TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, July 24, 2019
6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.
Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center
Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Ald. Revelle, Ald. Wynne, A. Añón, B. J. Miller

MEMBERS ABSENT:  Ald. Fleming, T. Dubin

STAFF PRESENT:  Interim Parking Manager Mike Rivera, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink, Assistant City Manager Erika Storlie

PRESIDING MEMBER:  Ald. Revelle

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum
Chairman Ald. Revelle declared a quorum at 6:06 P.M.

2. Citizen Comments
Tina Paden addressed the committee regarding the residential parking on her block (District 11). She talked about how she didn’t feel the signage was sufficient on her block and that she wanted tow away zone signs added.

Dan Joseph addressed the committee about signage differences between Pace and CTA. He also asked why more bus routes are run out of CTA garages instead of local Pace garages and is hoping that the city can work with CTA and Pace to get this accomplished. Mr. Joseph also talked about deficiencies in the current Sunday bus service offerings.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2019

Item 1
Motion to approve made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

4. Northwestern University Event Buses – Review
Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink talked about an issue where busses would idle for too long when parked/standing around the city. One of the main reasons this has been occurring is that some of the current busses being used by Northwestern have issues with restarting in colder weather and keeping them running is the only option to make sure the stay in operation. This issue should start to wane as the university moves its fleet to more electric vehicles. This would have the effect of reducing both the noise pollution and the generated emissions.
Transportation Updates
Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink provided an update on the E-Bicycle ordinance that was discussed last month. She talked about how she was working with the legal department to draft an ordinance that would use Chicago’s policy as a roadmap while being sure to keep in mind what Evanston’s unique needs, such as how we would enforce the ordinance and how we would tackle lakefront riding.

5. 1900 Maple Pilot update – Action
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera referenced an action taken by the committee to add a pilot adding 2 hour parking restriction on the west side of Maple from Garnett to Foster. The current recommendation is to expand the pilot restriction to the east side of Maple from Garnett to Foster. Staff would continue to monitor the pilot area and come back with an ordinance recommendation in early 2020.

Item 2
Motion to approve staff recommendations made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by B.J. Miller
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

6. District G updates – Action
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about two different areas where signage in District G needed to be updated. First on the 1000 block of Foster, the south side of the street is part of District G per the City Code. On the north side of the street from Maple to Ridge there is no parking allowed except for approximately three parking spaces just east of Maple. Currently these three spaces are unrestricted, although entire area around is part of the district. Adding signage would bring these three spaces into line with the rest of the district.

The second area is on the 1900 from Emerson to Garnett on the west side of the street is currently a part of District G. The east side of the street is a Northwestern University dorm. The parking in front of the dorm is unregulated. The City Code does not find this address as a part of the district, as Northwestern properties are not eligible to park in residential districts. Parking is provided by Northwestern in a lot just north of the dorm. Adding signage for District G on this block would increase available parking for residents in the area adding about 10-12 spaces.

Item 3
Motion to approve staff recommendations made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

7. Lot 54 – Northwestern Football Game Parking Options – Action
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about the recommendation to Waive the standard parking fees in Lot 54 on dates of Northwestern University football games for Evanston registered vehicles that have a paid Wheel Tax. Vehicles not registered in Evanston will be considered Non-Evanston resident and will be charged $40 for a special event/football game parking space on a first come first served basis.
The committee asked about how the program was run the previous year.

Mike explained that we achieved about 30% occupancy with the way the program was administered the year before.

Questions were raised about using a demand based pricing schedule as opposed to a flat rate of $40.

Assistant City Manager Erika Storlie stated that staff would review the schedule and update the pricing model when the item is brought to city council.

**Item 4**  
Motion to use a demand based pricing model to be determined by staff while offering free parking for Evanston residents who have paid a wheel tax made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by A. Añón

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**8. 10-11-10 – Schedule X; Limited Parking – 1700 Dodge – Action**  
Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera talked about a recent ward meeting he went to in this area to discuss this item with the local residents. The current staff recommendation is to update the ordinance to include a 2 hour limit between 9 am and 6 pm on the west side of Dodge Ave., from Church St. to the first alley north. This would make parking in the area uniform.

**Item 5**  
Motion to use a demand based pricing model to be determined by staff while offering free parking for Evanston residents who have paid a wheel tax made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by B. J. Miller

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**8. Adjournment**  
A Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Wynne and 2nd by A. Añón at 7:27 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0).

The next Committee Meeting is August 28, 2019.