



**Recreation Committee Minutes
Wednesday, December 4, 2019
6 P.M.
City Hall Council Chambers**

Members Present: Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
Sean Malone, Council Member
David E. Weiss, Mayor
Jeri Chaikin, CAO
Troy Neujahr, Citizen Member
Alexandria Nichols, Recreation Department Director
Tim Richards, School Representative
Lisa Cremer, School Board Representative

Others Present: Ezra Marks
Elliot Green

CALL TO ORDER

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
The meeting was called to order at 6:00PM by Council Chairperson, Tres Roeder

Review and Approval of October 2, 2019 Minutes

Tres Roeder, Council Member, Chairperson
Minutes from October 2019 were reviewed and approved as written.

Senior Transportation Connection (STC) Contract Proposal

Since 2009 the City of Shaker Heights has been contracting with Senior Transportation Connections (STC) for the provision of senior transportation services. Between 150 and 250 people register for this service annually. STC transports senior residents on over 4,000 one-way trips per year with the most common usage being transportation for medical appointments.

STC has been undercharging for trips and in 2020 they are proposing changes in the contract. The proposed fares for individual and medical trips is increasing to \$30.00, per one way, while group trips is increasing to \$9.75 and personal trips increasing to \$20.00. Another contractual change is the fuel escalation charge. In previous contracts, there was a fuel escalation clause that provides STC the right to modify fees depending on the cost of fuel when fuel costs exceed \$3.00 per gallon.

STC is proposing to modify this fuel escalation charge to take effect when fuel costs exceed \$2.50 per gallon. STC, by contract, will check pricing Friday for the upcoming week and they use AAA to get the average price of fuel. When fuel prices exceed \$2.50, the cost per ride, by type, increases \$0.25 per one way up to \$2.75 per gallon. Above \$2.75 the fares increase \$0.50 from the base cost per one way ride by type. The potential impact on the budget for the fare and fuel escalation changes

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is expected to increase spending by approximately 10%. The 2019 budgeted amount for STC was \$100,000 and the proposed 2020 budget for this contract is \$110,000

Questions:

Are we expecting to use the entire STC budget?

Answer: No, the City is not expecting to use the entire budget. The actual usage is projected to come in \$10,000 under budget. Either occurrence will be well under the threshold of what the City has paid in the past.

What other cities provide their own transportation services?

Answer: Beachwood still provides their residents with their own City run transportation services. Some City's use a hybrid of their own internal transportation in addition to the STC services as well.

Is this service mainly used by disabled people?

Answer: Most of the residents that use the STC service are using it to get to medical appointments that they are physically unable to get to because they no longer drive. Most residents prefer STC over RTA Paratransit because their waiting window is half of the Paratransit Service.

Is there a distance limit for the rides that STC provides?

Answer: There are parameters set up in the contract regarding the trip distances. Medical trips have the broadest distance limit, while the group trips are typically limited to a 5 mile radius.

Does the City like STC?

Answer: Yes, they are a pleasure to work with. They are always very responsive and helpful, within reason, of our resident's special requests.

There was a motion to recommend that the Senior Transportation Connection Contract be approved by the Recreation Committee and taken to the Finance and Administration Committee. All were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm. The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Tres Roeder, Council Member
Chairperson, Recreation Committee