



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Parking Commission.

Friday, May 2, 2025

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Mike Mayou
- Andrew Paszak
- Branden Robinson, President
- Brandon Van Tassel, Vice President
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

Members Absent

- Antonio Davis
- Robert Woods

Guests Present

- Isaiah Helmin, Assistant Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- John Ramos, Investigative Reporter – Duluth Monitor

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented the April 2025 Duluth Parking Commission meeting minutes for approval. Commission Vice President Brandon Van Tassel motioned that the minutes be approved. Commissioner Mike Mayou seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments during the initial public comments period.

OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Interstate Parking Company Assistant Operations Manager Isaiah Helmin provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated the spring cleaning for the lots and ramps was in progress. He stated that the InFlow mobile payment system used in the City's parking ramps would be extended to the surface lots as well, providing parkers with a more convenient payment option that was also consistent with the ramps. Mr. Helmin described a recently-identified structural concern at Hart District Ramp that had required a partial closure of the facility. Mr. Bauer provided further detail, stating that the City and parking operator had devised a way to keep as much of the facility open as possible while preserving public safety, which involved temporary installation of structural shoring on a lower level while keeping parking open above. Mr. Bauer stated that the association structural repairs were being bid by the City as part of its overarching seasonal repairs package but that the Hart repairs would be prioritized first. He stated that the Council-approved facilities maintenance

budget would likely be able to accommodate the unanticipated repair costs. Council President Branden Robinson inquired into the public messaging involved with the rollout of the InFlow payment system at the City's lots. Mr. Helmin stated that the messaging would be consistent with that in the City's ramps and that it would be clearly visible – and convenient – for customers.

ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE

Mr. Bauer stated that seasonal street sweeping was being performed by the City and that the Parking Services Division was assisting with the associated parking enforcement. He stated that two recently-open staff positions within the division had been filled and that the division was fully-staffed heading into the busy summer season.

PUBLIC COMMENTS FOLLOW-UP

There were no additional public comments.