



LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL
January 23, 2023
11:00am

Call To Order

Election Of Officers

Current officers:

Andrew Muffett, President

Ken McCammon, Vice President

Cindy Murray, Secretary

Approve Minutes

Approval Of The Minutes Of The October 17, 2022, Parking Commission Meeting

Documents:

[2022-10-17 MINUTES.PDF](#)

New Business

Approval Of City Of Lafayette Parking Garages Monthly Pass Options

Documents:

[3_PARKING GARAGE MONTHLY PASS OPTIONS.PDF](#)

Parking Operations Report

Director's Report

Public Comment

Adjournment

**MINUTES OF
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION
October 17, 2022
11:00am
Council Chambers, City Hall**

Attendance

Commissioners: Frank Donaldson, Ken McCammon, Andrew Muffett, Cindy Murray, Scott Trzaskus

Ex-Officio Members: John Collier, Assistant Director, Economic Development; Sgt. Scott Anderson, LPD Representative

Staff: Jacque Chosnek, City Attorney; Dennis Carson, Economic Development Director; Billy Emerson, Parking Operations; Dave Griffee, Asst. Director of Public Works; Jeromy Grenard, City Engineer; Nick Standerfer, Traffic Foreman; Michelle Conwell, Economic Development; Margy Deverall, Economic Development Sr. Project Manager; Grace Curry, Intern; John Withers; Parking Operations; Billy Emerson, Parking Operations

Guests: Donna Wells; Christine Nolan; Cheryl Chapman; Steven Fields; Nathaniel Shaw; David Henry; Jerry Cadwallader; Geraldine Cadwallader; Erin Rush; Leo Rush

Call To Order

Andrew Muffett, President, noted that a quorum was present and opened the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission at 11:00 a.m.

Approve Meeting Minutes

Ken McCammon moved to approve the July 18, 2022, Parking Commission meeting minutes as submitted. Cindy Murray seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Approval of 2023 Schedule of Parking Commission Meetings-Ken McCammon moved to approve, Scott Trzaskus seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Petition to remove 2-hr. parking zone and 30-minute loading zone parking on N. 14th St. between Morton and Howell Streets Petitioner – Nathaniel Shaw, Owner, 1301-1309 N. 14th St.

Nathaniel Shaw, of 1301-1309 N. 14th St. submitted a petition to remove 2-hr. parking zone and 30-minute loading zone parking on N. 14th St. between Morton and Howell Streets. He believes that having the zones are a waste of parking resources considering the few people that park in the area.

Adjacent property owner, Cheryl Chapman, believes that Nathaniel's proposal will not fix the problem, it will increase the problem. Before March 2020, no city resources were needed due to citizens obeying the current parking signs. After March 2020, more business tenants moved in, and violations ensued. Lafayette Police Department has had to be called to monitor vehicles in non-compliance of parking in loading zones for an extended time. Customers have been told by business owners that they can park in the loading zones. She believes that due to the large number of businesses, the loading zones are needed. The problem persists due to vehicles being in violation and rules not being followed.

The manager of MLS Staffing addressed the Commission stating that when they try to use the loading zones, they are met with constant intimidation from Mr. and Mrs. Chapman. Their business works in getting citizens into the workforce. They have resorted to obtaining a protective order due to photos being taken of their clients and employees. The Chapman's act as if the loading spots belong exclusively to them. Most MLS clients use the bus and are quickly dropped off in the loading zone area. They don't see a need for any parking signs.

Cheryl Chapman rebutted, stating that the requested protective order was denied. The judge at the time suggested that the business owners stay clear of each other. She did admit that her husband takes pictures of violators. She apologized to the Commission that these parking issues needed to be brought before them again.

Commission member, Cindy Murray asked John Withers and Billy Emerson of Parking Operations if there were any other streets with timed parking in the area. They replied that there were not any other timed areas outside of downtown. John Withers is not in favor of the 2-hour parking and believes it is not needed. He is in favor of keeping or re-evaluating the loading zone areas. Following discussion, Cindy Murray made a motion to accept the motion in part, removing the 2-hour parking, but keeping the loading zones. Ken McCammon seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Petition to alter on-street parallel parking on S. 9th St. between Kossuth and Cherokee Avenue to accommodate bicycle lanes Petitioner – City of Lafayette, City Engineer’s and Economic Development Departments

