



## **Parking Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting 7/6/2022**

#### Minutes

Attendees: James Bonanno, Jill Potter, Gene Dello, Maggie Quinton, John Moor, Jordan Model

1. Roll Call
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Public Comment

Ms. Tassiello, a resident of Third Avenue made the Committee aware over the Fourth of July weekend many visitors to the city utilized Resident Permit Only parking spaces along Avenue and displaced residents. She asked that something be done to better define the spaces as Permit Only and to raise the penalty for utilizing these spaces. Mr. Dello concurred with Ms. Tassiello's statement and also felt that the fine for parking in these spaces without a permit should be raised. Staff informed Ms. Tassiello that Permit Only markings would be installed to better define the spaces.

4. Matters from the Director of Transportation
  - a. Residential Parking Permit Eligibility Ordinance

Staff reported the ordinance they recommended to City Council to edit the eligibility requirements for Residential Parking Permits passed at the June 22, 2022 City Council Meeting.

- b. Monthly Parking Report

Staff presented the Parking Committee with the monthly Parking Report that illustrated June 2022's parking revenue was 41.73% higher than June 2021's revenue.

Staff continued with the Review of Parking Meter Maintenance. The Committee was made aware that two parking meters are currently shut down for maintenance. Staff explained one is in need of a new card reader and the other is in need of a new main board. Both parts are in the mail and expected to be installed within the next few weeks. Staff and IPS Group are still working to rectify recurring bill reader issues but nearly all previous power issues have been rectified.

10.17% of parking tickets issued, or 851 in total were voided in the month of June. The largest reasons being Officer Error with 40.54% or 345 total, Duplicate Ticket with 12.57% or 107 total, Valid Permit Holder with 11.99% or 102 total, Ticketed While Paying with 10.93% or 93 total, 10.81% or 92 total due to User Error, and Subject Paid with 9.75% or 83 total. Staff made the Committee aware that they are still working to fix some errors within the system that are causing duplicate tickets to be issued as well as tickets issued to valid permit holders and people who paid for parking. Data is being recorded by the enforcement company and is working with staff and the parking application companies to find where the miscommunication and errors are occurring.

5. Old Business

6. New Business

a. Ticket Pricing

In response to public comments and Mr. Dello's concerns the Parking Committee discussed raising penalties for multiple parking offenses. In their opinion when metered rates were raised at the beginning of the year penalties should have also been raised to reflect the increased cost of parking. Committee members are concerned drivers would rather risk parking illegally and paying a fine because the cost is comparable to or lower than the cost of parking legally. Penalties for Overtime Parking, Improper Parking, Parking Prohibited, and Permit Only Designated Spaces were discussed. Members asked if rates could be raised on weekend or seasonally in the summer. Staff did not have this information available and offered to investigate the current penalties associated with these infractions, penalties issued in neighboring towns for similar infractions, and if penalties can vary depending on time of week or year. This discussion was tabled.

b. Credit Only Parking Meter Plan

Staff provided the Committee with a map of credit only parking meters and explained cash options are being removed from some parking meters that are in close proximity to another meter that provides cash options. This is to help cut down on repairs needed to bill readers in parking meters. Staff reminded members that about 1.5% of parking transactions during the month of June were cash transactions and that cash transactions have been becoming less popular for the past few years as is reflected in their monthly reports. Staff agreed with the removal of cash options at some stations but requested coin transactions still be kept in order to accommodate those who would like to pay less than a dollar for quick stops at downtown or waterfront businesses.

7. Adjournment