



CITY OF NORWALK
PARKING AUTHORITY
SPECIAL MEETING
2:00 p.m.
January 13, 2016

ATTENDANCE: Mike Harden
Richard Brescia
Jud Aley

ABSENT: Julius Hayward
Olga Arteaga

STAFF: Kathryn Hebert, Administrative Services Manager
Dilene Byrd, Secretary

OTHERS: Stathis Manousos, LAZ Parking

DISCUSSION FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET

Mr. Aley presented his recommendations on the rates and said that he tried to simplify the rates at the Maritime Garage to \$1.00 per hour with a daily rate and \$2.00 per hour after 5:00PM, and to lower the monthly permit rate to \$50.00. He said that he thinks that the monthly rate should be lower to try and pull people from the other lots to use the Maritime Garage since it is the most underused facility. Mr. Harden said that he agrees with lowering the hourly rate but that he thinks it's a huge step to lower the monthly permit rate. Mr. Aley said that he is recommending increasing the rates elsewhere where there is a higher demand. Mr. Brescia said that he has run this scenario and that financially it cannot be done.

Mr. Aley discussed his recommendation for Webster Lot and said that he has always found them to be complicated and he suggested the rate be changed to \$1.00 per hour from 8:00Am to 5:00PM, and an evening rate of \$3.00. Ms. Hebert said that there is an agreement with Bow Tie Cinemas that states the Parking Authority charges \$2.00 flat fee after 6 p.m. while offering free parking for matinee customers. The recommendation was also to increase the monthly permits to \$60.00, and the reserved spaces to \$80.00. There was a discussion regarding moving the reserved parking spaces somewhere else in the lot so that there is more transient spaces available for the restaurants. Mr. Brescia asked why there is a maximum rate when it

encourages people to stay longer. Ms. Hebert said that it gets people off the streets that are staying for a longer period of time, who do not need a monthly permit on a regular basis..

The next lot that was discussed was Haviland Deck and Mr. Aley said that this lot is just as convenient as on street parking and suggested that the monthly permit be increased to \$70.00. There was discussion ensued regarding the hourly rate and it was decided that two scenarios be run prior to the next meeting one at increments of \$1.25 and the other at increments of \$1.50 with no maximum daily.

The next lot that was discussed was the North Water Lot and Mr. Aley recommended \$1.25 per hour and said that the rate should be the same for all of the lots. After further discussion it was decided that two scenarios also be run for this location one at increments of \$1.25 and that other at increments of \$2.00 with no daily maximum.

The next discussion ensued was on street parking in South Norwalk and Mr. Aley suggested that the rate be increased to \$1.25 per hour until 12:00AM, and all other side streets until 9:00PM. Ms. Hebert said that whatever is done it needs to be consistent systemwide so that there is less confusion. Hours of operation to be 2 hour limits until 6 p.m. and 3 hour limits until 12 a.m.

The next discussion was the Yankee Doodle Garage. Mr. Brescia said that he has no problem with the recommendation that Desman Associates has proposed. After further discussion it was decided that the rate be decreased to .50 cents per hour with no maximum daily, and \$1.00 flat fee after 6:00PM daily. It was also decided that the on street rate be increased to .75 cents with a 2 hour limit until 6 p.m. and 3 hour limit until 12 am.. At this point, it was decided to establish an on street parking fee higher than the parking facilities however, evaluate an implementation date. Mr. Brescia recommends a reduction to \$25 for the monthly permit fee charged to the Norwalk Public Library employees as reported by Desman Associates. He said that he has done research and found that the employees of the Norwalk Library are the only city employees that pay for parking. The library requested funding for the FY 2017 operating budget to pay for parking permits at the YDG and Webster Parking Facilities for employee parking since they have little or no capacity on the library campus and that the few available parking spaces must be for library patrons. The Library would like to use these funds for additional community programming. It was decided to reduce for all library employees parking to \$25 per month. Mr. Aley said that if this is done he would like a press release done.

The next discussion ensued was the Wall Street Lot and the Main/High Street parking lots and it was decided that the rate be increased to .50 per hour with no time limit, and that there be no change to the monthly permit.

Mr. Aley suggested that the monthly permit at the South Norwalk Railroad Station fee be increased to \$100.00. Mr. Brescia suggested that it be increased to \$97.00 and that keep all increases under \$100 per month.. Mr. Aley suggested that the daily rate be increased to \$14.00. After further discussion it was decided that the daily rate at the South Norwalk Railroad Station be increased to \$12.00.

It was recommended that the East Norwalk Railroad Station monthly permits be increased to \$68.

Mr. Brescia would like to increase the proposed parking program expense line item to \$100,000 for FY 2017 so that the Parking Authority could partner with community events and track the expenses associated with those programs.

**** MR. BRESCIA MOVED TO ADJOURN**

**** MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45PM