



**TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, November 28, 2018 6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.  
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center, Evanston, IL 60201  
Room 2404

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ald. Wynne, T. Dubin, Ald. Revelle, B. J. Miller, L. Young

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ald. Fleming, A. Añón

**STAFF PRESENT:** Parking Manager Jill Velan, Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau Chief Laura Biggs, Senior Project Manager Rajeev Dahal

**PRESIDING MEMBER:** Ald. Wynne

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**1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum**

Chairman Ald. Wynne declared a quorum at 6:35 P.M.

**2. Citizen Comments**

Dan Joseph gave updates on both the 213 and 206 bus routes. He talked about how the signage on the 213 route is lacking on CTA's end.

Bianca Catilano and Kathleen Smith (owners of Spenga) – talked about the overnight parking ban near their studio and how it affects classes that begin as early as 5:30 am 3 times a week. They mention that the overnight restrictions were changed for other gyms and are hoping that the times can be adjusted around their business.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of October 24, 2018**

**Item 1**

**Motion to approve made by Alderman B. J. Miller and seconded by T. Dubin  
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously 4-0.**

**4. Downtown Overnight Parking Restrictions - Discussion**

Parking Manager Jill Velan discussed the current overnight parking restriction and why they are in place. Currently staff does need to review the city code as there are areas where the restrictions are not consistent. With this review she is also looking for direction to come up with a more comprehensive plan for overnight restriction in the downtown area. Jill has had some discussions about a 2 am – 5 am restriction (a change from the current 3 am – 6 am in most areas) but the last minute nature of this request didn't allow enough research time.

Alderman Wynne talked about how previous changes came about and how there was push back in the past as Public Works needs to make sure they have enough time to service the area. She suggested putting a temporary ban on writing these types of tickets around Spenga until more research could be done in advance of the next meeting in January.

#### **5. Commercial Loading Zone Policy - Discussion**

Parking Manager Jill Velan brings up the increase in recent requests and needs direction in coming up with a comprehensive plan for commercial loading zones. She thinks the process should either be an administrative one or a policy where loading zones are pre-determined for each street. Jill also suggests that we could use the way that Reserved Handicap Spaces (W-Spaces) are approved as a guide to how loading zone requests could be handled.

Senior Project Manager Rajeev Dahal brings up how the residential loading zone process could also use an overhaul and be included in this process.

Alderman Wynne states that staff should come up with a process and bring it back to a future meeting.

#### **6. 717 Howard Lot - Discussion**

Parking Manager Jill Velan leads off the discussion letting the committee know that Alderman Ann Rainey could not make it to the meeting but what she is looking for is to split the cost of the development between the Parking Fund and the Howard & Ridge Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

Jill states that this is not currently in the budget and a question was asked about if there was a plan in place for development in the lot.

Capital Planning and Engineering Bureau Chief Laura Biggs stated that the plan was to turn the land into a pay parking lot but there were some concerns about the TIF. By the time plans to turn the land into a lot became serious it was after the deadline for the 2019 budget. The total estimated cost to renovate the land would be \$250,000 and at this time the proposal from Alderman Rainey would be to split it 50/50 between the TIF and the Parking Fund.

Jill stated that the current staff recommendation would not be to split the cost and use Parking Fund money for development in the lot.

Linda Young asked if TIF money could be used to pay back the parking fund if the cost was initially split.

Staff was unsure but would look into this option.

Alderman Revelle suggests presenting more information about the TIF and Alderman Wynne suggested that staff do some research into and that we can start the planning stage and figure out the funding.

This item will be brought back to the committee at the next meeting (January 2019).

## **7. Central St Business District Parking Permit - Discussion**

Parking Manager Jill Velan talked about the issues that employees have with parking in the this corridor and compared it to the pending Main/Dempster pilot program. She suggested adding the Central business area to the this pilots but is looking for direction on how much should be charged for daytime parking only in the area.

The discussion revolved around the impact this type of permit would have in the area as well on if charging full price (Currently \$90 per year) for a non-residential permit and if other tech solutions (Spot Hero etc) could help.

Jill stated that staff would review and come back to the committee with a suggested price for the permit.

## **8. Parking Updates**

J. Velan updated the committee on Lot 5 (Hills Arts District). The previously suggested changes in Lot 5 have prompted renewed interest from residents and businesses in the area. As a result staff will conduct a study in the area and will also look at trying out some other temporary parking solutions in the area

There was a presentation for Street Light Master by consultant Mike Kerr. Mr. Kerr went highlighted the standards the city was looking to start implementing throughout the city. The main highlights were that the current light levels in Evanston were low when compared to the national standards across the board. There is no smart lighting currently in the city and the current fixtures lose light from the top. The recommendation is to use LED lights and when Tallmadge heads were replaced that we should replace them with replica Tallmadge heads that are more efficient, more dark sky compliant, and have less glare while maintain the same look. Evanston's alley lighting program looks good, but it was the recommendation that for any new construction that any trees planted to not be planted within 25 feet of the project. It is also recommended that the city implement start metering to help the city keep track of current usage. Total replacements of all lights, fixtures, meters, and light poles in the city would be approximately 80 million, with the cost reducing based on the scale of the replacements. That is not the current plan. The plan would be to target new developments, high accident locations, uncontrolled school crossings/crosswalks, areas around schools, parks, and transit stops and any area flagged by EPD that could use more lighting.

## **9. Adjournment**

**A Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Wynne at 7:50 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously.**

The next Committee Meeting is January 23, 2019.