



City of Duluth

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

Minutes

Parking Commission.

Friday, June 3, 2022

7:30 AM

Council Chambers, 3rd Floor, City Hall

ROLL CALL

Members Present

- Linda Krug
- Noland Makowsky, President
- Terese Tomanek
- Em Westerlund, Vice President
- Mark Bauer, Ex Officio

Members Absent

- Jessica Sterle

Guests Present

- Ari Eilola, Duluth Operations Manager – Interstate Parking Company
- Carl Crawford, Human Rights Officer – City of Duluth

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of March 2022 meeting minutes

City of Duluth Parking Services Manager Mark Bauer presented the minutes of the March 2022 meeting of the Duluth Parking Commission. Commissioner Terese Tomanek motioned that the minutes be approved as presented. Commissioner Linda Krug seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

ON-STREET ADA ACCESSIBLE PARKING ZONE REQUEST

On-street ADA accessible parking zone request

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to implement an on-street ADA accessible parking zone at 2 East 8th Street. He stated that the resident at the referenced address had requested that zone signage be placed on both sides of the street, which features an alternate side parking configuration. Mr. Bauer stated that he had visited the site, communicated with the requesting party, and consulted with the City of Duluth Commission on Disabilities regarding the request. He recommended approval of the request. Commissioner Tomanek recommended that the neighbor on the opposite side of the street be informed of the upcoming signage installation. Commission Vice President Em Westerlund motioned that the request be approved. Commissioner Tomanek seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

PROPOSAL TO PROHIBIT PARKING ON A PORTION OF HARTLEY PLACE

Proposal to prohibit parking on a portion of Hartley Place

Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to prohibit parking throughout the cul de sac at the terminus of Hartley Place. He stated that the request had been generated by a resident on the cul de sac, who stated that he and his neighbors were concerned that the conversion of a nearby house to multi-tenant housing would result in vehicles parking in the area and thereby constrict street width. Mr. Bauer stated that he had consulted with the City's streets maintenance team and that both he and streets maintenance were in agreement that the area should have featured a parking prohibition since the time of construction in order to accommodate the turn radii of snowplows and other vehicles. Both parties agreed to the need for a parking prohibition in the area. Mr. Bauer stated that the requesting party had gathered the support of seven total residents on the cul de sac for the proposal, and he added that there appeared to be adequate off-street parking in the area to reasonably support the needs of the residents. Commissioner Tomanek recommended that letters be mailed to all potentially affected residents in cases such as this informing them of the changes. Commissioner Westerlund motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Tomanek seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A 15' PARKING SETBACK FROM AN ALLEY ON NORTH 19TH AVENUE WEST

Proposal to implement a 15' parking setback from an alley on 19th Avenue West
Mr. Bauer presented a proposal to implement a parking setback from the edge of the alley on the east side of 19th Avenue West between Superior Street and 1st Street from the edge of the alley to a point 15' to the south. He stated that the request had been generated by the owner of Arrowhead Supply, Inc., who had stated that large delivery trucks had been experiencing difficulty safely navigating the right turn into the alley. Mr. Bauer stated that he had consulted with the City's Senior Traffic Engineer, who had indicated support for the proposal. Commissioner Krug motioned that the proposal be approved. Commissioner Tomanek seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.

OFF-STREET PARKING UPDATE**Off-street parking update**

Interstate Parking Company Duluth Operations Manager Ari Eilola provided an update on off-street parking operations. He stated that Canal Park's parking enforcement season had begun and that deep-cleaning in the City-owned downtown parking structures had begun. Mr. Bauer added that the cleaning and several other measures related to cleanliness and security were in progress in response to public concerns. Mr. Eilola provided an update on parking occupancy in the facilities, stating that Medical District Ramp occupancy was very strong while that at Hart District Ramp was not as high as hoped, primarily because the adjoining Fond Du Luth Casino had not yet fully reopened to the public 24/7.

ON-STREET PARKING UPDATE**On-street parking update**

Mr. Bauer stated that there were no significant on-street parking updates.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comments

There were no additional public comments.