



City Commission Work Session Minutes

July 25, 2024 at 1:00 PM

City Hall Commission Chambers
401 S. Park Avenue

Present

Mayor Sheila DeCiccio, Commissioners Marty Sullivan, Kris Cruzada and Todd Weaver, City Manager Randy Knight; Assistant City Manager Michelle De Valle and City Clerk Rene Cranis.

Absent

Commissioner Craig Russell

1. Meeting Called to Order

The work session was called to order at 1:11 p.m.

2. Discussion Item (s)

a. Downtown Parking Study Update

Transportation Engineer Hong Lim gave a presentation on the downtown parking study: parameters and parking supply, focusing on commercial/business areas. He reported the findings showing a surplus and overall adequate parking in the study area, but a deficit in certain areas and during specific times. Recommended strategies to improve parking include: modernizing enforcement practices, installing improved wayfinding, providing parking connections such as a downtown circulator and subsidizing ride-sharing, or other advanced technology (cellphone application to identify available spaces).

Commissioner DeCiccio suggested expanding the area to the east to include the Alford Inn and old library and feels the loss of parking with the construction of the new Rollins Museum (Lawrence Center property), expansion of the Alford Inn and reuse of the old library should be considered. Discussion followed on parking issues in the area of Alford Inn and the old library and the impact of the loss of parking at the Lawrence Center. Emphasis was noted on the need to continually monitor parking.

Commissioner Sullivan suggested looking at alternatives i.e., shuttles.

b. Park Avenue Parking, Redesign, and Refresh Discussion

Mr. Lim presented options for Park Avenue redesign to keep existing roadway and refresh landscaping and a combination of changing roadways to one-way, changes in available parking and safety concerns regarding emergency vehicle access. The following points were discussed:

- Safety of narrow lanes on one-way streets.(emergency vehicle access) Mr. Knight said staff is not supportive of one-way streets and angled parking. Safety issues outweigh the benefits of additional parking.
- Safety improvements to facilitate other modes of transportation, drop-off points for shuttles, proper lighting, consideration of other improvements (i.e., communications, drainage)

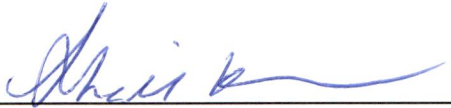
Staff will look at the options for refreshing Park Avenue without drastic changes and without one-way streets and bring back recommendations.

Additional Item:

Commissioner Sullivan asked if there was any interest in revisiting the leaf blower referendum. Commissioner Weaver said because he and Commissioner Sullivan were on the dissenting side of the vote, one of the approving commissioners must ask to reconsider. Commissioner Cruzada and Mayor DeCiccio said it should be decided by the voters.

3. Adjournment

The work session was adjourned at 2:02 p.m.



Mayor Sheila DeCiccio

ATTEST:



City Clerk Rene Cranis