

**Regular Meeting Agenda of the
Plattsburgh Parking Advisory Committee (PPAC)
Common Council Chambers, City Hall
January 15, 2019
Immediately Following 6:00 p.m. Organization Meeting**

Present: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder

Absent:

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Chair Comments: None
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Public Comment Period on Agenda Items: Devi M - Comments regarding the concerns of safety issue of losing parking for tenants. Scott A – Expressed desire that the committee should have been created before the issuance of RFP Durkee Street Redevelopment. Carol K – Made comments on walking distance from parking locations to other locations. Discussion of permits for residents / employees. Brought up alternative locations. Tara G – Discussion of parking permits / enforcements and how that will impact low income / handicapped citizens. Joseph M. – discussed the need for the County to provide its employees free parking and that the County will have to negotiate with the respective Unions if they lost that economic benefit. Terry B – Discussed the need for consideration to be taken for the existing businesses along Durkee Street. Brought up the access for handicap citizens or people with health conditions that cannot walk a block. Discussed the parking needs of DSS. Brought up the concerns of special events parking. Carol K – Discussed the need for a parking garage, and concerns about most on-street parking being filled with employees and business owners.
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1. DISCUSSION OF THE ROLE AND GOALS OF THE PLATTSBURGH PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

General Discussion involved topics of paid parking, parking turnover, enforcement, handicap parking spaces, improving pedestrian access, parking at the harbor street, angled parking, Durkee Street Redevelopment, Special Assessment District, among others.
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2. REPORT FROM CHIEF RITTER DETAILING CURRENT PARKING SYSTEM ENFORCEMENT

Chief Ritter discussed enforcement from the first 7 days of parking of enforcement. Snow ban parking enforcement was discussed as well. Comments made on turnover and other noticeable parking behavior changes. Other parking enforcement related logistics were discussed.
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3. ESTABLISH OFFICIAL PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS

Discussion: There was discussion about the pros and cons about setting official parking enforcement hours for parking hours.

Proposal: To not establish official parking enforcement hours at the current time.

Moved by: Merkel Seconded by: Rotella

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (8-2 Voted in the affirmative, McFarlin & Bukolt Ryder opposed)

Action Taken: No official parking enforcement hours were set at this time.
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4. DISCUSSION OF NEED FOR PARKING PERMIT SYSTEM FOR DOWNTOWN RESIDENTS AND EMPLOYEES

Discussion: There was discussion involving that the State regulates the ability for municipalities to issue resident parking passes, so the City would need to apply for that ability.

Proposal: To make a recommendation to the Council to pursue the authority to issue resident parking passes

Moved by: McFarlin Seconded by: Bukolt-Ryder

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Action Taken: A recommendation will be made to the Common Council to pursue the authority to issue residential parking permits.
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5. DISCUSSION OF ADJUSTMENTS TO DOWNTOWN PARKING TIME LIMITS

Discussion: There was discussion on the need to adjust existing time limits, however it was decided it is too early to make any decisions, and how much of this will be regulated by paid parking.

Proposal: To table this discussion of adjustments to Downtown Parking Time Limits

Moved by: Merkel Seconded by: Bukolt-Ryder

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Action Taken: Discussion is tabled
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6. DISCUSSION OF CURRENT PARKING OPTIONS TO REPLACE DURKEE STREET LOT CAPACITY

Discussion: There was discussion involving a presentation about parking replacements, with the Glens Falls Parking options, Court street options, angled parking additions, and potential public private partnerships.

Proposal: To table discussion on this

Moved by: Merkel Seconded by: McFarlin

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Action Taken: Discussion was tabled.

7. PARKING INFORMATION PAGE FOR THE CITY'S WEBSITE

Discussion: None

Proposal: To table discussion on this item

Moved by: McFarlin Seconded by: Bessette

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Action Taken: Discussion was tabled.

8. SCHEDULE REGULAR TIME FOR PPAC MEETINGS

Discussion: There was discussion about setting up regular meeting times and how often to meet.

Proposal: To use a doodle poll to set up a regular monthly meeting time based on the most popular response.

Moved by: Rotella Seconded by: Merkel

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Action Taken: Passed. A doodle poll will be sent to all members to indicate times for next monthly meeting.

Public Comment Period on Agenda Items:

Scott A. – Discussed parking time limits for residents, the special assessment district, harbor side parking, angled parking compared to parallel parking, lack of discussion on funding for alternative funding, parking enforcement. Dick C. – Discussed previous metered parking downtown, and the past removal of angled parking. Carol S. – Discussed the need for parking permits for volunteer members for Elmore SPAC. Terry B. – Discussed the idea of reinstating metered parking, the disappointment of lack of development at Dock Street, the past failure of paid parking, client and employee safety for DSS employees, the need for affordable parking permits for employees / employers, the issue with facades on certain downtown buildings. Carol K. – Discussed the need for a multifaceted approach to

parking by incorporating the different parking locations, questions about permits and the impact on snow removal, and how to set up a different parking zone system for permits.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by: Rotella Seconded by: McFarlin

Roll Call: Matthew Miller, Levi Ritter, Michael Bessette, Bob Garcia, David Merkel, Joseph Rotella, Rodney Brown, Ethan Vinson, Kathleen Mahoney-Myers, Patrick McFarlin, Maryanne Bukolt-Ryder (All voted in the affirmative)

Meeting Adjourned: YES