

**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
ADVISORY PARKING COMMITTEE**

SPECIAL MEETING

VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 2020, 8:00 A.M.

Zoom Meeting

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1. ROLL CALL
2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS
3. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY – MAY 6, 2020
4. MASTER PLAN SUMMARY – COMMITTEE COMMENTS
5. NEXT MEETING: TBD

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Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access
Friday, May 15, 2020

MINUTES

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") special meeting held on Friday, May 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:06 a.m. by Chairman Al Vaitas.

1. Rollcall

Present: Chairman Al Vaitas
Vice-Chairwoman Gayle Champagne (arrived at 9:12 a.m.)
Richard Astrein
Michael Horowitz
Steven Kalczynski
Lisa Krueger
Lisa Silverman

Absent: Anne Honhart
Judith Paskiewicz
Jennifer Yert

SP+ Parking: Catherine Burch
Sara Dixon
Jay O'Dell

Administration: Tiffany Gunter, Asst. City Manager
Jana Ecker, Planning Director
Laura Eichenhorn, Transcriptionist

2. Recognition Of Guests

None.

3. Approval of the February 5, 2020 Minutes

Motion by Mr. Astrein

Seconded by Ms. Krueger to approve the minutes of the regular APC meeting of February 5, 2020 as submitted.

Motion carried, 4-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Astrein, Krueger, Silverman, Vaitas

Nays: None

Abstain: Horowitz, Kalczynski

4. Parking Deck Repair and Rehabilitation Projects

ACM Gunter and Derek Vetor from DRV reviewed the item.

After a few clarification questions, the APC determined it would be appropriate to move forward with the suggested recommendations.

Motion by Mr. Astrein

Seconded by Ms. Champagne to recommend that the City Commission amend the existing agreement with DRV Contractors to complete repair and rehabilitation projects in the five City parking decks as detailed in the May 2020 cost proposal for an amount not to exceed \$506,980 and to recommend that the City Commission amend the existing agreement with WJE Engineers and Architects, P.C. to provide project oversight for the projects outlined in the DRV proposal dated May 2020 for an amount not to exceed \$54,467.

Motion carried, 7-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Astrein, Champagne, Vaitas, Horowitz, Kalczynski, Krueger, Silverman

Nays: None

5. Hunter House Update

In reply to Planning Director Ecker, ACM Gunter explained that Chairman Vaitas wanted an overview of the planned development at the Hunter House location and its potential impact on parking.

Planning Director Ecker reviewed the planned development at the Hunter House location. She explained that the Hunter House has been offered restaurant space in the new development, and approximately 14 parking spots for their customers both underground and at grade. She explained that the development is in the Parking Assessment District, which means the owner is not required to provide any parking for commercial uses onsite. They are required to provide parking for any residential units in the building, and the development plans contain parking spaces in excess of what would be required. The developer would need to enter into a lease with the City for the northwest parcel, which the City owns. They would need to lease the surface rights, the subsurface rights, and for the air rights above that northwest parcel. There will also be on street parking for the development on Park Street, which will be developed in accordance with the City's plans for Park Street.

6. City Master Plan Comments

Planning Director Ecker explained that the City seeks comment from the APC as a committee regarding any parts of the draft master plan that fall under the purview of, or are affected by, the APC's jurisdiction.

ACM Gunter recommended to Chairman Vaitas that APC members email her any comments they have on the draft master plan by May 26, 2020. She said she would provide all the APC members with the draft master plan and the available summary document for their review in advance of May 26, 2020. She said she would then compile those comments and provide them to the APC with their next agenda, sorted by topic, so they could discuss and review the comments.

Chairman Vaitas said he was in support of ACM Gunter's recommendation and asked her to proceed accordingly.

7. Next Meeting: June 3, 2020 @ 9:00 a.m.

8. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

Assistant City Manager Tiffany Gunter



MEMORANDUM

Office of the City Manager

DATE: June 3, 2020

TO: Advisory Parking Committee

FROM: Tiffany J. Gunter, Assistant City Manager

SUBJECT: Master Plan Summary – Committee Comments

At the May 2020 APC meeting, it was agreed that committee members would submit comments regarding the City's Master Plan to staff and staff would aggregate those comments to help guide the discussion for the June meeting. Staff assembled the following table and shared with committee members that highlighted any portions of the draft master plan document that were parking related:

Master Plan Summary Document – Cheat Sheet
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