare for persons with disabilities and seniors, and that it occurs often.

**CHAIR PIRIE OPENED THE PUBLIC HEARING – 9:27 A.M.**

**CHAIR PIRIE CLOSED THE PUBLIC HEARING – 9:28 A.M.**

No comments received.

There was no discussion.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR BRYANT**

**Amend Santa Cruz METRO's Fare Ordinance 84-2-1 with subsequent resolution and regulation to include increased fares, new bus passes, and smart card fare media.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.**

**9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING METRO RETIREES: MICHAEL BOYD, CAROLYN HAMM, ELOISE KELLY, SUZANNE LUNA, DIANE MEYER, HARRY PRICE, DEBRA PRINCE, JOSE RODRIGUEZ, AND JOHN TAYLOR**

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR DODGE**

**Approve Resolutions of Appreciation for Michael Boyd, Carolyn Hamm, Eloise Kelly, Suzanne Luna, Diane Meyer, Harry Price, Debra Prince, Jose Rodriguez and John Taylor.**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.**

**10. CONSIDERATION OF A REQUEST TO PROVIDE BUS SERVICE TO THE SANTA CRUZ FOLLIES ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2011 AT AN ESTIMATED COST OF APPROXIMATELY \$800**

**Discussion:**

There was a discussion about the benefits of the Follies. Directors Leopold, Robinson, Dodge, Bryant and Bonnie Morr all made statements in favor of the event.

**ACTION: MOTION: DIRECTOR LEOPOLD SECOND: DIRECTOR DODGE**

**Approve request to provide bus service to the Santa Cruz Follies on September 16, 2011 at an estimated cost of approximately \$800**

**Motion passed unanimously with Director Hinkle being absent.**

**10.1 APPROVE REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 2011**

John Daugherty indicated that the minutes of May 13 and May 27 were incorrect and asked that all the speaker's names be included in the record. There was a discussion about including the names of all speakers at the Board of Directors meetings. The Board agreed that only the names on the sign-in sheet would be recorded.

There was a discussion about the recorded vote on May 13, 2011 regarding Poetry in Motion. Chair Pirie directed staff to check the vote and re-submit the minutes of May 13, 2011 at a future meeting.

**NO ACTION TAKEN**

11. **ITEM #11 WAS REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA**
12. **ORAL ANNOUNCEMENT: THE NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED BOARD MEETING WILL BE HELD FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2011 AT 8:30 A.M. AT THE SANTA CRUZ METRO ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES LOCATED AT 110 VERNON STREET, SANTA CRUZ**
13. **REVIEW OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION: District Counsel**  
Margaret Gallagher stated that the Board of Directors would have a conference with District Counsel regarding the existing claim of Erika Guido v. Santa Cruz METRO; and real property negotiations regarding Café Lena.
14. **ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**  
Bonnie Morr, UTU,

**SECTION II: CLOSED SESSION**

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9)  
  
Name of Case: Claim of Erika Guido
2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATIONS  
(Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8)  
  
Name of Case: Café Lena  
Negotiating parties: Margaret Gallagher, District Counsel, SCMTD  
Farinosh Salilli, Café Lena  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

**SECTION III: RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

15. **REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Margaret Gallagher stated that there was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chair Pirie adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



ANTHONY TAPIZ  
Administrative Services Coordinator