



Parking Advisory Committee Meeting 06/02/2021

Minutes

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

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 expressed parking difficulties experienced by Third Avenue residents and her belief these difficulties will be exacerbated by the upcoming change to metered parking. She requests parking be managed through the use of residential permit parking instead of meters.

4. Matters from the Director of Transportation

5. Old Business

a. Extended Vehicle Parking Ordinance

Staff made the Committee aware that an Ordinance intended to designate vehicles parked without moving for thirty days or more will be considered an abandoned vehicle is scheduled to be introduced at the June 23, 2021 City Council Meeting. This will allow Police officers to contact the owner of the vehicle to have it moved or tow the vehicle if the owner fails to move the vehicle after being notified.

b. Municipal Parking Lot Re-Organization

After discussions with the City Manager staff feels it would be best to postpone any implementation of time limited parking in the City Hall Municipal Parking Lot. Before any changes are made, an attempt should be made to clarify existing signage and better communicate to the public that the City Hall Parking Lot is for use of City Hall services only. The Committee agreed and tabled the City Hall Municipal Parking Lot discussion.

6. New Business

a. Gtechna Permitting and LPR Systems

Jason Casimir of Gtechna presented Parking Permit and License Plate Reading Enforcement solutions that are offered by Gtechna. After the presentation the Committee was given the opportunity to ask questions of Mr. Casimir.

Ms. Quinton asked if the system could be configured for daily permits if the City ever chose to issue them. Mr. Casimir assured her that the system can issue daily permits and can even set limit son the number of daily or guest permits people are able to purchase. Ms. Potter asked if all permitting features Mr. Casimir explained were included in or if they were options the City would have to purchase separately. Mr. Casimir responded that all the featured he discussed were previously discussed with staff and the only one not currently included was technology used to catch those who avoid paying tickets. The reason for this being that staff did not see this as something the City of Asbury Park needs at this time due to the city's high ticket payment compliance. Ms. Quinton inquired as to who is responsible for configuring and modifying the permitting system. Ms. Casimir informed the Committee that City Staff will have the ability to configure and modify the permitting system anyway they like and Gtechna will provide technical support and assistance.

The Committee thanked Mr. Casimir for his time and for his informative presentation.

b. Third Avenue Permit Parking

The Parking Committee revisited their conversation from the previous meeting regarding parking on Third Avenue. The Eastern portion of Third Avenue is to become metered parking as the result of an ordinance passed by the City Council at the Parking Committee's recommendation. A survey had been conducted to assist the Parking Committee in their decision to manage parking on Third Avenue but recent residential testimonial has brought new concerns to the Committee's attention.

Ms. Potter stated she is in favor of recommending parking along Third Avenue be or managed in similar fashion to Fourth Avenue which allows residential permit only parking on one side and either metered or unregulated parking on the other. Being that the Committee's previous decision was based on surveys Mr. West felt it might be best to continue with metering Third Avenue as planned and evaluating the results to if and what changes need to be made.

The Parking Committee directed Staff to revisit the survey results and provide any and all information regarding the surveys and previous Third Avenue discussions at the July Parking Committee Meeting so the Committee can review. This topic was tabled until the July 7, 2021 meeting.

c. Reservation of Parking Spaces

The Parking Committee asked Staff to describe the process for the reservation of parking spaces. Staff elaborated that anyone interested in reserving parking for loading/unloading, special events, and other commercial purposes must apply on the city website. Applications must be submitted a minimum of five business days in advance, be reviewed by the Parking Office and if approved pay a fee based on the location and the number of hours or days being reserved.

d. Private Surface Parking Lots

Ms. Quinton raised concerns regarding the surface parking lots managed by LAZ Parking and the fluctuation in their parking rates. After some discussion the Parking Committee requested Staff review and provide any and all agreements between the City of Asbury Park and LAZ Parking at the Parking Committee's July 7, 2021 meeting. This discussion was tabled until the July 7, 2021 meeting.

7. Adjournment