

**Advisory Parking Committee  
Meeting of October 1, 2025**

151 Martin Street, City Commission Room, Birmingham, MI

These are the minutes of the Advisory Parking Committee ("APC") regular meeting held on , 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

1. Roll Call

**Present:** Chair Kevin Kozlowski, Vice Chair Jim Arpin; Committee Members Michelle Moody, Lisa Silverman, Michele Taddei; Alternate Committee Member Bill Kolb

**Absent:** Alternate Committee Member Mary-Claire Petcoff

**Staff:** Parking Systems Manager Ford; Assistant City Manager Clemence

2. Approval of Minutes – October 1, 2025

**Motion by Kolb  
Seconded by Arpin to approve.**

**Motion carried, 6-0.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Moody, Silverman, Kozlowski, Kolb, Arpin, Taddei

Nays: None

3. Peabody Garage Parking Stall Size Increase

PSM Ford presented the item and answered informational questions from the APC.

APC members raised the following points during discussion:

- Parking space standardization across garages could be desirable. Since Chester is being restriped to 8'9", it might be inappropriate to restripe Peabody to 8'.
- Alternatively, if Peabody were restriped between 8'3" and 8'9", that would result in anywhere between 50-120 vehicles needing to find parking elsewhere in the City every day. This would be a poor experience for users of Birmingham's parking system.
- Since Peabody is already full or nearly full every day, it is most appropriate to retain as many individual spaces as possible.
- Increasing the parking space size at Peabody could bring in larger vehicles than presently use the garage, which could increase demand and replicate the same double-parking issues that already exist.
- Residents are more concerned with having enough spaces in Peabody than they are with the width of the spaces.
- Other dimensions within Peabody, such as height, are tight as well. Within the community, drivers of larger vehicles generally understand that Peabody does not easily accommodate their vehicles.

- The parking demand near Peabody is too substantial to lose parking spaces from this restriping.
- It is unfortunate that the City would not be able to standardize the space sizes or expand the space sizes in Peabody. That said, the APC must choose which experience – smaller than optimal spaces or too few spaces – is preferable for users of the parking system.
- Increasing the spaces to 8' from the present size while losing few to no spots would be a much better outcome than the original estimated loss of parking spaces.

**Motion by Silverman**

**Seconded by Kolb to adopt a resolution authorizing the re-striping of the Peabody Parking Structure to establish all parking spaces at a minimum width of 8' and to stripe the cross-overs on every level with the exception of the basement, level 1, level 4, and roof levels.**

**Motion carried, 5-1.**

VOICE VOTE

Yeas: Moody, Silverman, Kozlowski, Kolb, Taddei

Nays: Arpin

4. EV Charging Article/Discussion

PSM Ford and ACM Clemence presented the item and answered informational questions from the APC.

APC members raised the following points during discussion:

- It might be appropriate to get other representatives in from EV charging companies to describe what options are available.
- Blink collaborates with businesses, governments, and individuals to provide charging stations. It would be worth seeing if their service levels have changed since the last time the City sought references.
- The demand for EV charging in the City is not yet clear.
- Blink likely offers the member rate for most EV owners.
- It might be possible to conduct a survey of the monthly parkers and on Engage Birmingham to better estimate EV charging demand.
- McCann had 1,000 people in-office and their two EV chargers were never both occupied at the same time.
- Though Birmingham has not received many requests for EV charging, there may still be demand for EV charging.
- It is also possible that offering EV charging will result in more demand and interest.
- It might be most appropriate to install a few fast charging stations as a pilot program to see the response.
- At the same time, EV ranges are increasing which raises the question of whether public charging would continue to be useful far into the future.
- Weather and cost to substantially increase range capacity also affect the upper limit of range capacities as well, which might help preserve the usefulness of public charging.
- In order to know what approach is most appropriate, the APC should clarify the City's goal in providing EV chargers.

5. Parking Reports Review

APC members raised the following points during discussion:

- The information with the parking meter occupancy was useful.
- The revenue expense summary should be provided.

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

Moped parking spaces, parking demand near S. Old Woodward, parking demand in general, coordination with other boards and City staff about parking, parking system finances, the zoning update's impact on parking, and design upgrades for the garages were discussed.

Paul Regan commented regarding commercial parking in the neighborhoods.

6. Adjournment

No further business being evident, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.



Aaron Ford, Parking Systems Manager

Laura Eichenhorn, City Transcriptionist