



Transportation Committee - Board of Representatives

David Watkins, Chair

Mavina Moore, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2021
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: *This meeting was held remotely.*

The Transportation Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Watkins and Committee Member Reps. Curtis, Di Costanzo, Giordano, Michelson, Patterson, Pendell, and Wallace. Excused was Rep. Moore. Also present were Reps. Matherne and Zelinsky; Jim Travers, Frank Petise, and Luke Bittenwieser, Transportation Bureau.

Chair Watkins called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. T30.060	REVIEW; Establishing a Requirement to Move a Vehicle for Timed Violations at least 100 feet. 12/30/20 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers	Report Made

Committee members discussed Item No. 1 with the invited guests. Mr. Travers explained that this is a problem that has been brought to his attention by residents. In particular, parking spaces are being used for storage of vehicles, with vehicles either being moved slightly, or non-drivable vehicles being pushed (enough to move valve stem). This takes spaces away from residents. Other municipalities address this in numerous ways. The Bureau's proposal is to require vehicles to move 100 feet, which is approximately 4-5 spaces. The goal is to free up street parking not to tow vehicles. This would only apply to areas with a time restriction. Not all meters in the City have time limits.

2. T30.061	REVIEW; Charging for Emergency No Parking Sign Posting. 12/30/20 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers	Report Made
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Committee members discussed Item No. 2 with the invited guests. Mr. Travers stated that the City often posts emergency no parking signs for utility work two days before. The City bears the entire cost for this, but the utilities sometimes don't complete the work or change the day or don't need the entire area they have requested. This would encourage the utilities to think about their needs when making the request. Having the utilities do the posting would take oversight and control away from the City. Not all permits require posting, so it does not make sense to include this in the permit fee. The bureau has gathered information on other municipalities, which it will present when this comes before the committee.

3. [T30.059](#) REVIEW; Establishing a Parking Meter Zone on Shippan Avenue along the Frontages of Cummings Park and West Beach Fields between Magee Avenue and 380 Shippan Avenue. **Report Made**
01/05/21 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers

Committee members discussed Item No. 3 with the invited guests. This relates to spaces close the park and would allow short term parking on the street, but not permit people to park on the street rather than in the park. Mr. Travers stated that the bureau will reconsider their original proposal to include the parking spaces across from Westcott Liquor and the deli. Committee members suggested getting community feedback on this proposal and ensuring that there is short term parking available near the neighborhood businesses. The [attached map](#) shows the Bureau's proposal, which will add spaces and normalize traffic.

4. T30.062 REVIEW; Establishing On-Street Handicapped Metered Parking. **Held 8-0-0**
01/06/21 – Submitted by Bureau Chief Travers

Mr. Travers asked that Item No. 4 be held, as it is being reviewed by the Law Department. A motion to hold Item No. 4 was made, seconded, and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Watkins adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David Watkins, Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).