



Parking Advisory Committee

Meeting 2/2/2022

Minutes

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

1. Roll Call
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Public Comment
4. Matters from the Director of Transportation

- a. Monthly Parking Report

Staff presented the Parking Committee with the monthly Parking Report that illustrated January 2022's parking revenue was 14.64% higher than January 2021's revenue.

Staff continued with the Review of Parking Meter Maintenance. The Committee was made aware that nine parking meters are currently shut down for maintenance. Staff explained that three were having software issues caused by the software upgrade implemented in December. This issue is being addressed by IPS Group. Four meters need new batteries which will be installed before the end of the week and the final two are in need of additional maintenance which is being investigated.

9.18% of parking tickets issued, or 160 in total were voided in the month of January. The largest reasons being Officer Error with 42.14% or 67 total, Ticketed While Paying with 28.93% or 46 total, and Subject Paid with 16.98% or 27 total. The number of tickets voided decreased 1.22 % from December 2021 and is has steadily been decreasing since November 2021.

Staff informed the Committee that the new Parking Permit system was on schedule to be completed in March and the License Plate Reading Enforcement systems is scheduled to be installed on February 21, 2022.

- b. EV Charging Station Update

Staff provided the Parking Committee with an update on the progress of the City's three planned electric vehicle charging locations. Mattison Avenue's two electric vehicle charging stations were operating normally and allow for four vehicles to charge at once. Installation of two electric vehicle charging stations on Seventh Avenue adjacent to the intersection with Kingsley Street is scheduled to begin on Friday February 4, 2022. Weather permitting, installation is approximated to last for two to three weeks. Installation of two electric vehicle chargers along Springwood Avenue near the intersection of Union Avenue is currently under review by the City's Planning Department. Staff would have more information on their installation once the plans are approved.

5. Old Business

a. Handicap Parking

The Parking Committee discussed locations of existing handicap spaces throughout the City. The Committee felt the number of existing handicap spaces was adequate but was open to adding additional handicap spaces in some areas. Before recommending additional spaces, the Committee expressed a desire to remove the exemption from paying parking rates in handicap parking spaces in metered areas of the City. They discussed regulations in neighboring Cities and recognized that while some allow for free handicap parking others do not exempt them from metered parking regulations. The Parking Committee voted to recommend to the City Council that Handicap spaces in metered parking be required to pay for parking.

b. Unofficial Reservation of Parking Spaces

The Parking Committee reviewed a draft ordinance prohibiting the unofficial reservation of parking spaces within the City whether it be by physical objects, signage, or markings. The text of the ordinance was found to be appropriate and the Committee voted to recommend the ordinance to the City Council.

c. Commercial Vehicle Parking

Staff prepared a list of existing commercial vehicle regulations in neighboring Cities for the Parking Committee's review. The Parking Committee discussed the possibility of creating Commercial Vehicle Permits similar to what is in place in Long Branch. The intention of the permits is to encourage drivers of commercial vehicles to park off street in driveways or at their place of employment. The Parking Committee tabled this discussion and directed Staff prepare an outline of the City's current commercial vehicle regulations for the Committee's next meeting.

6. New Business

a. Alternate Side Parking

It was brought to the Committee's attention that the 400 and 500 blocks of Prospect Avenue are often not swept by the street cleaners and has issues with abandoned vehicles. After reviewing a map of the existing Alternate Side Parking regulations within the City, the Parking Committee recommended additional regulations be implemented along the 400 and 500 blocks of Prospect Avenue. The intention of these regulations is to keep this area

clean and to incentivize vehicles to be moved regularly lowering the frequency of vehicles being abandoned.

b. Employee Permit Parking on Summerfield Avenue

A request was made to the Parking Committee to discuss the possibility of allowing Employees Permit holders in the Central Business District to park along Bangs Avenue instead of Summerfield Avenue. The Parking Committee felt Summerfield Avenue was the appropriate location for Employee Permit Holders and anyone with security concerns is welcome to contact the police for an escort to their vehicle.

7. Adjournment