



CITY OF TAUNTON  
PARKING COMMISSION MEETING  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
March 15, 2022  
2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Chairman James Dorsey, Jr.  
Manuel Spencer, Commissioner  
Chief Edward J. Walsh

Rebecca McGovern, Parking Enforcement Officer  
Taylor Torres, EOCD

Chairman Dorsey calls the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Chairman Dorsey questions whom the council representative is and Chief Walsh responds that he had a conversation with Council President Duarte and the Chief told him it could be him or his designee. Council President Duarte said that he would get back to the Chief.

Commissioner Spencer makes a motion to accept the minutes from the August 17, 2021 meeting. Chairman Dorsey seconds the motion. Motion passes.

Taylor Torres of the Office of Economic Development gives a synopsis of the meeting last week. He passes out an outline from the meeting and explains that Paul Arikian will look through the quotes and determine what is necessary and what isn't. Mr. Arikian will also set up the machines. There is a \$5,000 upgrade that TMLP will need to accommodate the Weir Street Level 3 charging machine. Mr. Torres mentions that the Weir and Whittenton lots need to be repaved. The Office of Economic Development is assembling a cost estimate for the project because the grant amounts will not cover the entire cost. Chief Walsh states that he believes that the DPU requires something to resell electricity, maybe a permit. Chief Walsh also adds that the administration needs to do a cost analysis to determine if this is beneficial to the City. Chairman Dorsey inquires about ADA accessibility. Chief Walsh adds that one charging station needs to be designated as ADA accessible. Chief Walsh explains that the Parking Commission is now taking control of the charging stations behind City Hall and 141 Oak Street. Once the Commission starts charging for the use of the charging stations, we will take control. We will need an ordinance that allows the Parking Commission to set rates for the charging stations. Commissioner Spencer asks if the Commission will receive the fees when we start charging? Chief Walsh replies that it needs to be included in the ordinance. Chairman Dorsey asks if the Weir Street lot is the only lot getting a Level 3 charger and the other lots are receiving a Level 2?

That is correct. The rapid charger only takes an hour to charge the vehicle. Mr. Torres adds that at the next meeting we should have a construction cost estimate that includes paving, lining, etc. for Pleasant Street, Whittenton and Weir; Galligan's Court is not part of this grant. Chairman Dorsey suggests contacting ChargePoint and inquiring about the reselling of electricity.

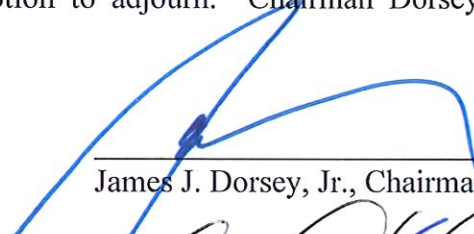
Galligan's Court – At this time there was no one from the DPW or BETA in attendance so there was no update on Galligan's Court.

Parking Enforcement Officer – Chief Walsh states that there is an open position with the Parking Commission; the paperwork is at City Hall and the position should be posted soon.

Communication from the Council – Chairman Dorsey reads Councilor Postell's request regarding the Trescott Street lot being ADA compliant and the plowing conditions. Discussion ensues about reserved parking in the garage only and it is recommended that Parking Enforcement Officer McGovern put out signage, especially during snowstorms, that indicates such. Commissioner Spencer makes a motion to refer Councilor Postell's communication to the DPW for response. Chairman Dorsey seconds the motion. Motion passes.

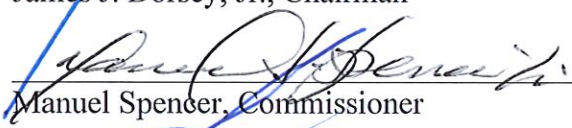
Update on Kiosks – Chief Walsh states that the purchase order for IPS has been approved and funding is all set for the Weir Street project, which will consist of 47 new meters. He has requested funding for new kiosks and additional meters in the budget.

Commissioner Spencer makes a motion to adjourn. Chairman Dorsey seconds the motion. Meeting adjourns at 2:35 p.m.



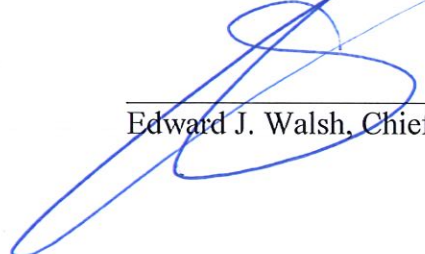
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James J. Dorsey, Jr., Chairman



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Manuel Spencer, Commissioner



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Edward J. Walsh, Chief of Police