



INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

To : The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

THRU : Robert J. Bradshaw, City Manager

FROM : Nick Mimms, P.E., Deputy City Manager 

RE : **FORT PIERCE PARKING COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS TO CITY COMMISSION – OCTOBER 19, 2015**

DATE : October 12, 2015

The City of Fort Pierce Parking Committee, which is comprised of representatives from the City Commission, City Manager's Office, Police Department, Engineering Department, Planning Department, Public Works Department, Main Street Fort Pierce, and others from the business community. This group of professional and business collaborators has intensively investigated, researched, and analyzed alternatives to improve the parking situation throughout the entire City of Fort Pierce.

The Parking Committee primarily focused on two (2) areas that have recently experienced exponential growth in vehicular and pedestrian traffic (Downtown Fort Pierce and the Beach), and generated recommendations for consideration. The recommendations are as follows:

1. Investigate the possibility of acquiring land within the inland area of the beach that can be used for parking. Surface parking is the least expensive option, however; an economic development option promoting public/private mixed use development will assuredly generate positive economic impact for the community, but will require additional financial investment.
2. Increase the payment in lieu of parking fees from their present values of \$2,000 per space to a more significant amount equal to current construction and acquisition costs.
3. Examine capital and maintenance improvements funded by business improvement district fees or non-ad valorem assessments levied through specified municipal service benefit unit programs.
4. Place paid parking along streets accompanied by parking enforcement. Paid parking spaces in highly visible and highly desirable on-street areas to promote parking in designated free public parking locations.
5. Consider the vertical expansion of the Saint Lucie County parking garage located at the intersection of North 2nd Street and Boston Avenue.
6. Support private sector efforts for localized transportation
7. Improve lighting and security of the City Hall parking garage to attract additional users to utilize this facility. This may also be accomplished by incorporating artwork and strategically placed lighting throughout garage area.

8. Mandate City Hall and downtown employee parking on restricted levels of the City Hall parking garage.
9. Improve parking configuration beneath the South Bridge to incorporate additional lighting and painted murals to generate a comfortable, and secure parking area.

The aforementioned recommendations are generic, yet specific enough to provide definitive direction for more detailed research, evaluation, and eventual implementation. Many of the recommendations will require consultants with expertise in specified areas which will necessitate investment from the City of Fort Pierce and Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency.

Please review this information, consider the recommendations, and accept the recommendations from the Parking Committee at the October 19, 2015 City Commission Meeting. Thank you for your consideration.

cc: Parking Committee Members