



TOWN OF PALM BEACH

Town Clerk's Office

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Business and Administrative Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. On roll call, all committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crampton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to approve the agenda. On roll call the Motion passed unanimously.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS

There were none.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Proposed Expansion of 30-Minute Free Parking on Worth Avenue
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Chair Crampton noted that there have been several discussions regarding this item and stated that the Committee was not the final authority on any action to be taken as that will be left to the Town Council.

Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager, announced that the meeting was being live-streamed via Granicus and the public, using a computer, are able to view any presentations on the screen but would not be able to participate.

Mr. Boodheshwar gave an overview of past discussions regarding this issue including beachgoers and employees parking on the street. He spoke regarding decisions made based on data and reported that for about two (2) months, activity

on the ocean blocks (Worth, Australian, Brazilian, Chilean, Hammon and Peruvian Avenues) that a small number of two-hour free parking spaces on the far eastern end of these blocks were converted to paid parking with no kiosks, only ParkMobil. This has resulted in increased turnover and revenue. There were 16 two-hour free spaces on Worth Avenue which have been converted to paid parking, ParkMobil only, and four two-hour spaces that were converted to 30-minute free parking which are available for quick transactions. This has resulted in great success as there is quick turnover and \$12K in revenue, purely ParkMobil. In October, about 60% of parking transactions were via ParkMobil. The projections for the year for these 16 spaces will be about \$70K in revenue and the other spaces (100 block of Worth Ave) are projected to generate about \$200K for the year.

Regarding Worth Avenue, Mr. Boodheshwar reported that visitors needing to make quick transactions could not find a space for that purpose. After speaking with merchants who were receptive to the idea, it was suggested that 12 spaces (6 on each of 100 and 200 blocks) would be converted from two-hour free parking to 30-minute free parking. This would provide turnover and dis-incentivize employees from parking on the street.

Member Lindsay questioned why all the 30-minute free spaces were placed on the 100 block vs. being distributed on the 100 and 200 blocks. Mr. Boodheshwar explained that the spaces were clustered on both the 100 and 200 blocks to make it easier for signage, enforcement and the customers using the spaces.

Chair Crampton reiterated that there were three (3) goals regarding the Committee's focus on parking which were residents' convenience, commercial flow and revenue.

Public Comment

Kiwi Hilliard, 325 S. Lake Drive inquired if an ordinance could be passed prohibiting employees from parking on Worth Avenue.

Chair Crampton responded that would be very difficult to enforce as there would be no way differentiate employees from non-employees.

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to accept staff's recommendation to expand the 30-minute free parking to the 200 and 300 blocks of Worth Avenue. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

B. New Business

1. Proposed Modifications to Residential Permit Parking Expiration Date
Amy Wood, Assistant Finance Director

Mr. Boodheshwar explained that this Committee has been focusing on the

commercial and quasi-commercial parking districts in Town so this item will be included in the overall parking discussions as changes to the residential parking permit plans, namely the Gainesville and Arlington plans will have to be changes to the Ordinance.

Amy Wood, Assistant Director of Finance explained that the two (2) residential parking permit programs, the Gainesville and Arlington Plans, expired at different times. One expires at the end of the fiscal year, September 30 and the other expires at the end of the calendar year, December 31. She explained that having both expire on December 31st would be beneficial to the seasonal nature of the residents who are mostly back in Town by December 31st. Also for staff, it is more convenient to be processing all requests at the same time of the year and would provide for a two-month renewal period instead of the current one month.

The Committee agreed that this change would make it more consistent and convenient for the residents.

Motion was made by Chair Crampton and seconded by Member Lindsay to change the expiration date for the Gainesville RPP Plan to be the same as for the Arlington RPP Plan. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

2. Discussion Regarding Marina-Related Parking and Plans to Minimize the Potential of Adverse Impacts to Adjacent 400 Block Streets
Jay Boodheshwar, Deputy Town Manager

Chair Crampton made comments regarding the new marina operations, the improved park and traffic situation. He mentioned that there was some confusion regarding residential parking and inconsistent signage.

Member Lindsay spoke regarding the inconsistencies with the parking regulations in the area.

Mr. Boodheshwar gave a brief summary of the pre and post construction parking issues. He mentioned that post construction, the footprint of the parking lots remain the same and there are now less parking spaces on the west side of the street due to the creation of landscape islands. He gave an overview of the different parking regulations on the street, namely: free, marina only and placard parking. Responding to Chair Crampton, Mr. Boodheshwar stated that the number of residential permit parking spaces did not change as follows: 400 block of Brazilian - 19, 400 block of Australian - 21, 400 block of Chilean - 17, 400 block of Peruvian - 43 and east side of S. Lake Drive - 26 spaces.

The committee suggested that the residents work together to set out their requests regarding the parking situation to the Committee so a plan can be created which is favorable to most residents.

Mr. Booheshwar stated that there were some actions that could be taken sooner rather than later and reminded all that there were certain laws and regulations that still had to be followed.

Public Comment

Gordon McCoun, 434 Chilean Avenue suggested having more discussion with the residents with a view to long-term planning regarding the parking issues.

Kiwi Hilliard, 325 S. Lake Drive stated there were issues with the residential parking for her building and would like the consolidation of the RPP areas be removed from consideration.

Chair Crampton stated that both residents and staff should work together to come to a favorable solution for all.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Boodheshwar stated that if there were oversized vehicles in certain spaces, residents should call the Police. He also stated that car carriers were no longer permitted on S. Lake Drive and that this will be the last season car carriers will be allowed on Chilean Avenue as an alternate area.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to adjourn the Business and Administrative Committee Meeting of December 8, 2021 at 10:36 a.m. On roll call the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Lew Crampton, Chair

ATTEST:

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

Date