

Date: February 14, 2024

Time: 8:00 a.m.

Location

City Hall – Aspen Room Fl
415 W 6th Street
Vancouver, WA 98668

Regular Meeting (Convened in person and via video conference)

The meeting agenda materials referenced in these minutes can be found [online](#).

Item 1: Call to Order and Roll Call

The February 14th, 2024, meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order at 8 am by Interim President Ryan Morin.

Board Members Present: Ryan Morin, Jason Cromer, Kurt Stonex, Garrett Ginter, Jocelyn Cross

Board Members Absent: Doug Varenas

Staff Present: Patrick Quinton, Chris Harder, Gabriel Montez, Andrew Westlund, Tina Picchioni, Kimberly Kerlee

Guests: None

Item 2: Downtown Parking Rates

Gabriel Montez, Parking District Manager, spoke on the parking rates in the Waterfront District as well as Vancouvercenter garage. Current on-street rates at the Waterfront are \$2.00/hour and \$1.75/hour in all other areas. Current off-street rates (private) in the Waterfront district are \$2.25/hour, set to increase to \$2.50/hour July 8, 2024. The current rates in the Vancouvercenter garage are \$1.25/hour. The recommendation is to increase the hourly rate to \$2.50 in the Waterfront district and \$1.75 in the Vancouvercenter garage. Montez provided the reasoning behind the rate increases. The new rates will be implemented May 1, 2024, on the Waterfront and June 3, 2024, in the Vancouvercenter garage.

Committee members provided feedback related to the rates increases.

Motion by Ginter, seconded by Cromer, and carried unanimously to approve the recommended increase of Waterfront District hourly rate to \$2.50

Members

Ryan Morin
Interim President

Garrett Ginter
Doug Varenas
Kurt Stonex
Jason Cromer
Jocelyn Cross
Travis Schemp

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beginning May 1, 2024, and recommended increase of the Vancouvercenter garage hourly rate to \$1.75 beginning June 3, 2024.

Item 3: : Parking Management Area Study and Downtown Parking Plan Update

Andrew Westlund, Senior Management Analyst, along with Gabriel Montez provided a presentation and overview of the Parking Management Area Study and Downtown Parking Plan. The discussion including the citywide strategic plan connection, current state of parking management area and operations, project overview of why and key deliverables, and when and how Parking Advisory Committee will engage with and support the project. Walker Consulting is the consulting firm that the City has hired as the consultant.

Committee members provided feedback and asked questions. Will we have collaboration between us and the Transportation Department and TMC? Have we internally done any work and looked outside at other cities that target our density and vision and compared their parking plans and effectiveness.

City staff stated that we will be going to TMC and a joint meeting between two agencies could be facilitated.

Westlund stated that part of the RFP process, we researched peer cities. Also, Walker has a couple of sub-consultants that are locally based. There is a level of familiarity as well as bringing outside perspective.

Montez added that Walker will present us with two or three peer cities and what they've done and how they've implemented some of their practices. Montez also added that we are looking at stakeholders to join the parking plan steering committee. Someone on the PAC would be a great candidate for that.

Public Comment:

Diane Burnell, resident of Smith Tower, feels unsafe when walking to vehicle. Also frustrated with limited parking. Rate increases are difficult for seniors with limited incomes.

Adjournment

8:45 am



Ryan Morin, Interim Board President

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