Advisory Parking Committee
Meeting of April 3, 2024
151 Martin Street, City Commission Room, Birmingham, MI

Minutes

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on April 3, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

Present: Chair Al Vaitas, Vice Chair Richard Astrein; Committee Members Jim Arpin, Kevin Kozlowski, Michelle Moody, Mary-Claire Petcoff, Lisa Silverman

Absent: None

Staff: Parking Systems Manager Ford; Assistant City Manager Clemence, Planning Director Dupuis, City Transcriptionist Eichenhorn

2. Approval Of Minutes: Meeting Of March 6, 2024

Motion by Mr. Astrein
Seconded by Mr. Kozlowski to accept the minutes of March 6, 2024 as submitted.

Motion carried, 7-0.

VOICE VOTE
Yeas: Kozlowski, Moody, Astrein, Vaitas, Arpin, Petcoff, Silverman
Nays: None

3. EV Charging

PSM Ford presented the item. Staff answered questions from the APC.

APC members' comments were as follows:

- Converting City vehicles to EVs are an ideal use case for conversion because they are not driven many miles a day.
- The management of Birmingham Place could likely provide feedback on their experience with Chargepoint chargers.
- It is appropriate that the City is prioritizing appropriate infrastructure and contract terms over expediting the selection process.
- The EV charging stations should all be installed within the parking decks since they tend to function most reliably when shielded from inclement weather.
- Owners of EVs can be savvy about charging prices and may prefer to charge elsewhere if the City's rates are too high.
- Owners of EVs may also be willing to pay a higher rate in exchange for convenience.
- The City could install a few charging stations at a time on a trial basis while also readying the infrastructure to accommodate more charging stations in the future.

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- The City should consider whether each EV charging station network can work with the extant Ford, GM, and Hyundai network.
- It would be most appropriate to install the charging stations in the Chester deck so as to avoid occupying spaces in higher-demand decks.
- It would be worthwhile to solicit feedback from local EV charging specialists and from the public regarding the City's future EV charging infrastructure.
- Many EV drivers have found they need to top off their charge during the day.
- Drivers of commercial EVs may also want to use the chargers and it may be appropriate to consider the best charging locations for those users.
- The City needs a strategy for gathering accurate occupancy data for both the decks and the meters in order to help evaluate the best locations for EV charging stations.
- Lot Seven would likely be an inappropriate location to install a number of EV charging stations, at least initially.

4. Review Parking Reports

Staff answered questions from the APC.

5. Meeting open to the public for items not on the agenda

APC members' comments were as follows:

- The APC should be provided with the City's prior study of the costs to build a new parking deck.
- At its April 8, 2024 meeting, the Commission would be discussing the APC's letter.
- When making public comment, APC members must clarify whether they are speaking as an individual or as a representative of the APC.

6. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 8:47 a.m.

Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist

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