

MINUTES
PARKING and TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

8:00 A.M. – Thursday, March 12, 2015
City Hall – Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Lown called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. ROLL CALL:

Members Present:

Councilor Brad Lown
James Heinz, Deputy Fire Chief
Frank Warchol, Police Captain
Peter Rice, Public Works Director
Ted Gray, Member
Harold Whitehouse, Member
Shari Donnermeyer, Member
Ronald Cypher, Member
Mary Lou McElwain, Alternate

Staff Advisors Present:

Eric Eby, Parking & Transportation Engineer
Juliet Walker, Transportation Planner

Absent

John P. Bohenko, City Manager

III. ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES:

Moved to accept meeting minutes of February 12, 2015.

Motion passed

IV. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Moved to accept February, 2015 Financial Report and place on file.

Motion passed

V. NEW BUSINESS:

A. On-Street Handicap parking request 51 Islington Street– **No action required**

Staff will review on-street parking spaces in the area and make a recommendation next month.

Marge Crean, resident at Keefe House, 20 Islington Street, asked if there would be a time limit for parking in this handicap parking space.

Mr. Rice responded that there would be no time restrictions on this space.

B. Sheafe Street Pay and Display meter – **No action required**- City Parking and Transportation Engineer Eby provided an overview of the proposed road project with the intent for parking in this high occupancy area to become part of the Pay and Display meter program during working hours. After 7:00 pm, parking would be free. Parking is currently restricted to a 2-hour time limit during the day. 200-300

parking tickets a year have been issued over the past 5 years. It's the only street without meters in the area.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Action Item – HarborCorp Project - **On a unanimous roll call 8-0, voted** to recommend the HarborCorp project proceed to the Planning Board, given the conditions presented by the Technical Advisory Council (TAC) are met.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Public Comment – Rick Bickstead, 1395 Islington Street, provided his view of the information gathered from the study conducted for the HarborCorp project. Mr. Bickstead was concerned about moving forward with this project because he feels there would be a loss in revenue for the City when 41 parking spaces are removed. A new garage would not compensate for this loss, alternatively the City could request payment from HarborCorp for the 41 spaces to compensate the City for the loss in revenue. Mr. Bickstead is not in favor of this project and suggests additional review of the project design.

Mr. Rice responded that the intent of this committee is to move this project along to the Planning Board where stipulations for this project are considerably more binding rather than recommendations from this committee.

VIII. INFORMATIONAL:

A. Informational – Andrew Jarvis Drive and Lafayette Road intersection improvement project – City consultant for the project, Joe Johnson, with Greenman Pedersen, Inc. (GPI), provided an overview of the road design for the project. The project will widen Route 1 and Andrew Jarvis Drive to provide turning lanes, and a fully automated traffic control signal.

Mr. Rice added that there would be changes to this intersection to increase safety within the area by providing crosswalks, and implementing a pedestrian fully-actuated push button crosswalk stop light.

B. Woodbury Avenue in the vicinity of New Franklin School - Mr. Rice said a request for the Woodbury Avenue traffic study proposal (RFP) was advertised. Whatever the findings are relative to the work proposed for that roadway, would be incorporated into the New Hampshire Department of Transportation Woodbury Ave Bridge reconstruction project, to increase the safety of traffic entering and exiting into the New Franklin School.

ADJOURNMENT - At 8:45 a.m., voted to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted by:

Cynthia Huyghue-Fancy
Secretary to the Committee

City of Portsmouth

Parking Related Revenues

Unaudited

Percentage of Fiscal Year Complete 66.67%
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Totals Thru
February-15

FY 15

	FY TOTALS	BUDGETED	% of Budget
Parking Meter Fees	1,161,819.44	1,650,000.00	70.41%
Parking Meter Space Rentals	78,546.00	40,000.00	196.37%
Meter In Vehicle	55,132.35	40,000.00	137.83%
Parking Garage Revenue	1,217,645.06	1,950,000.00	62.44%
Garage Passes	735,620.00	960,000.00	76.63%
Parking Validation	8,850.00	6,000.00	147.50%
Pass Reinstatement	2,345.00	1,500.00	156.33%
Vaughan St Parking Facility	13,750.00	15,000.00	91.67%
Parking Violations	465,735.33	780,000.00	59.71%
Boot Removal Fee	29,200.00	12,000.00	243.33%
Summons Admin Fee	675.00	5,000.00	13.50%
Total FY 15 Parking	3,769,318.18	5,459,500.00	69.04%

	BUDGETED	
	(3,047,195.00)	Transfer to Parking Fund
	2,412,305.00	Funds Remaining in Gen Fund