MINUTES
FINANCE & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:	Jeff Risner, Chair Kent Butler, Vice-Chair
Administrators and/or Other Elected Officials:	President Knisely Mayor Patterson Deputy Service-Safety Director Lucas City Planner Logue

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- Staffing Transfer
  -Risner – Administration would like to shift ¼ of the cost of one of the two custodians currently in the Community Center Fund, 271, to the Recreation Fund, 270 – justification is that one of the custodians spends about a quarter of their time outside of the Community Center at locations like ARTS-West, the pool, and various park restroom facilities

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Staffing

MINUTES
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:	Chris Fahl, Chair Jeff Risner, Vice-Chair Sarah Grace, Member Patrick McGee, Member
Administrators and/or Other Elected Officials:	President Knisely Mayor Patterson Deputy Service-Safety Director Lucas City Planner Logue

Items Discussed:

- Parking Regulations, Modification of Title 7, Traffic Code
  -Fahl – the City's Deputy Service-Safety Director and City Planner will be presenting on smart technology and uptown parking

  -Deputy Service-Safety Director Ron Lucas – (see attached presentation)

  -City Planner Logue – is currently working to update the City's Comprehensive Plan that includes an Uptown Parking Strategy, and a Parking Study – creating new parking is not easy due to the dense uptown area –has worked closely with the Uptown Business Association and Athens Area Chamber of Commerce, distributed online surveys, and performed half-hour block by block counts of parking spaces during 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. – residents want to have meter choices that will allow the use of coins, card, permit, mobile app – strategy is to rotate and open parking spaces in high demand areas -- noted that the Parking Garage is underutilized

  -Grace – asked about purchase vs lease options regarding maintenance
  -Lucas – no difference, service agreement includes a 5-year warranty

  -McGee – asked if at the end of the lease period whether the City owns the meters
  -Lucas – yes, at a cost of $1.00 per meter

-McGee – does the plan eliminate the option of using time left from a previous vehicle?
-Lucas – yes, in the high intensity zones
-McGee – the plan will increase the hourly cost of parking
-Lucas – correct
-McGee – the plan also increases the hours of enforcement
-Lucas – correct
-McGee – the public is basically paying for three different methods that will increase the cost of parking
-Lucas – correct
-McGee – you indicated that the purpose is not to bring revenue to the City – his calculations show that the City would bring in about $600,000 more per year
-Lucas – as projected revenue, that would be accurate
-McGee – you also indicated that the purpose of the changes would basically increase parking to benefit uptown businesses
-Lucas – correct
-McGee – questioned whether the increased cost of parking might have a negative impact on businesses uptown when parking is free in other retail areas of the City – asked if the vendor spaces are included in this plan
-Lucas – believes residents will be more cognizant of how they park (high intensity zone as opposed to shorter term at lower cost) and that will keep parking available – hope is that increased rates will move on-street parking to the Parking Garage and into low-moderate zone parking that are currently underutilized – vending was not included in this model

-Risner – is there a messaging service that could remind the user about the time left on meter
-Lucas – will follow-up

-Grace – how would drivers know what meters have the shorter or longer parking option
-Lucas – intent is to make that highly visible – will be color coded

-Risner – asked if this plan will require mini-cell antennas along the street
-Lucas – no – it will work of cellular service
-Risner – asked who will operate the Smart Meter Wi-Fi
-Lucas – vendor
-Risner – asked about security
-Lucas – it is a closed system

-McGee – it would be a good idea to offer incentives to uptown employees to park in the Parking Garage
-Mayor – will be exploring options to incentivize using the upper two floors of the Parking Garage

-Fahl – would like to look at the size of the City's current parking spaces

-Leslie Fleming – do you envision a public educational campaign to alert citizens of the changes, especially to encourage higher Parking Garage usage?
-Fahl – yes, there will be an educational campaign
-Mayor – also exploring wayfinding signage, and adding a counter to display number of vacant spaces in the Parking Garage

-Judith Roman – disagrees with 8:00 p.m. enforcement – does not feel comfortable parking in the Parking Garage – lighting is a concern
-Mayor – exploring improved lighting

ITEMS NEEDED ON THE NEXT CITY COUNCIL AGENDA:

1. Authorize Purchase/Lease of Smart Meters
2. Amend Parking Code

MINUTES
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2018
7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance:	Peter Kotses, Chair Patrick McGee, Vice Chair Sarah Grace, Member
Administrators and/or Other Elected Officials:	President Knisely Mayor Patterson Deputy Service-Safety Director Lucas City Planner Logue

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- NW Bikeway Spur, Phase III
  -Kotses – amend 0-75-18 to increase appropriation in the Street Fund and authorize increased expenditure by $100,000 for Project #296 – the increase in cost is due to a change in the design to minimize the number of trees removed, and to eliminate a stream crossing and stream impacts – would like to bid the project this fall – completion date is now June 2019

  -McGee – questioned if the funds are available
  -Mayor – will confirm with Director of EPW

  -Grace – asked about the stage of the project at this time
  -Kotses – has not yet been bid

  -Butler – asked about the location of this phase of the bikeway spur
  -Kotses – Armitage to University Estates

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1. NW Bikeway Spur