

GREAT FALLS PARKING ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of August 15, 2016

The Parking Advisory Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Bill Mintsiveris at 3:06 p.m. in the Rainbow Room of the Civic Center.

Members Present: Bill Mintsiveris, Dave Campbell, Chuck Fulcher

Members Absent: Kenny Volk, Dave Snuggs

Staff Present: Craig Raymond, Director P&CD; Joelle Marko, Sr. Permit Technician,

Others Present: Fred Burow, City Commissioner; Tena Grigsby, Standard Parking; Brian Scoggins, Standard Parking Joan Redeen, BID; Jenn Rowell, Great Falls Tribune; Brad Livingston, Chamber of Commerce; Tony Longin

Meeting Minutes: Mr. Campbell motioned to approve the minutes of the June 20th meeting. Mr. Mintsiveris seconded. All being in favor, the motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Item 1. Continuing Discussion on Resolution 10155

There was discussion regarding the City Commission's postponement of Resolution 10155. Commissioner Burow felt the Commission had not received enough information about the resolution to make a fully informed decision. He believes once the Commission has more time to review the proposals that the resolution will pass.

Tony Longin, a downtown business owner, expressed concern over the possibility of removing meters in front of his business on the corner of Central Avenue and 2nd Street South. He believes getting rid of the meters will adversely affect his business, and he said without those meters, there would be little to no parking turnover to allow his customers a place to park throughout the day.

Item 2. Amend Saturday Enforcement

Motion: Temporarily suspend enforcement on Saturdays from September 1, 2016, to March 31, 2017.

Made by: Mr. Campbell

Second: Mr. Fulcher

VOTE: All being in favor, the motion passed.

Item 3. Removal of Certain Meters

Motion: Amend Resolution 10155, Section 3, Part A, Subsection 1, to read "along both sides of 2nd Avenue South between 3rd Street and 6th Street."

Made by: Mr. Campbell
Second: Mr. Mintsiveris

VOTE: All being in favor, the motion passed.

Item 4. Energy Audit

Mr. Raymond discussed the results of an energy audit completed recently by an engineering firm. The parking garages were audited during this time. Lighting conversions in the parking garages were the primary solution to increase energy efficiency. Financing those conversions will need to be discussed to determine actual feasibility.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mintsiveris would like to discuss the possibility of leasing or purchasing gates for the surface lots at future meetings. Credit card fees and equipment durability are both potential talking points regarding the possible implementation of gates at the surface lots.

The next meeting will be September 19th, 2016, at 3 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Livingston, Chamber of Commerce, stated he is pleased with the proposals contained in Resolution 10155. He feels they will be beneficial to downtown.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:58 p.m.