



CITY OF DOVER

ORDINANCE COMMITTEE – MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Ordinance Committee Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Hall, City Council Conference Room**
Meeting Date: **Monday, May 6, 2024**
Meeting Time: **8:30 a.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE

Deputy Mayor Shanahan called the meeting to order at 8:31a.m.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present: Deputy Mayor Dennis Shanahan, Councilor Fergus Cullen, Councilor Lindsey Williams, City Attorney Joshua Wyatt, William Simons, Parking Manager and Legal Assistant Patricia Moniello.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No citizens or members of the public present for public forum.

4. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES –

- April 1, 2024

Councilor Williams moved to approve; seconded by Councilor Cullen.
All in favor. Unanimous.

5. REVIEW OF PROPOSED OR PENDING ORDINANCES

Attorney Wyatt discussed the ordinance moving forward for the next meeting. Chapter 141, Sections 30 and 40, will do two things: (i) amend language relating to Veteran and EV plate parking and (ii) make a portion of Fifth Street as a one-way street.

Parking Manager Bill Simons gave a quick overview on how the original ordinance came about. As for the electric vehicle ("EV") update to the ordinance, he explained there was a question that came up from someone at the garage who believed their plate entitled them to free EV parking. Mr. Simons brought it to the Parking Commission Chairperson, who stated he did not believe the Parking Commission intended to allow free EV parking/charging.

Councilor Cullen raised the idea of potentially limiting the free veteran parking to Dover residents.

Councilor Williams said administratively there would be more moving parts with this idea.

Mr. Simons stated it would entail more administrative effort, but was workable.

Attorney Wyatt cautioned to make sure the proposal ties back to the core purposes of charging for parking, which is to recoup fees and cause spaces to turnover periodically.



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Deputy Mayor Shanahan observed adding additional stickers for parking may be problematic in reference to the 3-hour time limits, moving vehicles, getting an additional three hours of time, etc.

Mr. Simons did mention an optional idea is to offer free veteran parking in the City's garage, and potentially the Fourth Street lot.

Deputy Mayor Shanahan summarized the discussion and consensus: to hold the public hearing on May 8th, substitute a new ordinance excluding EV and limiting veterans' free parking to the City's parking garage and Fourth Street lot, and then have the newly substituted ordinance referred to May 22nd for a third reading, which would allow time for the Parking Commission to review the amended ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilor Williams to bring forward an amended version of Ch. 141 Section 30 with changes as outlined by Deputy Mayor, to be presented at the City Council meeting on Wednesday. Seconded by Councilor Cullen. Unanimously approved.

Attorney Wyatt indicated he would update the ordinance and a new version would be provided to councilors for the May 8th council meeting.

Attorney Wyatt then discussed the small change to Section 141 which included adding Fifth Street as a one-way street.

6. GENERAL DISCUSSION

Attorney Wyatt stated the General Code's ecode site has been overhauled and has new search functions, which the City Attorney's office was reviewing. He encouraged Ordinance Committee members to review the new code and test the new functionality.

Councilor Cullen asked if the ecode update resolves the Google search problem, where the City's code is not showing up in top search results. Attorney Wyatt performed a quick Google search during the meeting and the City's code section did come up as the first result, so whatever has happened recently appears to have resolved the search engine problem.

Attorney Wyatt explained City staff were still working on merging and formatting Chapter 170 and General Code's new Chapter 170.

7. BUILD AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING

Deputy Mayor Shanahan observed the next Ordinance Committee meeting would be tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2024 at 8:30 a.m., if needed.



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8. ADJOURN

Councilor Williams moved to adjourn - seconded by Councilor Cullen. Unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 a.m.