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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 28, 2019**

Chairperson Janet Long called the August 28, 2019 Board meeting to order at 9:02 am. Members present: Janet Long, Chairperson; Joe Barkley, Vice-Chairperson; Pat Gerard, Secretary/Treasurer; Vince Cocks, Gina Driscoll, Dave Eggers, Heather Gracy, Charlie Justice, Darden Rice, Keith Sabiel, Dan Saracki, and Josh Shulman. Members absent: Dave Allbritton, Richard Bennett, and Samantha Fenger. Also present: Brad Miller, CEO; Nikki Day, PSTA General Counsel; PSTA staff members, and members of the public.

Mr. Miller provided information on the Central Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project costs that addressed questions raised by citizens.

Public Comment:

Kathy Perrin, Service Coordinator at Heritage Presbyterian Apartments, talked about the Route 18 loop into the apartment complex in Largo. She said that she was relieved to hear that there will be options for the residents after the discontinuation of the Route 18 loop into the community.

Yllena Sinclair, resident of Heritage Presbyterian Apartments, also mentioned the elimination of the Heritage loop. She indicated that this is a low-income housing development and there is a need for transportation options for the residents.

Bob Lasher, External Affairs Officer, gave a presentation on the elimination of the Route 18 loop and the benefits of streamlining the route. He indicated that staff has training sessions scheduled to inform Heritage residents about PSTA's Demand Response (DART) and Direct Connect services.

Presentation/Action Item:

Greyhound/Pinellas Park Agreement – James Bradford, Chief Operating Officer, spoke about the partnership between PSTA and the Greyhound bus service at the Shoppes at Park Place customer service center. He introduced two representatives from Greyhound who also spoke about the partnership. The Board members had questions regarding advertisement of the new Greyhound location, the fare prices, and the frequency of service.

Mr. Bradford said staff is asking approval of a license agreement and easement amendment between PSTA, Greyhound Lines, Inc., and the Shoppes of Park Place for the purpose of operating and maintaining a bus customer service center for Greyhound bus service. Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard, to approve the agreement and easement amendment. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Updates:

TRAC Update – Elisabeth Olden, Committee Chair, provided an update from the August 20th TRAC meeting.

Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA) Update – Chairperson Long reported on the August 23rd Board meeting.

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Saracki made a motion, seconded by Mr. Barkley, to approve the Consent Agenda. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included the approval of the July 31, 2019 Board meeting minutes, the armored car services contract, the legal services contract, the workers compensation contract, the alternators contract, the amendment to the International City Management Association Retirement Corporation (ICMA) deferred compensation program, the Transit Development Plan (TDP) progress report, the company insurance coverage contract, and the telecom services contract.

Action Items:

Bus Purchase – Henry Lukasik, Director of Maintenance, provided information on the recommendation to purchase nine 40-foot hybrid electric buses for the BRT project. Debbie Leous, Chief Financial Officer, discussed the fiscal impact of the purchase of hybrid buses versus electric. Questions were raised about funding, safety barriers, and infrastructure for electric buses, and the carbon footprint. After Mr. Lukasik and Ms. Leous answered their questions, Mr. Barkley made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gerard, to approve the purchase of nine 40-foot hybrid electric buses from Gillig Corporation at a total not to exceed cost of \$7,500,000 and approve the purchase and installation of additional required technology equipment and integration services for nine 40-foot BRT hybrid electric buses at a total not to exceed cost of \$150,000. There were no public comments. Motion passed (11:1) with Mr. Eggers dissenting.

FY20 Scorecard – Trish Collins, Director of Human Resources, provided information on the FY20 Scorecard as well as a brief summary of FY19 Quarter 3 results. She said staff is asking for the Board’s approval of the FY20 scorecard. Ms. Gerard made a motion, seconded by Ms. Driscoll, to approve the FY20 scorecard. There were no public comments. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports and Correspondence:

Performance Updates – The information was included in the packet. Mr. Miller indicated that ridership was up last month.

Future Meeting Subjects:

The Board was provided with a list of upcoming meeting subjects. Mr. Miller reminded the Board about the two millage and budget public hearings on September 11th and September 25th at 6:00 PM. He also mentioned the Transit Riders Advisory Committee (TRAC) 2020 application process.

Other Business:

No other business was discussed.

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Eggers mentioned the \$10 million trolley purchase that is scheduled to be approved in October. He believes that strategic conversations are needed on the trolley service before the approval in October.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Long adjourned the meeting at 10:32 am. The next meeting is scheduled for September 25th at 6:00 pm.

Chairperson