



## **Parking Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting 1/12/2022**

#### Minutes

Attendees: John Moor, Maggie Quinton, Jordan Model, William West, Mike Manzella, James Bonanno, Jill Potter, Barbara Krzak, Gene Dello

1. Roll Call

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Public Comment

Dan Sciannameo addressed the Parking Committee regarding his concerns with commercial vehicles parking along Asbury Avenue and in residential areas in general. As a resident of Asbury Avenue, he regularly experiences commercial vehicles parking along the residential roadway. He has informed the police on occasion and is interested in finding a solution that will remove the commercial vehicles from residential roadways to allow for residents to park. The Parking Committee made Mr. Sciannameo aware of the existing rules. No vehicle over 6,000 pounds or over 19 feet in length can be parked on a city roadway unless they are actively providing services.

4. Matters from the Director of Transportation

a. Launch of PayByPhone Mobile Application

The PayByPhone Mobile Parking Application was launched on December 6, 2021 and is available for use.

b. Monthly Parking Report

Staff presented the Parking Committee with the monthly Parking Report that illustrated December 2021's parking revenue was significantly higher than December 2020's revenue, and lower than December 2019's revenue. Similarly, 2021's total parking revenue was higher than revenue collected in 2020, and lower than 2019. The Committee requested future reports include dollar amounts for revenue as well as the percentage differences to help them better understand the changes in parking revenue.

Staff continued with the Review of Parking Meter Maintenance. The Committee was made aware that three parking meters are currently shut down for maintenance and that all

Parking Meters have had 5G modems installed and software upgraded to help with performance.

10.4% of parking tickets issued, or 263 in total were voided in the month of December. The largest reasons being Officer Error with 41.44% or 109 total, Subject Paid with 23.57% or 59 total, and Ticketed While Paying with 19.39% or 51 total. The Committee requested a table be added to the report comparing current statistics to that of previous months for a better understanding of progress being made. They also asked to be made aware of each occasion that enforcement is suspended.

Due to an incident during the month of December where a parking app was charging incorrect rates for parking, the Committee requested Staff review all parking rates of the parking meters and applications to ensure they are correct.

Staff informed the Committee that progress implementing the new parking enforcement and permit vendor continues and the launch of both systems is currently scheduled for mid-March 2022. New strategies are being discussed with the vendor to help lower the number of voided tickets each month and improve our overall parking enforcement.

## 5. Old Business

### a. End of Year Transportation Ordinance

Ordinance was adopted by the City Council at their December 8, 2021 Meeting.

### b. Handicap Parking

Staff presented the Parking Committee with a map showing the locations of all handicap spaces east of Main Street and the number of parking spaces recommended for each block by the Public Rights of Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG). Staff explained these numbers are recommendations only and the Parking Committee is free to use them as guidelines to help them determine what areas might need additional handicap spaces. After reviewing the map, the Committee requested Staff draft an additional map illustrating the number of handicap spaces needed on each block to meet the PROWAG recommendations. Staff was directed to send both of these maps and the discussion information to Committee members so they could review during the month of January for discussion at the Committee's February Meeting. This item was tabled until the Committee's February Meeting to give Committee members adequate time for review and consideration.

## 6. New Business

### a. VNA Parking Request

The Parking Committee was approached with a request to make reserved parking spots available to VNA staff. The Committee felt adequate parking is currently available along Fifth Avenue to meet the VNA's needs and reserved parking spots were not necessary.

b. Unofficial Reservation of Parking Spaces

Staff brought to the attention of the Committee that they have received complaints of unofficial reservations of parking space with the use of cones or other items. Residents are using household items to block on street parking spaces for their personal use. Committee members expressed they have this issue for themselves and feel it would be best to recommend an ordinance to the City Council declaring this to be unlawful. Staff was tasked with drafting the ordinance and presenting it to the Committee at their February meeting.

c. Commercial Vehicle Parking

Following the discussion with Mr. Sciannameo, The Committee expressed interest in learning how other Cities handle commercial vehicles and tasked Staff with reviewing other Cities' policies. The Parking Committee is aware of public concerns regarding commercial vehicles similar to those of Mr. Sciannameo but recognize there are residents who rely on commercial vehicles for everyday travel. The Committee tabled this discussion until February when they can review Staff's findings and discuss how to improve Asbury Park's commercial vehicle restrictions.

d. Sunset Drive

Ms. Potter suggested alternate side parking be considered for Sunset Drive. In her personal experience, many vehicles are moved from Sunset Avenue to Sunset Drive to avoid alternate side regulations on Sunset Avenue and are then left there for multiple days. This creates a difficult parking situation of residents of Sunset Drive. She explained that this situation was exasperated during the recent snow storm where cars remained snowed in on Sunset Drive and the snow plows were unable to clear the streets. Ms. Potter also brought to Staffs' attention some confusion among herself and other residents regarding notice that was distributed by the City regarding snow removal and alternate side parking. Staff understood the issue and will be more cognizant of it in the future. They will also work to make the snow removal and alternate side information on the City's webpage clearer. The Parking Committee was open to considering new alternate side parking regulations and requested Staff bring a map of existing alternate side parking regulations to the Committee's February meeting for discussion.

7. Adjournment