

PARKING COMMITTEE MEETING
9:00 AM –Thursday, January 10, 2008
City Hall – Conference Room A

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I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ken Smith called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Councilor Ken Smith, Chair
John Bohenko, City Manager
Deputy Police Chief Len DiSesa
Jon Frederick, Parking Manager
Andrew Purgiel, City Auditor

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

MOTION made by City Manager John Bohenko to accept the minutes of the December 13, 2007 meeting. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

(A) **Residential Parking Program** – Jon Frederick presented the committee with some ideas for discussion regarding a residential parking program for residents of the City. The City Manager suggested one universal pass that police can enforce. There was discussion whether or not to schedule a public hearing inviting the neighborhood groups, put out a press release, to gather their thoughts, and present them with the pros and cons. Steve Parkinson suggested going to the neighborhoods monthly meetings. The Chair suggested that he and Jon Frederick attend the neighborhood meetings and then have a public meeting (call in an informational gathering). Steve Parkinson suggested at this time, doing it on a neighborhood by neighborhood basis. The City Manager suggested the Friends of the South End first. Steve Parkinson suggested preparing a simple questionnaire, send it to the Chairpersons of the Neighborhood Committees for distribution to the members, collect it back. We can then compile the responses, go back to that neighborhood, explain the pros and cons. The City Manager asked Jon Frederick to work with Nancy Carmer.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- (A) **Towing from “No Parking” Areas – Recommended Ordinance Change** - This originated from a complaint from a South End resident that a vehicle was parked, getting tickets, paying the tickets and continued parking. Jon Frederick suggested establishing a tow zone for this area. In looking at the Ordinance there is nothing in the “No Parking” section that allows us per Ordinance to tow vehicles from a “No Parking” zone. The Legal Dept. recommended that we recommend an Ordinance change to City Council to allow enforcement by towing in “No Parking” zones.

MOTION made by City Manager to recommend to the City Council a change in the “No Parking” section of the Ordinance that “Parking shall be prohibited at all times in the following described streets and location. Any vehicle or object in a “No Parking” area may be ticketed and towed at the direction of the Chief of Police or the Public Works Director” or similar wording and effect as determined appropriate by the Legal Department. Seconded by Steve Parkinson. Motion passed.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS:

- (A) **Reverse 911** – The City Manager spoke with the Deputy Police Chief regarding instituting a reverse 911. We have 766-SNOW, website, Channel 22 with code red, if it’s a red screen then get off the street. A yellow screen means warning. Steve Parkinson added every newspaper, radio and TV stations.
- The City Manager stated the reverse 911 is in the capital plan which gives the ability to program sections of the City, snow removal message can be shown, at the end say “if you don’t want to receive these snow emergency messages, please contact or e-mail” and we can set up a system for this.
- The Chair stated that you can get text messages from the website.
- The City Manager suggested looking at this, we have a list for the City Newsletter and use this as part of our communication.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Respectfully submitted
Elaine E. Boucas, Secretary