



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ald. Wynne, Ald. Revelle, T. Dubin, Ald. Fleming & B. J. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT: A. Añón, L. Young

STAFF PRESENT: Parking Manager Jill Velan, Management Analyst James Hurley

PRESIDING MEMBER: Ald. Wynne

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Ald. Wynne declared a quorum at 6:02 P.M.

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 29, 2018

Item 1

Motion to approve made by B.J. Miller and seconded by T. Dubin

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously 5-0.

4. Garden Park Parking Restrictions- Discussion with Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Board (No enclosure)

Removed from the agenda

5. Taxicab Stands on the 400 Block of Howard - Introduction

Alderman Rainey starts of the conversation by mentioning that the City doesn't regulate taxicabs anymore. She also mentions the difficulty that the cab stand causes public transit busses and the excess litter generated by the taxicab drivers. She states that that there is no other parking along this stretch and that the cabs should look to park on the City of Chicago side of Howard.

Alderman Fleming mentions a different cab stand by the Davis train station that she thinks could also be removed.

Alderman Wynne asks about the cabstands by the Orrington Hotel.

Parking Manager Jill Velan states that the City needs to look at changing all existing cab stands into loading zones.

Item 2

**Motion to remove cab stands made by Alderman Fleming and seconded by B. J. Miller
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0.**

6. Comprehensive Parking System Analysis - Action

Parking Manager Jill Velan goes over the previous attempt from staff to conduct a comprehensive analysis. Due to various budgetary reasons the analysis could not be completed earlier this year, however, the desire for a comprehensive analysis hasn't gone away and the request has been brought back by request.

Alderman Fleming talks about how the current piecemeal approach isn't really working. She talked about making sure that the southern part of Evanston isn't neglected and she brings up that the study was already a part of the 2018 budget so funding should already exist.

Aldermen Revelle and Wynne both bring up current budget concerns and also bring up that the Parking Fund reserves aren't as strong as they have been as a result.

Alderman Wynne said that we should wait to see how the 2019 budget looks before moving forward.

Alderman Fleming reiterates that this was already budgeted for in 2018 so the City should be able to still accomplish.

Alderman Revelle stated the reason a comprehensive analysis wasn't done earlier this year was due to budget concerns.

Alderman Fleming asked for staff to bring a summary of proposed parking changes.

The conversation then went towards the actual study itself, T. Dubin if \$100,000 was a realistic number for this type of study.

J. Velan stated based on her experience that the proposed amount was a conservative amount.

Alderman Fleming stated that Divvy stations were approved last month with the same financial restraints.

Alderman Wynne stated that the vote to pass was very close and it was known that revenue from the Divvy stations would start to be generated within 6 months.

Item 3

Motion to move forward with a RFP to conduct a Comprehensive Parking Study was made by Alderman Fleming and seconded by T. Dubin

A vote was called and taken. Motion denied 2-3. (Yay – Ald. Fleming, T. Dubin / Nay – Ald. Wynne, Ald. Revelle, B.J. Miller)

7. Parking System Pilot Programs

Parking Manager Jill Velan stated that it has been known for a while that some of the parking signage on the streets doesn't match the city code. Last year the committee passed an ordinance to use past practices with the thought that a comprehensive study would happen in 2018. The study as we know didn't happen this year so we still need to codify what signage is on the streets. The plan is to still use past practices to come up with an ordinance to take to council at the 10/8/2018 meeting.

For the 10/22/2018 council the plan is to bring a few items:

1900 Maple: One side of the street has 2 hour parking and the other side (east side) there is no restriction. The businesses in the area are asking that the parking be the same on both sides with a 2 hour limit on both sides of the street.

T. Dubin stated that she used to frequent this stop and a lot of commuters use this area instead of the downtown garages due to the added cost of the garage. She then asked about prorated amounts for renting a space at any of the downtown garages.

J. Velan stated that there is discounted parking on the roof of the Maple Garage which is closest to this area.

Lot 23 (Dempster and Elmwood)

This falls into some pilot programs that Parking would like to try in the Dempster/Elmwood area. Parking would look to set up a pilot program sell daytime permits for employees of businesses in the area.

Alderman Fleming asks about the businesses on Main St.

J. Velan stated we could extend this to Main, however, at this time for the pilot we'd focus around lot 23.

Alderman Wynne brought up how the system would work with part time employees, would the daytime business permit be transferrable?

J. Velan this is something that we are looking at, we are also looking at potential garage discounts for employees based on income. We would also look to potentially extend this to street parking in the area around Lot 23. We could also look to use the Park Evanston App to charge for parking on residential streets (without pay stations). We'd be looking at a 6 month pilot.

The committee discussed the boundaries for the pilot program:

North: Greenwood

South: Crain

East: Train Tracks

West: Elmwood

Item 3

Motion to move create and implement a 6 month parking pilot program in the Dempster and Elmwood area (boundaries listed above) around lot 23 made by Alderman Revelle and seconded by T. Dubin

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0.

Item 4

Motion to approve codification of signage for residential permit districts by B. J. Millerand seconded by Alderman Revelle

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed 5-0.

8. Parking Lot 5 – Update

J. Velan stated we are looking to start charging for parking in Lot 5 (near Twiggs Park). We have a lease with MWRD currently and we would need to split revenue with them. We are in the process in figuring out how to proceed and we will come back to the committee later with more information.

9. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by B. J. Miller seconded by T. Dubin at 7:04 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously.

The next Committee Meeting is October 24, 2018.