

**Minutes of City Council Workshop**  
**Monday, May 4, 2009—6:15 PM**  
**City Council Conference Room – Workshop**

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Mayor Sharp called the workshop to order at 6:15 PM with the following City Council members in attendance:

Lee Buck  
Penny Christian  
Steve Hartkemeyer  
Rick Knight  
Pete Mittleman  
Tom Taylor

Also present were City Manager George Forbes, Police Chief Bruce Thomason and City Clerk Heidi Reagan.

Mr. Forbes explained the purpose of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of charging for parking in the City-owned Downtown Parking Lots during holidays and special events. Mr. Forbes provided the Council with three questions to answer to begin discussion.

Question #1:

Should we consider charging for parking in the City-owned parking lots during holidays or for special events?

After brief discussion the answer to this question was yes.

Question #2:

If yes, what problem are we trying to solve?

Mayor Sharp stated this would be a source of revenue to help defray the cost of extra police and clean-up by public works during holidays and for special events. Council discussed that there are 600 City-owned parking spaces. After discussion the Council concurred that it would be best to run a pilot program in order to obtain some data to help determine the amount of cost versus revenue for such a program.

Question #3:

What days or types of events should we charge for parking?

Council discussed charging for parking for holidays and special events, and charging a flat fee for each time a vehicle entered the lot.

The Mayor asked that staff come back to the Council in two weeks with a recommendation and options for a pilot program.

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Mr. Forbes explained that the City also needs to update the “Parking Fine Ordinance”, as it has not been updated in many years. The Mayor commented that we might also need to write an ordinance to regulate the unregulated parking lots.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 PM.

Submitted by: Heidi Reagan, City Clerk

Approved:

/s/Fland O. Sharp

Fland O. Sharp, Mayor

Date: May 18, 2009