



MINUTES
Commission Workshop Meeting
Thursday, May 27, 2021 - 6:00 PM
Commission Chamber

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Ellen Glasser, Mayor - Seat 1
Bruce Bole, Commissioner - Seat 2
Michael Waters, Commissioner - Seat 3
Candace Kelly, Commissioner - Seat 4
Brittany Norris, Mayor Pro Tem / Commissioner - Seat 5

Also Present: Shane Corbin, City Manager (CM)
Kevin Hogencamp, Deputy City Manager (DCM)
Lori Diaz, Deputy City Clerk (DCC)

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Glasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

1. PUBLIC COMMENT

Pat Rose spoke regarding the challenges of parking for employees of businesses at Town Center. He suggested parking meters be used at 18th and 19th Street.

Scott Cairns spoke regarding 10th Street beach access parking and explained that in the 1950s, spaces were leased to the townhouses near 10th Street with approval from the City.

Seth Dalton expressed his concerns regarding the impacts of parking and unruly patrons in the 18th and 19th Street parking areas. He mentioned parking creep is happening in many neighborhoods close to the beach.

Fredrick Kerber spoke regarding parking creep and parking issues on 1st Street.

Gregory Guy spoke in favor of a parking garage and offered suggestions regarding additional parking solutions.

2. TOPICS

Beach Access and Neighborhood Parking

CM Corbin and Police Chief (PC) Gualillo displayed and reviewed a PowerPoint presentation on Beach Access Parking (as linked in the Agenda Packet) regarding the following topics:

- Paid parking at beach accesses
- Parking creep into neighborhoods
- Designating one side of roadways for parking
- Residential only on no parking zones
- Parking enforcement and attendant info (as linked in the Agenda Packet)
- Parking signage
- Marking spots “clear and discernable” to remove other spots
- Provisions in the Comprehensive Plan to keep all beach access parking

Conversation and questions ensued regarding the presentation, and CM Corbin and PC Gualillo answered all questions.

Mr. Corbin explained the process of making amendments to the Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Bole expressed it is time for a proposal to come before the Commission to be voted on regarding the parking issues. He expressed a decision needs to be made instead of holding more Workshops and Town Hall meetings about the same topic.

Commissioner Kelly noted that whatever decision is made will require the City to spend money to fix the parking situation. She expressed whatever solution is proposed should help pay for the implementation of the program. She suggested blocking off 18th Street on weekends and holidays, having a Parking Attendant monitor, and controlling access to parking spaces like a parking lot.

Commissioner Waters mentioned 18th Street is a constant safety and quality of life issue. He suggested petitioning City of Jacksonville for assistance with the parking issues; improving signage to direct traffic to Hanna Park; and marking spots. He expressed his desire to provide access to the beach, to come up with solutions, implement them, move forward, and see how it works.

Commissioner Norris expressed she does not want the residents of her District to lose beach access, and removing parking space is not the answer to the problem. She expressed she would support hiring a Traffic Engineer to conduct a traffic study. She said she would support seasonal paid parking for 18th and 19th Street. She noted the parking creep situation and would support Street marking to identify specific parking spots to help reduce parking creep. She expressed her concern regarding “no parking” signs in neighborhoods but would agree with additional signs to control parking. She requested clarification from the City Attorney about what qualifies as a beach parking spot and what that means within the Comprehensive Plan.

Mayor Glasser asked CM Corbin to compile a list of topics and ideas for the Commission to make decisions on regarding parking issues and solutions. She expressed her support for hiring a Parking Attendant and starting a pilot program for the busy parking areas. She mentioned she is not opposed to a no parking zone where there is going to be parking creep from paid parking. She expressed the importance of managing the current parking and not adding additional parking. She expressed her concern

regarding making changes to the Comprehensive Plan. She recommended reviewing the parking ordinance and suggested better enforcement. Regarding Hanna Park, she suggested the Community get involved by sending emails to our Councilmen regarding programs to promote the use of Hanna Park.

Mayor Glasser suggested CM Corbin create a proposed plan for paid parking at 18th and 19th Street and solutions to help control creep parking of surrounding areas and outside of the Beaches Town Center area.


A conversation ensued regarding initiating a paid parking program. DCM Hogencamp clarified for every \$1.00 collected in Atlantic Beach for paid parking, the City receives \$.70.

The Commission further discussed their ideas and agreed to have CM Corbin propose a plan for staff to present to the Commission for action at an upcoming meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Attest:



Donna L. Bartle, City Clerk



Ellen Glasser, Mayor

Date Approved: 11-8-21