



## **Parking Advisory Committee**

### **Meeting 6/7/2023**

#### Minutes

Attendees: James Bonanno, William West, Eugene Dello, John Moor, Jill Potter, Craig Dipaola

1. Roll Call
2. Salute to the Flag
3. Public Comment

Ms. Samantha Schuster

Expressed concerns regarding Annual Residential Parking Permits. Specifically, she requested the cost of a permit be pro-rated to earlier as it is her opinion residents receiving permits during the summer months should not have to pay for a full year of permitting. Staff informed her that the current ordinance states Residential Permits will be pro-rated 50% as of September first but there is no mechanism or ordinance in place at the moment to pro-rate permits further. A new ordinance would have to be adopted by City Council to make this adjustment. The Parking Committee was not in favor or recommending this change to the City Council.

Mr. Gary Mastriano

Expressed concerns with parking enforcement along Fifth Avenue. He feels enforcement along Fifth Avenue is too infrequent and many visitors are parking in the permit only spaces without being ticketed. Detective Dello assured him enforcement was taking place. Staff stated an internal discussion would be had with Parking Enforcement to ensure Fifth Avenue and other permit only area are enforced frequently.

Mr. Mastriano also made the Committee aware of his concerns with meter and permit parking signage. In his opinion, parking spaces should be designated as different colors with paint to show who is permitted to park there. Staff had concerns with costs and possible driver confusion but was asked to investigate this strategy the Committee.

Finally, Mr. Mastriano recommended the Committee add Resident Permit Only parking to the south side of Fifth Avenue between Bergh Street and Heck Street as it already exists between Grand Avenue and Heck Street.

Mr. Michael Bagarozza

Requested the Parking Committee allow him to purchase an employee parking permit for his commercial vehicle. He stated he is not a resident of Asbury Park nor is his business based in the city but he does a significant amount of business in the city and parking fees are having a negative effect on his business. Staff explained that Employee Permits are only available to businesses within the city limits and their employees by ordinance. A new ordinance would have to be recommended to City Council to allow Mr. Bagarozza to receive a permit. The Parking Committee was not in favor of recommending this change to the City Council.

Ms. Mar McMahan

Asked the Parking Committee and Staff questions regarding Residential Permits such as situations with shared driveways, guests, and permitting zones and applications. Staff answered Ms. McMahan's questions and recommended she reach out to the Parking Office or visit the City website for additional information.

#### 4. Matters from the Director of Transportation

##### a. Monthly Parking Report

Staff presented the Parking Committee with the monthly Parking Report that illustrated May 2023's parking revenue was 0.87% higher than April 2022's revenue.

Staff continued with the Review of Parking Meter Maintenance. The Committee was made aware that all parking meters are operational and zero are unavailable or inactive.

8.8% of parking tickets issued, or 438 in total were voided in the month of May. The largest reasons being Officer Adjusted with 50.23%, Ticketed While Paying with 17.35, Duplicate Ticket with 13.47%, 10.96% due to User Error, One Time Courtesy with 4.79%, Subject Paid with 1.83%, and 1.37% to valid permit holders.

In the month of May, the Mattison Avenue charging station had an average of 29.16 hours of utilization and 140.93 kWh dispersed per day, the Seventh Avenue charging station had an average of 16.57 hours of utilization and 76.36 kWh dispersed per day, and the Springwood Avenue charging station had an average of 1.12 hours of utilization and 6.35 kWh dispersed per day. Mattison Avenue exceeded utilization goals while Seventh Avenue exceeded goals for utilization but fell short of energy dispersed. The Springwood Avenue fell short of meeting both utilization goals.

Staff made the Committee aware their recommendation to the City Council to adjust the traffic pattern along Sunset Drive to one-way westbound has been introduced as an ordinance by the City Council and will be vote on at the June 14, 2023 Meeting.

#### 5. Old Business

##### a. Detective Dello suggested the Committee investigate a one-way southbound traffic pattern along Atkins Avenue between Springwood Avenue and the Neptune Border. He cited

narrow travel lanes, high demand for parking, an active bus route, as well as crime statistics as reasons to support the change. Staff was asked to investigate the effects this change would have on the traffic pattern and surrounding neighborhood.

## 6. New Business

### a. 15 Min Parking Spaces and Safety Sticks

Staff informed the Committee that businesses along Cookman Avenue and Main Street have expressed a desire for additional 15-minute parking limited spaces. The Committee was presented with a map of existing and proposed 15-minute parking limited spaces for their review. The Committee was of the opinion that the existing 15-minute spaces along Cookman Avenue were sufficient but two new spaces in the Transportation Center lot may be useful for businesses along Main Street who lost all available parking around their businesses during the Main Street Reconstruction and Road Diet Project that was completed in 2022.

Staff also presented the Committee with Safety Sticks which are designed to enforce time limited parking spaces. Detective Dello was confident in the Parking Enforcement's ability to properly and regularly monitor the existing spaces and felt the Safety Sticks were not necessary. The Committee agreed.

## 7. Adjournment