



TRANSPORTATION AND PARKING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

6:00 P.M. – 7:30 P.M.

Lorraine H. Morton Civic Center

Room 2404, Evanston, IL 60201

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Ald. Revelle, T. Dubin

STAFF PRESENT: Interim Parking Manager Mike Rivera, Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink, Community Development Director Joanna Nyden Leonard

PRESIDING MEMBER: Ald. Wynne

1. Call to Order / Declaration of Quorum

Chairman Ald. Wynne declared a quorum at 6:05 P.M.

2. Citizen Comments

None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes of July 24, 2019

Item 1

Motion to approve made by Ald. Fleming and seconded by B.J. Miller

A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (4-0) 1 abstain.

4. Low-Speed Electric Bicycles in the Public Right of Way – Action

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink reviewed the various classifications of electric bicycles. She reviewed the staff recommendation updating City Code “Chapter 9 – Bicycles” to allow the operation of low-speed electric bicycles in the City’s public right of way, as provided in the Illinois Vehicle Code and as amended in the City of Chicago Municipal Code. This version of the ordinance would allow for the use of electric bicycles that are class one or class two (max speed up to 20 mph). It would also simplify the rules around the Chicago border as there is a fair amount of crossover between the 2 cities

Questions were raised by the committee were about how the public would be notified of the changes and which electric bicycles were legal in Evanston.

Jessica talked about issuing press releases, newsletters, reaching out to local bicycle shops to help educate users. As well as using other education programs.

The current biking infrastructure issues were raised by the committee as an area that the City really needs to look at improving. Lighting issues were also brought up as a point of emphasis.

Item 2

**Motion to approve staff recommendations made by Ald. Fleming and seconded by B.J. Miller
A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0)**

5. Transportation Network Provider Accessibility Data – Action

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink talked about how the current ordinance does not allow for the city to collect adequate data about wheel chair accessible (WAVs). Currently Evanston taxis do not provide this service inside Evanston but neighboring cities potentially do.

The recommendation is to update the requirements for Transportation Network Companies (TNC) to obtain data on the use of WAVs in Evanston. The intent of this update would be to gather better data to further analyze the demand for accessible vehicles within the City and develop goals and objectives to further expand mobility options for Evanston residents and visitors.

Item 3

Motion to recommend that the ordinance be changed to require accessibility data be provided by TNCs made by Ald. Wynne and seconded by Ald. Fleming. A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

6. Amending Section of Title 10, chapter 11, Schedule 12 “Parking Meter Zones” adding a Portion of Madison St. – Action

Interim Parking Manager Michael Rivera spoke about making this area a paid parking area. The area currently has no regulations and with its proximity to the Main St CTA and Metra stations staff recognizes that this could be a prime area to implement a 12 hour limit parking zone. This would affect about 10-12 parking spaces on the North side of the 600 block of Madison. Mike talked about how the Parking Division is trying to identify areas that don't have access to long term garages and provide on street parking for commuters in those areas. There was some discussion about how area residents are informed of the pending changes.

Item 4

Motion to approve adding to section title 10, Chapter 11, schedule 12 to add 600 block of Madison as a paid parking area by Ald. Fleming and seconded by B. Miller A vote was called and taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0)

7. Updates

A) Transportation

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink gave an update on the Divvy Contract with Lyft. She stated that work is ongoing and she hopes to have a more information soon, she also emphasized that this new contract would make the program cost neutral for the City.

There was some discussion about how to handle dock less bicycles. Jessica talked about the different types of dock less solutions (including Lock-to and fully dock less). The pilot program recently completed in Chicago was discussed and it was noted how more problems were encountered when the Chicago pilot used fully dock less bicycles.

Alderman Fleming wanted to state for the record that the City as a whole focuses a lot on bicycles and bicycle accessibility, but the City does not seem to focus the same amount of time of people with other accessibility issues.

It was suggested that an item be brought back to the committee later this year to start up a discussion on what the City's policy should be in regards to accessibility.

Transportation and Mobility Coordinator Jessica Hyink gave an update on a request received from Alderman Fiske to talk about bicycles on the sidewalk at a future meeting. Jessica plans on bringing this item to September's meeting.

8. Adjournment

A Motion to adjourn was made by Ald. Fleming and 2nd by B.J. Miller at 7:10 P.M. A vote was called and then taken. Motion passed unanimously (5-0).

The next Committee Meeting is September 25, 2019.