



CITY OF PLYMOUTH
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 15, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.
PLYMOUTH CITY HALL COMMISSION CHAMBERS

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CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Wolcott called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Mayor Oliver Wolcott, Mayor Pro Tem Suzi Deal, Commissioners Ed Krol, Nick Moroz, Kelly O'Donnell, Tony Sebastian and Marques Thomey.

ABSENT: None.

Also present City Manager Paul Sincock, City Attorney Robert Marzano and various City Department Heads.

DISCUSSION OF PARKING HISTORY AND POSSIBLE PAID PARKING

Mayor Wolcott provided a brief overview of the parking situation/history and explained that the goal of the discussion is to provide the City administration with a direction on parking related to a paid parking system.

City Manager Sincock gave a brief history on what has been done previously over the years related to parking and explained what would be needed to implement and manage a paid parking system.

Liz Kerstens from the Plymouth Historical Museum expressed concern on patrons having to pay for parking.

Carol Souchock from the Plymouth District Library commented that there is a need for additional parking and also for repairs of flat lots.

Bob Parent from Sun & Snow Sports spoke about the need for input from businesses related to paid parking.

Carrie Pollard from Spa Agio and from the DDA board offered some suggestions when considering how paid parking will work: allow merchants the option to validate parking; make the first 30 minutes free; let everyone have the option to buy parking passes-not just employees. Also noted that we need to also take into consideration the future 'non' need for parking.

Ellen Elliott from the Penn Theater and the DDA board would like to see options explored before making the decision to implement a paid parking system.

Commissioner Moroz stated he is in favor of going forward with a paid parking system as opposed to a special assessment or millage, since it puts the direct burden on those who use the parking system instead of many who may not.

City Attorney Marzano asked about sub-contracting out the service. City Manager Sincock noted that there is not enough volume.

Commissioner Thomey is in support of moving forward with paid parking, but wants to avoid extreme costs since additional parking may not be a need in the future. Ex.: Do not invest in a 3rd level to the parking deck.

Commissioner Krol is in support of moving forward with a paid parking system.

Commissioner Sebastian is in support of a paid parking system, noting that there are resident he is aware of who do not want to pay for parking in their taxes.

Mayor Pro Tem Deal is cautiously in favor of moving forward with researching what would be the best way to manage a paid parking system.

Commissioner O'Donnell is in favor of moving forward as it puts the burden on those who use the system, and hopes to see forward-thinking solutions.

Mayor Wolcott confirmed that there is a consensus among the City Commission to have the City administration move forward with putting together a plan for a paid parking system.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further discussion, Mayor Wolcott adjourned the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:57 p.m.