



REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Business and Administrative Committee Meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. On roll call, all Committee members were found to be present.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Crampton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Crampton requested that the agenda be modified to add COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS after the APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS – 3 MINUTE LIMIT PLEASE

There were none.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. Report of the Business and Administrative Committee Meeting
Held on October 27, 2022
*Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police***

Chair Crampton reported on the October 27, 2022, meeting. He reiterated that the committee is a legislative one and any proposal would be a recommendation to the Town Council. Chair Crampton stated that there were reports that residents were questioning the need to review the parking and traffic issues as it was not broken. He stated his disagreement with that opinion especially in light of a recent town-wide public opinion survey that ranked traffic and parking as the Town's two (2) most serious quality-of-life

problems.

Chair Crampton stated that the Committee made the following seven-point proposal to the Town Council:

- (1) Paid parking from Hammon Avenue to Wells Road;
- (2) Using ParkMobile as the paid parking system;
- (3) Free half-hour parking spaces in various areas;
- (4) Valet parking;
- (5) Incentive for residents;
- (6) Tie-in to the Traffic and Parking Study, as part of the Zoning improvement;
- (7) Signage Plan.

The use of the ParkMobile app by the elderly seemed to be the primary issue for the residents. Chair Crampton stated that residents should know that revenue is not the main goal but will be used to help solve the parking issues.

V. REGULAR AGENDA

A. Old Business

1. Expansion of Paid Parking
Nicholas Caristo, Chief of Police

Lt. Paul Alber, Police Dept., presented the Town's draft ParkMobile Expansion plan. He stated that at a recent Strategic Planning Board meeting, focus #2 was "Control, regulate, and stabilize on-island mobility including traffic, parking, and pedestrian thoroughfares." He gave recent statistics regarding population growth in Palm Beach County (population 1.5M) and Broward County (population 1.9M). Florida population growth more than doubled that of the national growth. He stated that the goals of the parking plan were: 1) to ensure availability and accessibility by residents and visitors; 2) maintain safety for motorists and pedestrians as well as security of the Town; 3) establish uniform parking policies, consistent signage and effective enforcement; 4) encourage the best use of parking inventory and 5) make decisions based on data from the parking system. The topics covered were parking policies, zone configurations, effective times, valet parking and resident discounts.

Lt. Alber proposed the following recommendations for the business district which is divided into North and South:

- **Worth Avenue** and surrounding streets currently have four primary parking policies in place: permit spaces (24-hour, 9AM-6PM, 8AM-6PM); time-limited spaces (24-hour, 8AM-6PM); loading zones and resident permits. Staff recommends converting time-limited (free) spaces to ParkMobile (paid); retain some 30-minute free spaces; and establish consistent effective times across all policies.

- **Marina District** currently has four (4) primary parking policies in place between Peruvian Avenue and Royal Palm Way. These policies are inconsistent from street-to-street and vary from 24-hour permit spaces (9AM-6PM and 9AM to midnight), 15-minute loading zones and 24-hour passenger loading zones. Staff recommends consistent policies on every street, convert time-limited (free) spaces to paid (ParkMobile) spaces and free resident parking in ParkMobile spaces on their designated streets.
- **South County Business District** currently has four (4) primary parking policies in place in this business district. These policies are 24-hour permit spaces, time-limited spaces (8AM-6PM, 8AM-8PM) and loading zones. Staff recommends converting time-limited (free) spaces to ParkMobile (paid), retain strategically placed 30-minute (free) spaces, free resident (RPP) parking in ParkMobile spaces on their designated street and establishing consistent times across all policies.
- **South County Road and Seaview Avenue** currently has five (5) primary parking policies in place in the vicinity of S. County Road and Seaview Avenue. These policies are time-limited (free) spaces (8AM-6PM, 8AM-8PM), loading/valet zones, paid (ParkMobile), resident permit and some unregulated spaces. Staff recommends converting time-limited (free) spaces to ParkMobile (paid), unregulated spaces to paid (ParkMobile), retain strategically placed 30-minute (free) spaces and establish consistent times across all policies.
- **South County Residential** currently has majority resident permit spaces but the effective times vary. Staff recommends converting to all residential permit parking with consistent effective times.
- **Royal Poinciana Way** currently has four (4) primary parking policies in place in the Commercial District. These policies are resident permit spaces, loading/valet zones, paid (ParkMobile) spaces and time-limited spaces. Staff recommends converting time-limited (free) spaces to paid (ParkMobile), retain strategically placed 30-minute (free) spaces and establish consistent times across all policies.
- **Northern Business and Residential Districts** currently have four (4) primary policies in place. These policies are paid (ParkMobile) resident permit, loading/valet and time-limited spaces. Staff recommends converting time-limited (free) spaces to paid (ParkMobile), retaining strategically placed 30-minute (free) spaces and establishing consistent times across all policies.

Regarding private valet services staff recommends they receive valet placards along with the valet permits which will allow valet vehicles to park for free in ParkMobile spaces. Staff also recommends that residents with Residential Parking Permits (RPP) be allowed to utilize ParkMobile spaces at no cost on their designated streets and be eligible for discounted rates

when using ParkMobile in Palm Beach.

Lt. Alber summarized the staff recommendations as follows:

- (1) Uniform policies and consistent signage
- (2) Policies that are customized to meet the community's needs
- (3) Decisions based on data
- (4) Best use of parking inventory
- (5) Increased space turnover

Discussion ensued regarding parking options on Worth Avenue such as valet, use of ParkMobile app, turnover, and 30-minute free spaces.

Lt. Alber explained the turnover issue regarding Worth Avenue employees and the placement of free (30-minute) spaces. He addressed the issue of difficulty in using the ParkMobile app by senior citizens, by stating that there will be significant educational resources for the ParkMobile program when it is implemented.

Public Comments

The following residents voiced their opposition to paid parking in the commercial districts:

Oliver Graves, 270 Algoma Road, resident and business owner

Ed Kassatly, 309 Barton Avenue, and 250 Worth Avenue, resident and business owner

Darren Rubinfeld, Law offices of Darren Rubinfeld, 247 Worth Avenue, representing Holbrooke Real Estate, 245-261 Worth Avenue

Lori Bernstein, 301 and 304 S. County Road, resident and business owner

Paul Thibodeaux, Attorney, 205 Worth Avenue

Dino Peroni, Valet Company business owner

Jennifer Marcello, Café L'Europe, 331 S. County Road and 131 Clarendon Road, resident and business owner

Warren Belmar, 130 Sunrise Avenue, resident, also spoke regarding residents' use of the public internet access to conduct financial business, alternatives to ParkMobile and requested that a public forum be held regarding the recommendations to be made to the Town Council.

In response to Mr. Belmar, Lt. Alber stated that ParkMobile has been used in Town for the past decade and there have not been any issues regarding hacking, security breaches, service issues or with the kiosks.

Lori Bernstein requested a public meeting to address the parking issue and stated she was gathering petitions regarding the parking issue.

VI. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were none.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Member Lindsay and seconded by Chair Crampton to adjourn the Business and Administrative Committee meeting of January 19, 2023, at 11:15 a.m. On roll call, the Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVED:

Lew Crampton, Chair

ATTEST

Pat Gayle-Gordon, Acting Town Clerk

Date