

Parking Committee

The Parking Committee met on July 24, 2024 at 5:30 PM. In attendance were Committee members Alderman Barbagallo, Alderman McCann and Alderman McClure, DPW Commissioner Protivansky, and Chief Kilkullen, Mayor Doenges, President Talbot, City Attorney LaChance, Tom Franzoni, Officer Rossarrio and Hal Issente.

Discussion was had about parking at a broken meter. (See attached sheets for language changes) Even though the meter may be broken, it is still the responsibility of the individual to pay to park. In this case mobile app can be used as an alternative. If the individual cannot use the mobile app. it is still their responsibility to pay by contacting the city treasurer's office and making arrangements to pay. Tom Franzoni reported broken meters are not as much of a problem now that 90% of the meters and Kiosks have been changed. He is checking them every day, Monday through Friday, and also responds to reports of broken meters quickly. If a broken meter is found, and cannot be repaired quickly, a bag may be placed over the meter to warn people. A motion was made to adopt the language changes to the ordinance, section ROR 27-4707 and ROR 27-4708 as presented. Motion passed 5-0 and I so move.

Next was discussed was the new parking ban on greenbelt space. Currently this new ordinance is being warned and will go into effect shortly. The problem is we have not set a fine for parking on the green belt. Attorney LaChance stated that under current law, the find would be only at the lowest setting, that being \$10. A discussion was had about raising the fine to somewhere between \$30 and \$50. Chief Kilkullen suggested a \$30 fine to start off with. I felt it should be at \$50, the same as the winter parking ban. It was decided to send this to Charter and Ordinance. A motion was made to send a recommendation to Charter and Ordinance to review ROR 27-5201 to establish a fine for parking on the greenbelt and to set the amount of that fine. Motion passed 5-0.

Next up was a discussion to complete the meter replacement project. Discussion was had to move a Kiosk to the Wales St. Parking lot and move the meters currently in this area up to Court St. It was also discussed making Justice Square, (the State St. Parking lot), Park Mobile App only. This area is to be rebuilt in the near future and would save money. Also there are metered spaces close enough that those choosing not to use Mobile APP. could park at a nearby meter. Also meters are to be installed on the South side of Madison St. near the corner of River St. and also in front of the West St. Grill after completion of the route 4 repaving project.

A motion was made to allow Commissioner Protivansky, using his discretion, to use the remaining assigned ARPA funds of \$39,933 to complete this project. The commissioner state he felt this hopefully would be enough money to complete the project. The motion passed 5-0 and I so move. Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.