

AD HOC PARKING RAMP COMMITTEE

April 11, 2013

Mayor Ross called the meeting to order.

A. Roll Call

Present at roll call were Bill Ross, Amy Brandt, Sherrill Kelley, Ryan Wilson, Fred Kelley, Louis Armstrong, Al Gerber, John Glynn, Tom Miller, Craig Patchin, Marilyn Pfarr, Dave Riese. Robert Duxstad arrived later in the meeting. Pam Christopher was absent due to illness.

B. Correction of Minutes

None

C. Business

1. Review draft RFP for downtown parking study

Al Gerber presented the RFP for professional services to conduct a parking study of downtown Monroe and answered questions regarding the RFP and attachments. Al stated that the estimate for the study would be between twelve and eighteen thousand dollars. A general discussion followed.

2. Discuss funding options

Phil Rath led a group conference call with Jeff Jackman from PFIC to learn more about financing specializing in public/private partnerships. Jeff's recommendation was for their marketing people to do a demand study on surface parking with the ability to expand parking. The study Jeff was explaining would cost between five and ten thousand dollars. PFIC would play the role of development program managers and would work with local companies and parking specialists to build a parking ramp that would then be owned by the city or a non-profit group. A general discussion followed. Phil also presented other financing options for a parking project such as revenue bonds, TID financing, a city wide referendum, a direct loan from a bank or banks pooling together for projects similar to this. A state trust fund loan was also presented as an option along with G.O. bonds. All options presented reflect a twenty year loan. Privatization was discussed but not as a serious way for us to go with this project. A general discussion followed.

3. General discussion regarding parking ramp

Bob Duxstad asked about reserve funds that the city currently has and how the bond rating for the city would be affected if we just paid for this project out of available funds. Ticket revenue was discussed. Chief Kelley stated that a fine is a deterrent, not a revenue builder and that the most efficient parking space is one that is used as it is paid for like a meter. Kiosks were discussed as option over putting meters back in. Labor costs have not been confirmed by Chief Kelley for such an option.

Mayor Ross suggested that if the RFP process is pursued additional proposals may come back less. This will allow us to look at what we have as far as current parking, lots and let us take a second look at real enforcement. Mayor Ross agreed that enforcement is needed on the square and even a block off. Craig Patchin agreed that regulation and enforcement are needed.

Motion made by Craig Patchin, and seconded by Tom Miller to pursue the RFP process. Motion carried.

Chief Kelley suggested that the committee meet in one week in order for him to present recommendations and a process for parking enforcement.

4. Set next meeting date

A brief discussion took place. The next meeting was set for Thursday, April 18 at 4:30 pm at City Hall.

D. Business by Members

None

E. Adjourn

Motion made by Marilyn Pfarr and seconded by Tom Miller to adjourn. Motion carried.

Amy Brandt, Secretary