



To: General Purposes Committee
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Re: Parking Revenue

Recommendation

1. THAT a contract for metered parking management services be awarded to EasyPark for a one year operating period
2. THAT the option of renewing the Easypark contract, and the City's equipment options under the contract, for a further four year period, be reviewed at the end of the one-year operating period
3. THAT staff report to Community Safety Committee, by November 30th, 2002, on the implications of having "parking enforcement services" provided, using City employees, and that Local 718 be invited to work with staff to develop the report and associated recommendations.
4. THAT CUPE 718 staff be used on a temporary full-time basis to enforce on-street time and permit parking infractions until such time as Council decides on a method for the provision of services, without prejudice to Council's future decision.

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Staff Report

ORIGIN

At the May 21, 2002 General Purposes Committee meeting, a report on parking revenue was received for consideration. Committee tabled the report for a 30 day period and asked for additional information from both the report author and CUPE Local 718 in time for the June 17, 2002 General Purposes meeting.

COMMENTARY

On May 29, 2002, management and the union met to discuss the direction of Council and how it could be achieved. Both parties recognized that Council faces some difficult time constraints and financial considerations in moving forward with the parking revenue project. Although staff and the union committed to address Committee's referral within 30 days, it has become apparent, as a consequence of a more detailed review of Committee's motion, that both staff and CUPE Local 718 will not be able to bring back meaningful information within the 30 day period.

Recognizing the importance of this decision to all stakeholders, both parties feel our mutual interests are best served by taking the time necessary to prepare a comprehensive joint report for Committee. To prepare such a report, given the complexity of the issues, will take approximately four months. Given the significant savings that accrue to the City as a consequence of an early award of the equipment contract, (the attached letters refer), we do not want to delay implementation of the program.

We agreed, therefore that we should report back to Committee as quickly as possible, with a recommendation that Council award the contract to EasyPark so as to get the advantage of the financial savings. In making this recommendation, both parties agree with the following supporting conditions:

- ❑ EasyPark, through Securiguard, would provide enforcement for "metered" services only. This would include items such as: coin collection, meter maintenance, ticket complaints and processing services. This includes areas which have meters both on and off-street for the recommended one year contract period;
- ❑ Securiguard is currently a non-union company. Should they, for any reason, become unionized during the one year operating period of the contract, there may be issues regarding union successorship rights which would have to be addressed by all parties. Staff's report for November will address this issue in more detail, as appropriate. This issue has no impact on this report's recommendations.
- ❑ On-street timed and permit parking areas will be serviced by CUPE 718 employees on a temporary full-time basis, until Council makes a decision on the method for delivery in November 2002, and until the end of the one year operating period.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Enforcement of timed, (non-metered or permit), on-street parking which was originally to be provided as part of the EasyPark contract proposal. Our mutual agreement to use City staff for this purpose, without prejudice to Council's later decision, will require hiring, equipping, and training additional temporary employees, which will take approximately two months. The delay for hiring and training, and the need for additional support equipment will have implications on our projected net revenues, estimated very roughly at \$81,000 per officer.

A total of eight officers for the entire project are required. At this time it is unknown how the total number of officers will be split between metered and street. The capital and operating outlay to accommodate the use of for the CUPE 718 staff will be dealt with internally through the Finance Department as "bridge financing".

CONCLUSION

Both management and the union recognize the benefits to the City of implementing the parking program. Therefore, we jointly recommend to Council that they adopt the recommendation presented, on the understanding that a jointly prepared report on enforcement services, will be presented to Council by the end of November 2002, for further consideration. The outcome of that decision will guide staff in preparing their recommendations to Council regarding the renewal of the contract at the end of the first operating period.



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