



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

An Ordinance Approving Changes to Metered Hours and Limitations for Parking Pilot Area Meters

Overview

At the July 16, 2018 Village Board Meeting, staff presented recommendations for a scaled-back Parking Pilot Program. At that meeting the Village Board directed staff to bring forth an ordinance establishing the Parking Pilot Program. In the Parking Pilot Area, defined as the area bound by Harlem Ave, South Blvd, Oak Park Ave, and Harrison St and the Central Business Districts of Pleasant, Hemingway, and Downtown Oak Park, this ordinance approves changing on-street meter hours from 8AM - 6PM to 8AM - 8PM, and approves of removing the time limitations for on-street meters equipped with pay by plate technology in favor of a dynamic pricing strategy that escalates meter rates after the first three (3) hours. This is one of five ordinances that together establish the recommendations of the scaled-back Parking Pilot Program set to begin Q1 2019.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

Background

The Village Board Goals for 2016-2017 included revisiting the overall parking systems within Oak Park in a holistic manner and with consideration for neighborhoods and business districts in order to understand the impact on residents, visitors and employees in the community. As a part of the study, staff reviewed the recommended goals for this review and a proposed schedule.

Additionally, the following Goals were established for review of the public parking system:

- Parking Ordinances must be simple and user friendly (e.g. language is clear and concise)
- Parking Signage of all types must be standardized and more streamlined so that residents, visitors and employees in Oak Park are able to understand regulatory language that may be required and directional information is clear and concise.

- Parking Technology must support efficient parking administration and operation while also being customer service focused.

After the July 10, 2017 Village Board Special Meeting the Village Board asked the Transportation Commission and Consultant Dixon Resources Unlimited to review a Pilot Area for a comprehensive review of the parking restrictions to determine if there were improvements that could be made in a comprehensive manner. The Transportation Commission began working with staff and consultant Dixon Resources Unlimited to determine the parking options that would help improve the parking experience in the Village of Oak Park. The idea of Odd/Even parking was significantly studied. Due to strong opposition from parkers who believe moving their car daily is a burden personally and negatively impacts the environment, the Transportation Commission looked at an additional concept known as the 72-hour rule. The community reaction was negative about both of these concepts, therefore, staff, the Transportation Commission, and consultant began working on a concept which closely kept the Village's existing rules but allowed for simplification and efficiencies. Most importantly the new set of recommended rules attempted to make the life of an Oak Park parker easier, while making the process of providing Village services on streets a more efficient process.

The Village Board held the following special meetings on the parking study:

Study Session 1 - January 2017: Pleasant Business District/South and Harlem Redevelopment Project/Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School, including Recommendations from the Transportation Commission Related to On-Street Resident Parking

Study Session 2 - February 2017: Parking Technology Best Practices.

Study Session 3 - March 2017: Parking Signage Recommendations.

Study Session 4 - May 2017: On-Street Parking Austin Blvd & Harlem Avenue, Including Adjacent Areas.

Study Session 5 - July 2017: On-Street Parking North Avenue and Roosevelt Road, Including Adjacent Areas.

Study Session 6 - May 14, 2018: Parking Pilot Discussion

The Village Board approved the following agenda items pertaining to the parking study:

June 19, 2017: A Motion to Amend the 2017 Work Plan for Transportation Commission to Include "Conduct Public Meetings for the Comprehensive Parking Study, Identify Community Needs and Develop Recommendations within the Approved Timeline in Conjunction with the Parking Consultant and Village Staff for Consideration by the Village Board"

June 19, 2017: A Resolution Approving an Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement with Dixon Resources Unlimited to Provide Parking Support Services for the Village-Wide Parking Study in a Total Amount not to Exceed

The Transportation Commission held the following meetings on the parking pilot program:

June 26, 2017: Introduction of Village-Wide Parking Study Consultant, Dixon Resources Unlimited

July 24, 2017: Update on the Village Wide Parking Study, Parking Near Transit (CTA & Metra Lines)

August 22, 2017: Open Parking Forums with Public and Consultant at Village Hall

-Over 30 Guests, Sharing Their Opinion on General Parking Problems in the Village Of Oak Park

August 23, 2017: Open Parking Forums with Public and Consultant at Village Hall

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August 28, 2017: Discussion on the Village Wide Parking Study, Parking Near Transit (CTA & Metra Lines)

September 25, 2017: Update and On-Going Discussion of Parking Study

October 23, 2017: Update and On-Going Discussion of Parking Study

November 9, 2017: Parking Pilot Public Forum

-Presentation of Odd/Even Parking Concept and 72-Hour Rule

-Over 320 Guests in attendance during 2 Sessions

November 27, 2017: Review and Discussion of Proposed Parking Pilot

January 8, 2018: Review and Discussion of Proposed Parking Pilot Program

January 29, 2018: 2nd Parking Pilot Public Forum

-Presentation of New Standardization Parking Concept

-Over 140 Guests in Attendance during 1 Session

February 12, 2018: Review and Discussion of Proposed Parking Pilot Program

February 26, 2018: Final Staff Recommendation on Parking Pilot Program

April 23, 2018: Parking Pilot Program (Continued From February 26, 2018 Meeting)

April 30, 2018: Parking Pilot Program (Continued From April 23, 2018 Meeting)

May 14, 2018: Parking Pilot Program presentation to the Village Board.

July 9, 2018: Parking Pilot Program update with the Transportation Commission.

Alternatives

The Village Board could ask staff for an additional meeting to discuss further.

Previous Board Action

On July 16, 2018 The Village Board gave direction for staff to proceed with changes to the meter hours, as part of the Parking Pilot Program, to 8am - 8pm for the Pleasant, Hemingway, and Downtown Districts. The Village Board also gave direction for staff to proceed with an increase in parking meter rates after the first three (3) hours to three dollars (\$3.00) per hour, with no time limit during the legal parking hours for on-street meters where pay by plate technology is available.

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

See a summary of the Transportation Commission's review listed in the Background.

Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments

Staff recommends an initial 6 month pilot and to report back to the Village Board with changes. Once the program has been categorized as successful, evaluate other areas that the pilot program rules could apply to.

January 2019: Begin Parking Pilot Program

July 2019: Review changes to Pilot Program

December 2019: End Pilot Program and decide to keep or revert the ordinance

March 2020: Propose rules for other areas

Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities

N/A

Performance Management (MAP) Alignment

Parking and Mobility Services Division is scheduled to start MAP in the final phase.