

City of Fairhope Parking Authority meeting minutes

Monday, October 30, 2023

Present: Chad Bartz, Mandy Bezeredi, Morgan Slay, Josh Turner, Bryan Flowers, Mayor Sherry Sullivan, Richard Johnson, Stephanie Hollinghead/City liaison

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Minutes from the meeting on September 18, 2023, were approved.

Richard Johnson updated the committee on the Pine Street one-way project and the loading/unloading zone in front of Tamera's.

- Richard Johnson provided the committee with a proposed layout with parking improvements to be made. The committee liked and approved the proposal presented.
 - o Committee inquired about the project time frame. Mr. Johnson discussed 3 zones to take place. With the three different zones, 12 additional parking spaces should be created.
 - o Mandy Bezeredi asked if there were plans for any 15-minute parking spaces on Pine. Mr. Johnson said that topic is up for discussion.
 - o Chad Bartz inquired about the gravel area and why there were no plans for pavers. Mr. Johnson said that the current location currently has gravel for angled parking and that is currently working for those spaces. The city could eventually come back and pave that area if needed.
 - o Josh Turner discussed possibilities to address large pickup trucks that jet out in the roadway (not for Pine but in general downtown). Turner discussed the possibility of imposing fines for those vehicles.
 - o Morgan Slay inquired about adding additional lighting on Pine. Mr. Johnson said he would look at that and get with the electric department to add to the design.
 - o Mandy Bezeredi asked about an update for the loading/unloading zone in front of Tamera's. Mr. Johnson advised he was waiting for the assignment of the construction crew. They will begin on the sidewalk first and then the stripping immediately following.

- Mayor Sullivan updated the committee on the agreement with Little Whiskey. Mayor Sullivan advised she had spoken with Marcus McDowell and that the existing agreement was a little vague. Mayor proposed instead of removing the deck to compromise with the business due to the Arts Alley project taking a little longer than expected. She spoke with Bobby Kilpatrick, and they are revamping their business model and only changing the name, nothing else is changing (no changes to the ABC license or LLC). She has requested an amendment to the lease to make it very clear that moving forward if anything changes, the decking will be removed. The Mayor is waiting for the new agreement and she hopes to present to the Parking Authority and then at the

next council meeting. The Mayor has spoken to the Single Tax and they have agreed to the amendment. The Mayor confirmed that the lease is current on any monies owed.

- o Morgan Slay said that he and Chad Bartz had walked over to the area of Little Whiskey previously to see what was going on and they ran into the lease owner, and she indicated they were investing money into the building to make it more presentable to go along with the new Arts Alley project.
 - o The committee agreed to the amendment to the lease being made. The lease will be typed up and ready for committee signature at the next meeting.
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- The committee inquired about the plans for the Hardware Store building. The Mayor advised that was at the Planning Commission.
 - Chief Hollinghead presented to the committee the application for a new member to replace Randy Williams. The committee made a motion and approved the applicant, Chris Shrader. The appointment will be presented to the next Council meeting for approval.
 - There was discussion about replacing Beth Fugard. She has missed multiple meetings. Morgan Slay he would reach out to her and see if she wanted to resign. This item is tabled to the meeting.
 - The committee discussed the need to assign a Chairperson, Co-chair, and a Secretary for the Committee. This item will be tabled and voted on at the next Parking Authority meeting.
 - Chad Bartz inquired about the status of a liaison for the Planning Committee. Chad was assigned this position months ago but has not heard anything. Chief Hollinghead will follow up with Planning to verify.
 - Next meeting has been set for December 11, 2023
 - Meeting adjourned.