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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARKING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, HELD IN THE COMMISSION CHAMBERS, 100 NORTH U.S. #1, FORT PIERCE, FLORIDA, AT 9:00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, **DECEMBER 9, 2020**

Present: Gus Gutierrez; Michael Broderick; Doris Tillman; Anton Kreisl

Absent: Dan Cushman; Marvin Grimsley; David Bushea

Staff Present: Audria Moore-Wells, Special Projects Coordinator; Sara Delgado, Administrative Assistant; Mike Reals, Public Works Director

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of Minutes from the October 14, 2020 Meeting

Motion was made by Anton Kreisl, seconded by Gus Gutierrez

AYE: Anton Kreisl, Dan Cushman, David Bushea, Doris Tillman, Gus Gutierrez, Marvin Grimsley, Michael Broderick

Passed

4. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Parking Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

Terry Shelton

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

- a. Staff Update

Audria Moore-Wells gave an update on the parking lot at the Fort Pierce Yacht Club as well as the Downtown Parking Guide, the guide has been completed and the date of update was placed on it. Joe Sweat, Marketing Specialist will be in charge of distribution of the parking guide around designated locations Downtown, City Hall and Social Media.

b. Chairman's Update

Chairman Broderick spoke on the loading zones, recommending that the loading zone signage be uniform. The item will be added to the list of recommendations that will be presented during the Conference Agenda on December 14. The signs will include no parking icon, it will say loading zone, Monday - Saturday, the time range will be between 7 AM to 5 PM, time limit of 30 minutes, and ordinance 34-35. Chairman requested if the Sheriff Department recommendation may be added to the Conference Agenda as well and Audria said she would look into it. Audria Moore-Wells gave an update on the decal that the St. Lucie County Sheriff Office is working on, they are still working on the design of the placard.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Renaissance Financial Center - Melody Lane Parking Issues

Doris Tillman gave her opinion that fishing should not be allowed along Melody Lane, it becomes messy and the parking is timed, It is not fair to the businesses that the cars stay parked there all day.

Anton Kreisl clarified the responsibilities of the Parking Committees responsibilities stating that their focus is parking, and they are not a fishing committee. They can only give their opinion as to if people should be allowed to fish or not, but it does fall out of the Committees scope. Anton went on to mention that Melody Lane has a 2-hour parking restriction and that needs to be enforced, no one should be parking there all day long. He does not see any recommendations that they can give except that there needs to be more enforcement for parking downtown.

Commissioner Perona agreed with Anton and mentioned that there is plenty of available parking and if there were paid parking, code enforcement wouldn't be an issue. Fishing should not be allowed and that is why the City invested in a fishing pier.

Chairman Broderick agreed with all the commentary and believes that this problem is due to the lack there of or the minimal amount of enforcement. It was suggested to have someone from Code Enforcement to give the Committee an update on what their status is regarding staff.

Anton Kreisl recommended that if anyone sees parking restrictions being violated, call Code Enforcement.

Mr. Broderick gave Terry Shelton an opportunity to speak on another issue he has had which is the pick up and delivery along Melody Lane. Mr. Broderick requested that topic be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

b. Parking Lot Lease Review

Mike Reals, Public Works Director provided information to the Committee about the lease of two parcels used as temporary parking solutions. He stated that an agreement was established for the use of the parcels in 2013 or 2014 with the previous property owners. The parcels are heavily utilized for parking. The new property owner is requesting a slight increase in the lease amount to cover accounting fees. Mr. Reals recommended to proceed with the property owners request. The Committee unanimously approves to continue the lease with Wayne Garber at the requested amount beginning January 1, 2021.

c. 2020 Parking Study Update

Tom Szubka and Jim Corbett presented the City of Fort Pierce Parking Study Update via Teams. The draft document is attached to the agenda.

The Committee agreed to continue the discussion of the parking study at the next meeting and develop a list of recommendations for the City Commission to consider. Staff was directed to send the Parking Study to the Downtown Business Alliance, ask that it be distributed to all DBA members and extend an invitation to the members to attend the next meeting.

7. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

ATTEST:

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RECORDING SECRETARY

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CHAIR