

MINUTES

Parking & Traffic Committee Meeting

Via Teleconference

May 14, 2020, 4:30 p.m.

Members present Mark Bednar, Chairman
Warren Sonnen, Justine Gudmundson-McCain, Kevin Lehman
Mike Ziarnek, *Ex Officio*
Lissa Dees, Executive Director

Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Mark Bednar at 4:30 p.m.

- a) Mrs. Dees confirmed that the meeting was properly noticed.
- b) The proposed Meeting Agenda was unanimously approved.
- c) Approval of Minutes for April 16, 2020, unanimously approved.

Ongoing Business

- a) JSG spalling and seam repairs
 1. Mrs. Dees reported that the seam repairs are complete. The spalling is approximately 10 percent complete and will be placed on hold until a decision is made on funding for all remaining repairs.
- b) JSG repair loan
 1. Mrs. Dees advised that the City recommended DIB secure a loan from the bank. Synovus offered an estimated fixed rate of 3.7 to 4 percent fully amortized for three years with an admin fee of \$350 for the \$250,000 loan amount; or two years fully amortized \$150,000 loan at a fixed rate of 4.5 percent with 1 percent financing and a \$750 filing fee. Bank proceeds can be received within five days of obtaining all the information and signatures needed to proceed.
 2. Motion was made by Ms. Gudmundson-McCain to recommend the three-year \$250,000 loan at the lower interest rate. Seconded by Mr. Sonnen and carried unanimously.
- c) JSG corbel repairs
 1. Mr. Washburn has not responded to Mrs. Dees' frequent attempts to reach him. Mrs. Dees will continue trying and will keep the committee informed.

New Business

- a) 2020 DPMD City budget reforecast request
 1. The City requested a budget reforecast for the remainder of this year with the presumption of an economic uptick beginning in August and gradual return to normal by the end of the fiscal year. A quick turnaround was requested by the City and was submitted without the review of the finance or parking committee.

b) 2021 DPMD City budget request

1. The City also requested 2021 predictions with a quick turnaround of that report. Mrs. Dees explained that beginning in October of this year, given the legal review that has been conducted and finding that DIB cannot operate outside of DIB boundaries, parking will become a function of the City. The mayor indicated that the City would have a parking committee, and at this time his thought is to bring over the same people that are on the DIB parking committee to the City parking committee.
2. Chair Bednar requested a meeting among city officials and committee members to formulate a transition plan. ED suggested waiting 30 days and inviting them to the next parking meeting for an open discussion.
3. Mr. Lehman expressed concern that the actual stakeholders in the area remain engaged with the parking committee.
4. Much discussion ensued and Mrs. Dees attempted to answer questions of the committee members.

c) Reopening plan

1. The ED brought back the parking team starting this week, detailing many of the problems that have come about with lack of enforcement, and asked for the committee's input on when to start charging for parking again.
2. After much discussion, Mr. Lehman made a motion to reinstate enforcement beginning with two-hour zones and beginning with one warning per vehicle in the lower-demand zones. Seconded by Mr. Sonnen and carried unanimously.
3. Mrs. Dees added that when parking boundaries were reduced, DIB acquired six additional pay stations that were outside the boundaries and asked permission from the committee to place those pay stations on Tarragona, between Government and Romana, and convert the two-hour parking to paid parking.
4. Motion made by Mr. Sonnen to use the pay stations for just those two blocks to use the assets that are available. Seconded by Ms. Gudmundson-McCain. Carried 3-1 with Mr. Lehman dissenting.

Financial Report

- a) April financial report was presented by Mrs. Dees and approved unanimously.

Public Comment - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

On-hold items

- a. Valet parking – on hold for City
- b. JSG rates
- c. Sign replacement project
- d. Escambia County garage contract
- e. PPD/Ride Share parking spaces