Dennis Carson of the Economic Development addressed concerns since the original petition to remove parking on both sides of S. 9th St. from Kossuth to Teal Rd. to accommodate new bike lanes was tabled at the previous Parking Commission meeting in July so that more information could be gathered and feedback received. Since July, the city has performed parking counts and the city engineer developed an alternate plan that accommodates a bike lane on both sides of the street (northbound on the east side, southbound on the west side) for this stretch of S. 9th St. and that also maintains all the on-street parking on the east side of the street (75% of the existing available on-street parking). The city’s revised request is to approve the removal of the existing on-street parking on the west side of S. 9th St. only, from Kossuth St. to Cherokee Ave., to accommodate the southbound bike lane that will tie into the existing southbound bike lane between Cherokee Ave. and Teal Rd. The west side was selected for removal of on-street parking because there are fewer properties on that side of the street, there is more off-street parking available on those properties and we documented fewer cars parked on that side of the street during our 8 weeks of parking counts. In fact, for 39 of 54 days that parking counts were done, zero cars were parked on the west side of the street. On 12 of the 54 days no more than one car was counted on that side of the street, and on one day 2 cars were counted. On only two separate days during the 8 weeks were more than 2 cars counted on the west side of the street; one time there were 6 and another time there were 7 cars parked and in both cases, they were clustered within about a one block area (likely because of an event or gathering at one of the properties). In addition to maintaining 75% of the on-street parking, the City addressed resident concerns regarding deliveries, drop-off and service/maintenance vehicles by confirming that vehicles are permitted to temporarily park on the west side for short term loading or unloading as well as for deliveries or maintenance/service vehicles. Mr. Carson also believes the City addressed the concern that property values will decline because of the loss of on-street parking on one side of the street and the addition of the bike lanes. He shared information that does not support that claim and property values listed by the County Assessor’s office shows that property values have actually gone up on both S. 4th St. and Salem St. in Lafayette since bike lanes were added and parking removal/relocation occurred in both of those locations in the past couple of years. The city’s view is that if this change is approved, it would pose a fairly minor inconvenience for residents and/or their guests on the west side of the street as they would have to park on the east side of the street and cross the street to get to their destination. The benefit to the community is that the city would provide reasonable accommodations for another important mode of transportation (bicycles) consistent with the Complete Streets policy and the Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan and the narrowing of the automobile travel lanes will likely reduce travel speeds through this area as well.

Steven Fields, 819 Central Avenue, does not believe the City’s claim that adding bike lanes will increase property values. He has spoken to local real estate agents who suggest that prospective buyers are looking for parking over bike lanes.

David Henry, 3653 Round Rock Court and Bike/Ped Committee representative, is on the roads multiple times a day and believes that the compromise is an opportunity for the community and City to work together. He believes that this proposal is a win-win for everyone.

Christine Nolan, 1019 S. 9th, has emailed her concerns to Dennis Carson. Dennis responded quickly to her concerns, but she still has continuing concerns. She believes that a large increase in bicyclist will occur, possible decrease in safety for pedestrians crossing 9th street and cut-ins for driveways coming out into the street creating a hazard. She is in support of pedestrian crosswalks. The concept of complete streets is popular but not appropriate in all places. She suggests a joint committee monitor traffic patterns for a two-year time span.

Cindy Murray and Frank Donaldson were appreciative of the community's involvement in and the idea of compromise. Cindy Murry was supportive of revisiting this in a few years to see if it is working. Frank Donaldson questioned the safety and inconvenience to property owners. Andrew Muffet likes the idea of compromise and appreciates everyone's time and effort. Scott Trzaskus likes the compromise and the idea of a pedestrian crossing. Ken McCammon stated that he took random counts from August 1 - October 1, 2022, and he indicated that no cars or very few cars (max of 5) were counted on the west side, with a few exceptions (Amazon delivery). In 55 trips, Ken counted 54 cars. With no further feedback from the public, Cindy Murray made a motion to accept the proposal, with the recommendation for the Engineer's office to look into a pedestrian crossing and speed limit reduction, Ken McCammon seconded. The motion passed 4-1, with Frank Donaldson voting nay.

Parking Operations –

- Presented the Parking Commission with a printed breakdown of citations since the last meeting in October.
- Parking Operations has a new license plate recognition system that seems to be working well.
- They are looking forward to the opening of the Public Safety Center garage after the first quarter along with additional off-street parking.

Director's Report-No report

Public Comment-There were no additional comments from the public.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission was adjourned at 12:00pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Michelle Conwell for the Secretary*

Signed,

Cindy Murray, Secretary, Lafayette Parking Commission



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City of Lafayette Parking Garages - Monthly Pass Options

There are 2 City parking garages. The 5th Street Garage is located at 18 N. 5th Street. The 7th Street Garage is located at 70 N. 7th Street.

Unreserved Space	Single Garage Use (must designate)	\$70.00
	Dual Garage Option (for either garage)	\$80.00

A "Hunt and Find" space option. The spaces are first-come, first-served.

Downtown Resident	Single Garage Use (must designate)	\$45.00
	Dual Garage Option (for either garage)	\$55.00

A "Hunt and Find" space option at a discounted rate for downtown residents is available. (Must provide proof of residence) Resident parking is restricted to designated areas on the upper levels of the garage.

Reserved Space	\$100.00
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A reserved space identified by a Reserved Parking sign.

Reserved Space with Signage	\$125.00
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A reserved space identified with a personalized sign approved by the Lafayette Parking Operations Department.

Reserved Parking in the parking garages is enforced Monday-Friday during normal business hours. (7am – 5pm)

Reserved parking is not guaranteed on nights, weekends, and city observed holidays.

For more information please contact:

Parking Operations at parking@lafayette.in.gov or (765) 807-1160.