

City of Birmingham
Advisory Parking Committee
Regular Meeting

Held Remotely Via Zoom And Telephone Access
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on Wednesday, March 3, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m. by Chair Al Vaitas.

1. Rollcall

Present: Chair Al Vaitas
Vice Chair Richard Astrein
Aaron Black
Steven Kalczynski
Mary-Claire Petcoff
Lisa Silverman
Jennifer Yert

(all members were located in Birmingham, MI except Mr. Astrein, who was located in Huntington Woods, MI, and Chair Vaitas, who was in Bloomfield Hills, MI.)

Absent: Anne Honhart
Lisa Krueger
Judith Paskiewicz

SP+ Parking: Catherine Burch
Sarah Burton
Jay O'Dell

Administration: Scott Grewe, Police Operations Commander
Mike Albrecht, Police Commander
Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

2. Introductions

The APC welcomed new members Marie-Claire Petcoff and Aaron Black.

3. Review of the Agenda

No changes.

4. Approval Of Minutes: Meeting Of December 2, 2020

Motion by Mr. Astrein

Seconded by Ms. Yert to approve the minutes of the regular APC meeting of December 2, 2020 as submitted.

Motion carried, 4-0.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Yeas: Astrein, Yert, Vaitas, Kalczynski

Nays: None

Abstain: Black, Silverman, Petcoff

5. Free Parking Extension

Ops. Cmdr. Grewe presented the item.

Mr. Kalczynski asked if the City had considered temporarily closing some of the parking structures and leaving some open, or if the City had considered charging for Pierce since it is the most frequently used structure and leaving the other structures with complimentary parking for the time being.

Ops. Cmdr. Grewe said that even though the structures were being used less frequently, they were all being used equally, making both of the aforementioned options potentially unfair in his estimation.

Mr. Astrein estimated that daytime traffic around the City's downtown, including foot traffic, parking, and going to businesses or restaurants, is at about 65%. He noted that on-street parking is generally available right now, which also indicates the current lower demand on parking.

Motion by Mr. Kalczynski

Seconded by Mr. Black to approve the continuation of free parking in all structures June 30, 2021 and to resume charging for parking in the structures on July 1, 2021.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Yeas: Kalczynski, Black, Silverman, Vaitas, Petcoff, Yert, Astrein

Nays: None

6. Meeting Open to the Public for items not on the Agenda

7. Miscellaneous Communications

Mr. Kalczynski said it would be good for the APC to see the job description for the Parking Manager position once it becomes available from the City's Human Resources Department.

Op. Cmdr. Grewe said he would provide the APC with that description once it is available.

a. Status of Permit Renewals

Op. Cmdr. Grewe reviewed the item.

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8. Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 7, 2021
9. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.

Patrol Commander Scott Grewe

APPROVED