



Parking Advisory Committee Meeting 05/05/2021

Minutes

Attendees: Mike Manzella, James Bonanno, Gene Dello, Jill Potter, William West, John Moor, Jordan Modell, Maggie Quinton, Barbara Krzak

1. Roll Call

2. Salute to the Flag

3. Public Comment

Ernest Mignolli

Mr. Mignolli expressed concerns regarding parking enforcement.

Maria Tassiello

Ms. Tassiello, a resident of Third Avenue spoke to the Parking Committee about the difficulties she has experienced parking on Third Avenue. She explained that summer tourism makes parking near her home difficult and she does not believe the recent change to metered parking on Third Avenue will improve the situation. She urged the Parking Committee to consider recommending the road become residential permit parking only.

Staff made the Committee aware of a survey that was taken in the summer of 2019 of residents of Third Avenue's 300 and 400 blocks. The survey results were strongly in favor of some form of permitting to help provide parking for residents but the results were not conclusive of what form of permitting was preferred.

The Parking Committee recalled discussing this at a previous meeting and stated they recommended metered parking due to Third Avenue's proximity to the beach and Asbury Avenue. They would however be open to re-opening the discussion and looking at other solutions. The Committee directed Staff to include this topic on their June Meeting Agenda.

4. Matters from the Director of Transportation

a. Looking for a new Parking Permit Vendor

Staff is continuing to investigate new options for Parking Permit Vendors as well as License Plate Reading (LPR) Enforcement. The current LPR Enforcement used by the City has been experiencing frequent outages causing the Police Department to mistakenly issue tickets to

residents and visitors who have purchased parking. Staff will keep the Parking Committee updated as they continue to look for new vendors.

b. Metered Parking on Main Street

The Parking Committee requested an update on the City's progress implementing metered parking to Main Street. Staff informed the Committee they are still waiting for guidance from NJDOT and will update the Committee upon receiving their response.

5. Old Business

a. Extended Vehicle Parking

At their April 7, 2021 meeting the Parking Committee discussed the growing issue of vehicles being left unattended for months at a time over the winter season. The Committee was concerned that these vehicles are interrupting street cleaning and occupying parking that could be utilized by city residents and visitors. Staff presented the Committee with a draft ordinance that would classify vehicles occupying the same location for over thirty days as abandoned and allow the police department to take action to post notice and have the vehicle moved or towed if necessary.

The Parking Committee was in favor of the ordinance as drafted and recommended it to the City Council for adoption.

b. Main Street Re-Construction

The Parking Committee asked for an update on the re-construction of Main Street (SR-71). Staff informed the Committee the paving and striping of the road is scheduled to be completed before the end of the week and the entire project will be completed by Memorial Day.

c. Fisherman's Lot

Staff informed the Parking Committee their recommendation for three (3) hour parking in Fisherman's Lot was adopted by the City Council and signage has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

6. New Business

a. Municipal Parking Lot Re-Organization

Staff directed the Committee's attention to growing concerns regarding the Municipal Parking Lot and the difficulty residents and visitors are having finding parking in the lot. Staff made the Committee aware that patrons and employees of other businesses in town daily utilize the free parking in the Municipal Hall Lot limiting parking availability for people trying to access the municipal complex for court, tax, and other government services. Staff requested the Parking Committee discuss possible solutions that will help provide parking and easier access for residents and visitors to City services at Municipal Hall.

The Parking Committee weighed the benefits of employing free, metered, and time limited parking strategies in the municipal lot. It is their recommendation that a two (2) hour parking limit be implemented in order to encourage vehicle circulation and provide more

available free spaces for people to access government services. The Parking Committee directed Staff to draft an ordinance and present it to the City Council.

7. Adjournment