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Report to the Board Finance Committee

Wednesday, August 18, 2010

Opening: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Walter Jones at 9:44 a.m. in the Executive Briefing Room, located at Central Station, 1735 Morris Avenue, Birmingham, Alabama 35203.

Members Present: Walter Jones, Ronald Lyas, and Guin Robinson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Debra Anderson-Burse, Peter Behrman, Joyce Brooks, Anna Brown, Gwen DeRu, Jacquese Gary, Brian Hamilton, Johnnye P. Lassiter, Barbara Lawson, Chris Leffert, Richard Nardecchia, Doris Powell, Joi Scott, Rev. Patrick Sellers, Rhonda Siserir, Scott Tillman, and Lou Willie.

Adoption of the Agenda: The agenda was adopted by general consent.

Items for Information and/or Discussion:

FY2011 Budget

Guin Robinson emphasized that the BJCTA needs to pass the FY2011 budget and suggested that a special work session be held and devoted solely to the budget. Executive Director Peter Behrman distributed the attached staff summary and proposed expense reductions to the Board. Along with Mr. Behrman, Darrell Howard of the Regional Planning Commission projected a video of the proposed bus service modifications. In addition to the sixteen routes proposed to be eliminated within the city limits of Birmingham, other proposed items under discussion were salary freezes for BJCTA employees, insurance premiums to be partially paid by employees, and elimination of certain positions.

In response to Brian Hamilton, Mr. Behrman replied that even with the new fixed route buses, there would still be a reliability issue for the buses. However, reliability would continue to improve as buses are sent for rehab.

In response to Doris Powell's concerns of protocol and notification, Mr. Robinson announced that two meetings had taken place with the mayor to alert his office of our budget process. Specifics on routes had not been included in the discussions because they were just learned. Chief Financial Officer Richard Nardecchia confirmed the

meetings had taken place and that other communications had taken place with the mayor, the finance director, and other staff in the mayor's office to keep them abreast of the BJCTA budget process. Mr. Robinson instructed that the proposed expense reductions be sent to Mayor William Bell and Councilor Kim Rafferty, City of Birmingham, on this same day. Mr. Robinson then suggested the work session take place to go over each line of the items proposed.

Darrell Howard of the Regional Planning Commission (RPC) suggested that the BJCTA ask the City for a one-year financial stay. According to the Planning Agreement between the RPC and the BJCTA, data collecting will start next month and will be completed by the end of the year. The stay would allow the BJCTA to make a more informed decision regarding service.

Update on Lipscomb and Brighton

There were no updates.

Travel

Approval of Director's Lyas' travel expense report was moved by Guin Robinson, seconded by Ronald Lyas and approved by general consent.

Resolutions for Consideration & Recommendation –

- A. **Resolution No. 2010-12:** Authorization for the Executive Director to Remit Payment to Precision Sales & Services, Inc., for the Repair of Trolley #2177 was moved by Guin Robinson, seconded by Ronald Lyas, and recommended to the full Board for its consideration.

- B. **Resolution No. 2010-33:** Authorization for the Executive Director to Remit Payment to and Negotiate with Precision Sales & Services, Inc., for the Repair of Trolley #2278 was moved by Guin Robinson, seconded by Ronald Lyas, recommended to the full Board for its consideration.

By Mr. Jones' suggestion and no objections, recommendations for the remaining resolutions were deferred to those made by the Program Development Committee.

Old/New Business:

Regarding a personal complaint that Mr. Lyas brought to the full Board's attention in the last Board meeting, Mr. Lyas stated that he wanted to put a hold on his prior request for the matter to be handled publicly in the same forum. He further stated that he does not intend to be disrespected in a meeting and rested his case.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes submitted by: Barbara Lawson, Administrative Assistant

Date: _____

Approved by: _____
Walter Jones, Committee Chairman