



## ***Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives***

Robert "Gabe" DeLuca, Chair   Rodney Pratt, Vice Chair

# **Committee Report**

**Date:** Thursday, June 30, 2016

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

**Place:** Republican Caucus Room, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Government Center, 888  
Washington Boulevard

The Transportation Committee met at the above time and place. In attendance were Vice Chair Pratt and Committee Member Reps. Di Costanzo, Giordano and Patterson. Absent or excused were Chair DeLuca and Committee Member Reps. Adams, Franzetti, Kolenberg and Moore. Also present were Reps. McMullen and Zelinsky and Joshua Benson, Transportation Bureau Chief.

Vice Chair Pratt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. There being no quorum, no actions were taken

<b>Item No.</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Committee Action</b>
11. <a href="#">T29.056</a>	RESOLUTION; Designating Parking Meter Zones. 06/08/16 – Submitted by Mayor Martin	<b>No Action Taken</b>

Mr. Benson discussed this resolution with Committee members as follows:

- The Administration is seeking to add 4 designated parking meter zones (the first 2 are in the same area and should be corrected in the resolution)
- The Mill River areas have been requested by the Mill River Collaborative because people coming in to the park currently have no area to park because of the current lack of turnover in parking
- Washington Boulevard in the South End has several businesses in the area which have a current lack of turnover in parking
- The third meter request is at Stillwater Avenue and Vigil Street, in front of Western Union to the corner; Charter Oak is building 75 apartments across the street with stores located on the first floor, so the plan is to stay ahead of the construction
- The last 2 locations are in connection with the Urban Transitway, which is currently being built, and the lots will probably not be available until 2018, and will be intended for customer parking
- He will provide the Committee with maps
- Whether there should be metered parking or there should just be time limits at the Mill River and the end of East Main Street, because the meters may present a barrier to usage of the park and customers
- It is difficult to enforce time limits

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- He will provide the Board office with the number of meters at each location and the amount to be charged
- Currently the Citywide charge for on-street meter parking is \$1/hour

- <sup>2</sup>2. T29.054      REVIEW; Issue of Monthly Parking Permit Holders      **Report Made**  
 not Being Permitted to Park on Levels 1 and 2 of the  
 Bell Street and Summer Street Garages.  
 05/03/16 – Submitted by Rep. Zelinsky  
 06/02/16 – Held in Committee 8-0-0

Mr. Benson discussed this item with Committee Members as follows:

- He has not received additional complaints on this
- They have suspended enforcement in the Bedford Street Garage due to the construction; it will resume when the construction ends
- There is no intention to change the policy at this point
- The purpose is to make the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> floors welcoming for customers who will not be parking for the entire day
- He will let the Committee know how many spaces are on each floor
- The Board had lowered the rate for monthly parkers; to park on the first 2 floors, they would have to pay \$1 per hour
- The goal is to fill the lots
- He is going to discuss with the operator of the mobile app possibly having incentives for businesses to get people to park in the lots
- He will look into cars collecting dust on the lower levels of the down town garage; these users should be instructed to park on the higher levels so that spaces are available to more frequent users

- <sup>3</sup>3. [T29.055](#)      REVIEW; Criteria and Cost to Implement Different      **Report Made**  
 Levels of Traffic Signage in Stamford.  
 05/25/16 – Submitted by Reps. McMullen, Caterbone  
 and Kolenberg.

Mr. Benson explained the protocol for putting up traffic signs:

- The state approves and keeps a record of the locations for no turn on red signs, which the City can only take down with State permission; the request comes from the Chief of Police
- Stop lines may be set further back to accommodate bigger trucks
- The electronic signs cost \$5000, but they help to grab drivers' attention
- In the past, the location of signs was complaint driven; they are trying to come up with a more strategic approach

Vice Chair Pratt adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rodney Pratt, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).

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