



Watertown City Council
May 14, 2012
6:00 p.m.

Work Session Agenda

Discussion Items:

1. Karl R. Burns Learning Center Bids
2. Funding Request from Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc.
3. Proposed 2012-13 Operating Fund Budget Discussion
4. Work Session Schedule
5. Update on Privateers

Executive Session

1. To discuss the employment history of particular individuals.



Volunteer Transportation Center, Inc.

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United Way
of Northern New York, Inc.

May 4, 2012

City of Watertown
245 Washington Street
Watertown, NY 13601

Budget allocation for 2012

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council:

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you from our organization, volunteer drivers, and most critically for the City residents who received volunteer rides to medical appointments funded in part with your investment of \$1,600 in 2011.

At the end of 2009, we were forced to limit our service to non-emergency medical and health related critically needed transportation. Your funding is a key reason why we have been able to continue to provide service to your residents with critical needs. Nevertheless, the growth in requests is the #1 reason for having to say "no" to some types of travel. Because of insufficient resources, we are no longer able to provide quality of life transports such as; hairdresser appointments, nursing home visits, etc. However, with your help, we will continue to provide critical needs transportation to our clients. Fortunately in 2010/2011 we have been able through efficiently combining trips of over 150,000 miles to make our limited funds stretch even further.

Last year, we performed 10,218 one-way trips, and provided 328,865 miles of service to our clients. Our drivers provided 1,012 one-way trips and drove 19,698 miles for the City of Watertown residents in 2011. These trips are provided for City residents who are seniors, disabled, visually impaired or blind and are for medical appointments that are outside the City transit system. Meeting this critical need in the community is accomplished by a dedicated cadre of volunteer drivers that use their own vehicles, and receive a mileage reimbursement to perform this service. Being good stewards of our resources, we have had to constantly evaluate the assignment of drivers to reduce miles per trip and carry more than one passenger where possible.

We have had a target of raising \$18,000 from 22 Towns; this target was allocated by Town population. Since the City of Watertown has the 5th highest amount of miles provided we would humbly request \$2,200 for 2012, 18% of the cost to provide this service to the residents of the City who have no other option.

Sincerely yours,

Sam Purington, Executive Director

Please let me know if you would like me to speak to the City Council. Sam

cc: Howie Ganter, President | Ben Coe, Treasurer
encl: 2011 Transportation by Town/City



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Where Do Your Constituents Live
2011 Volunteer Transportation Stats

Town	2011 Total Miles	Units	Driver Reimbursement	Total Transportation Cost	2011 b/(w) vs. 2010
Adams	22,480	637	\$ 10,003.60	\$ 14,050.00	36%
Alexandria	16,077	453	\$ 7,154.27	\$ 10,048.13	-38%
Antwerp	7,307	220	\$ 3,251.62	\$ 4,566.88	6%
Brownville	18,720	692	\$ 8,330.40	\$ 11,700.00	-10%
Cape Vincent	26,657	559	\$ 11,862.37	\$ 16,660.63	62%
Champion	4,149	205	\$ 1,846.31	\$ 2,593.13	-58%
Clayton	9,088	279	\$ 4,044.16	\$ 5,680.00	-29%
Ellisburg	11,131	363	\$ 4,953.30	\$ 6,956.88	-34%
Henderson	9,575	249	\$ 4,260.88	\$ 5,984.38	-47%
Hounsfield	5,086	142	\$ 2,263.27	\$ 3,178.75	4%
LeRay	10,043	439	\$ 4,469.14	\$ 6,276.88	-12%
Lorraine	231	4	\$ 102.80	\$ 144.38	-80%
Lyme	9,883	186	\$ 4,397.94	\$ 6,176.88	18%
Orleans	38,644	669	\$ 17,196.58	\$ 24,152.50	46%
Pamelia	1,615	118	\$ 718.68	\$ 1,009.38	-62%
Philadelphia	17,321	312	\$ 7,707.85	\$ 10,825.63	172%
Rodman	7,627	252	\$ 3,394.02	\$ 4,766.88	76%
Rutland	767	58	\$ 341.32	\$ 479.38	-92%
Theresa	19,529	448	\$ 8,690.41	\$ 12,205.63	84%
Watertown	13,859	723	\$ 6,167.26	\$ 8,661.88	144%
Wilna	21,171	763	\$ 9,421.10	\$ 13,231.88	9%
Worth	-	-	\$ -	\$ -	0%
Gouverneur	16,665	472	\$ 7,415.93	\$ 10,415.63	-38%
City of Watertown	19,698	1,012	\$ 8,765.61	\$ 12,311.25	-16%
Lewis	21,542	963	\$ 9,586.19	\$ 13,463.75	-20%
Total YTD	328,865	10,218	\$ 146,344.93	\$ 205,540.63	-22%

May 10, 2012

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Kenneth A. Mix, Planning & Community Development Coordinator
Subject: Work Session Schedule

Patrick Donegan has confirmed that he is available to meet with the City Council on June 11, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hilton Garden Inn Lobby.

When the City Council last discussed Advantage Watertown, it was suggested that the City Council should meet with the Committee during the Council's Work Session in June. The Mayor has suggested meeting with Advantage Watertown on June 25, 2012 instead of trying to coordinate the timing with the meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn.

David Gallo, representing the Woolworth Building Project, is unable to make it for the May 14, 2012 Work Session. He is wondering whether the City Council would be open to meeting on dates other than its normal meeting schedule. He is available May 22, May 23, May 30 or May 31. He is also wondering whether the meeting could be held earlier in the day so that he can make the last flight out of Syracuse at 7:13 p.m.