

Minutes
Parking Commission Meeting
Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 2:15 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Those participating in the meeting virtually, did so via WebEx. The meeting was also available to view, both live and recorded, via the city's website using the Granicus software.

Members in person:

City Engineer Designee:	Dave Hayward
City Council Member:	Tom Dell
City Resident/Works Downtown:	Catie Rix
CRC Member or Designee:	Jacob Martin
Downtown Merchant:	Jeff Baker
Police Dept. Representative:	Steve Norman
At-large Member:	Kevina Schumaker
Visitors Center Representative:	Jason Hatton

Members via WebEx:

None

Members Absent:

None

Others in person:

Assistant City Attorney:	Mike DeArmitt
City Engineer:	Andrew Beckort
Engineering Technician:	Stacie Gilmore

Others via WebEx:

Bloomington, IN Parking Service Director:	Michelle Wahl
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Tom Dell convened to the meeting of the Columbus Parking Commission at 2:15pm.

Roll Call

Action Items

- Approval of minutes from November 16, 2023 meeting.

Motion: Motion to approve minutes was made by Jeff Baker, seconded by Kevina Schumaker. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Discussion Items

- Michelle Wahl – Bloomington Parking Services Director
 - Areas Enforced:
 - 4 Parking Garages – approximately 3,000 spaces
 - Downtown metered spaces – approximately 1,600 spaces
 - Neighborhood parking permit zones– approximately 3,000 spaces
 - (Free parking options available in parking garages, certain on-street parking areas, and City lots.)
 - Ways to pay:
 - Smart phone mobile app
 - Credit cards, debit cards, or coins – can be used at parking meters and kiosks
 - Rates (Bloomington is pay by plate):
 - Garages- \$0.50/hr – commuter rate or Permits - \$110 annually or \$60 monthly
 - Neighborhood permit zoned areas - \$49 annually
 - Metered spaces: \$1/hr and a convenience fee of \$0.50 per transaction unless a user is a ParkMobile Pro or Wallet user. – Enforced M-Sat, 8:00am – 9:00pm
 - Revenue:
 - All metered revenue - \$2.8 – \$3 million annually
 - Other Parking Service Features:
 - There are mobile app options available to reduce the convenience fee depending on individual usage.
 - QR codes posted to provide a scan to pay option.
 - A pay by phone option is available for those without smartphones.
 - Can use PayPal or prepaid cards.
 - Recommendations for Columbus:
 - Hire parking consultant – Collect accurate parking data (who is parking where and when) and provide data to consultant.
- Proposed Parking Commission meeting dates for 2024

Motion: Jeff Baker made a motion that the Commission should meet on the second Thursday of every month at 2:15pm. Jacob Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Next Meeting

January 11, 2024

Adjournment: 3:15pm

Motion: Jeff Baker made a motion for adjournment. Catie Rix seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.