

Public Property & Safety Committee

August 1, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Jim Brey, Alderman Eric Sitkiewitz, Alderwoman Jill Hennessey, Alderman Tyler Martell

MEMBERS ABSENT: Alderman Scott McMeans

OTHERS PRESENT: City Engineer Val Mellon, Deputy City Engineer Greg Minikel, Janis Egan, Barry Nelson, Jim Van Sleet, Mike Van Sleet, Bryce Burtin, Todd Musial, Ken Katz, Connie Loden, Kim Geiser, Tony Fodden, Abby Garcia, Jamie Zastrow, John Stelzer, Mandi Behnke, Kelly Koepke, June Kramer, Ralph Kramer, Dennis Lippert, Chris Able, Nancy Boprey, John Jagemann, Barb Gelhauser, Pat Mecca, Tony Dick, Justin Nickels, Bridget Brennan.

Chairman Brey called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Alderman Sitkiewitz made a motion to approve the July 10, 2012 and July 16, 2012 minutes, Alderwoman Hennessey seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Presentation by City Engineering staff Val Mellon and Greg Minikel regarding angle parking in the downtown area.

Public comment session regarding parking in the downtown area:

John Jagemann, Court House Pub:	Concern of 1 hour time limit parking in the area of his restaurant. Has had very upset customers. Customers are rushed to eat.
Ralph Kramer, Book Store:	Referencing angle parking near County Jail, concerned that vehicles stick out into road too far.
Barry Nelson, next to Fat Seagull: Alderman Sitkiewitz:	Line marking question. Questioned if angle parking on one side of the street and parallel parking on the other side is feasible .
Business:	Washington St., east of 8 th , look at angle parking.
Acupuncture owner, 818 S. 8 th :	Heard from other business owners of concerns of 1hour limit. They would prefer no time limits.
Jim Van Sleet, Dempsey bldg:	Jim periodically counts 10 – 20 open parking spaces behind his building in the City parking lot. A thought of having a ticket/card to park in lot. Should have 100%

Kim, 314 N. 8 th :	usage in this lot. Consider using parking spaces in lot more efficiently. Before Kim purchased her property; she was informed the parking limits were not enforced. Would be difficult to sell her property now. Came home from swimming and had two tickets. No problem in Baraboo.
Mandy Behnke, Hair w/Flair:	Had no problem with parking when beginning business as there were no parking limitations. Customers are getting tickets now.
John Stelzer, York St.:	Some services last 3 hours. Suggest to consider metered parking.
Dr. Ken Katz, Dermatology:	18 employees at start of business, now 112, possibly in 2 years there will be 100+ more employees. Willing to work with the City regarding parking.
June Kramer, Book World:	Thank You for the opportunity of this meeting! Happy to see filled parking spots. Utilize existing parking spots. All work together on this. We are discouraging people to come downtown. Spaces are not individually owned spaces but are public spaces.
John Stelzer:	Encourage downtown business owners to acquire maps of parking areas and distribute parking information to their guests and customers.
Val Mellon:	Could display maps on the web.
Connie:	Issue is not knowing what limits to parking are. Is not clearly identified.
Alderwoman Hennessey:	Is it a statute to set parking limits and enforce them?
Mike Van Sleet:	A new office bldg may need more parking than we think it may require.
Jim Van Sleet:	If there are no restrictions, there will be complaints.
Hair business:	Why did parking restrictions start up again?
Chief Dick:	Have more help now (Interns). Law has always been there.
Alderman Martell:	Need a variety of limits.
Barry Nelson:	Need to support businesses and residences with parking.
Alderwoman Hennessey:	A thought at the committee level was to have 1 hr. parking on E/W streets and 2 hr parking on N/S streets.
Mandy:	Use meters.
Alderman Brey:	Meters have been gone for approximately 10 years.
Kim:	Figure out what is best for everyone. She sometimes does not move her vehicle for 4 days.

Abbey Garcia, 8th & York Res.: Prolong time limit. Have busses shuttle people a few blocks to businesses.

Jim Van Sleet: Suggests long term parking in the lot across from Library.

Mayor Nickels: Lot across from Library is already unlimited. The street adjacent to this lot is limited to 2 hrs.

Mike Van Sleet: People will go elsewhere if they don't have to think about restrictions.

Alderman Martell: Prefers N/S, E/W scenario. Employees park in lots and customers park on streets. Use a tag in vehicle to identify employees.

Jamie Zastrow: Many complaints regarding parking. Careful of what we ask for. Concern of inconsistency. Prefers angle parking. Have a liaison between city and downtown group.

Discussion ended.

There being no further business, Alderman Sitkiewitz made a motion to adjourn, and Alderwoman Hennessey seconded the motion. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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