

**Birmingham City Commission
Special Meeting Minutes
Workshop
Monday, September 12, 2022
6:00 p.m.**

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Workshop Session

This will be considered a workshop session of the City Commission. No formal actions will be taken. The purpose of this workshop is to participate in a discussion regarding parking.

I. Call to Order

Therese Longe, Mayor

II. Roll Call

Alexandria Bingham, City Clerk, called the roll.

Present: Mayor Longe
Mayor Pro Tem Boutros
Commissioner Baller
Commissioner Haig
Commissioner Host
Commissioner McLain
Commissioner Schafer

Absent: None

Administration: City Clerk Bingham, Senior Planner Cowan, Assistant City Manager Ecker, City Attorney Kucharek, City Manager Markus

III. Presentation & Discussion

CM Markus introduced the workshop. ACM Ecker presented and answered informational questions from the Commission.

Commissioner Baller said that if the City nears 100% occupancy on a regular basis in the future, the City should consider building additional parking decks.

MPT Boutros replied to Commissioner Baller, noting that a number of changing circumstances could result in less parking demand in the future as well.

CM Markus concurred with MPT Boutros, noting that a further period of observation would likely be required to determine whether the demand for parking will increase or decrease.

Commissioner McLain noted for the public that the City could not charge impact fees on new development because impact fees are not legal in Michigan.

In reply to Commissioner Host, ACM Ecker said she could look at past years to determine what percentage of the parking user fees are spent on maintenance.

In reply to Commissioner Host, ACM Ecker and CA Kucharek stated that the floor-area ratio is unrelated to parking requirements, the parking system, and how the parking system is paid for.

In reply to Commissioner Baller, CM Markus stated that City fees are reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that fees are in line with costs. He explained that the hiring of a parking manager was done to allow the City to manage the parking system more holistically than in the past.

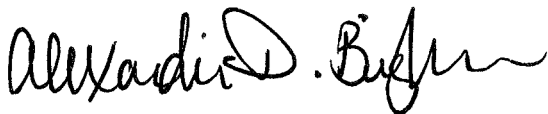
IV. Public Comment

Paul Reagan expressed skepticism that the parking provided in the PAD could have anticipated the current development of the lots within the PAD, since the zoning of some of the lots changed in the intervening years.

CM Markus reiterated a point from ACM Ecker's presentation that the planning of the PAD imagined potential full development on each of the included lots in order to calculate the parking required.

V. Adjourn

Mayor Longe adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.



Alexandria Bingham
City Clerk



Laura Eichenhorn
City Transcriptionist