

**Morgantown Parking Authority
Minutes of Regular Monthly Meeting
8:30 a.m. Wednesday, June 10, 2020
WebEx Meeting Due to COVID-19.**

Present: Chairman Charlie McEwuen, Vice-Chair Jeanne Hagan, Amy Dale, Shane Mardis and Director Dana McKenzie

Not Present: Zackery Cruze

Call to Order: Chairman Charlie McEwuen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Approval of the Minutes: Minutes of May 13, 2020, were unanimously approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

10 Minute Free Meter Bag Parking - Director McKenzie stated that there had been a lot of positive feedback from the 10-minute free delivery/pickup meter bags. Director McKenzie recommended leaving the 7-meter bags on for the rest of the summer. Vice-Chair Jeanne Hagan suggested that the bags be removed in August before school starting back up the board agreed with the suggestions.

Parklet – Director McKenzie spoke with Michael Mills on Monday. Michael said that Tin 202 had their largest crowd to date on Saturday night, 6/6/2020.

Michael Mills stated that Iron Horse would be the next business looking at adding a parklet. The additional seating will be in the alley beside Iron Horse instead of in public parking spaces. Director McKenzie will be meeting with Michael Mills later today to discuss the possibility of adding more parklets for other businesses.

Chairman Charlie McEwuen said that we, as the Parking Authority, have to be careful in adding to many parklets so that we do not sacrifice parking for other downtown businesses.

Amy Dale asked if there are more parklets added, then will the Parking Authority begin to charge for the spaces that are being occupied. Director McKenzie said that we would have to look at charging for these spaces should more requests be received.

Further discussion will be held in the future once more information is gathered.

NEW BUSINESS

Revenue Loss Due to Free Parking – Director McKenzie stated that the revenue loss for the last quarter of the 2019-2020 fiscal year was \$600,000. Director McKenzie said the revenue loss would impact the capital improvement projects that were budgeted by the Parking Authority. The two main projects are the retaining wall in Lot L and the University Avenue garage repairs. Director McKenzie said at some point this fiscal year, the retaining wall will be repaired, and the

budget will need to be revisited to determine how much repair work can be done on the University Avenue garage.

Happy Hour Parking – Director McKenzie asked if we should consider Happy Hour Parking this summer with the revenue loss that has already been sustained. Vice-Chair Jeanne Hagan asked Director McKenzie how busy town has been in the evenings. Director McKenzie replied that there had been quite a few people downtown on the weekends, just not as many as usual.

Vice-Chair Jeanne Hagan suggested that we do not offer free parking this because of revenue loss and the fact that we just began charging for parking again since the stay at home order was lifted. Vice-Chair Jeanne Hagan suggested that instead of offering free parking that we back off on enforcement. Chairman Charlie McEwuen agreed with the suggestion. After further discussion, it was decided not to provide the Happy Hour parking this summer.

April Budget Performance Report – Director McKenzie said a large portion of the revenue loss could be seen in the April budget performance report. Last April's revenue performance report showed \$196,000 for the month, and this April's shows \$4,800.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT

The Meeting adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Parking Authority Chairman



Parking Authority Director