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AGENDA

Parking Committee

January 27, 2020 @ 5:00PM

City Hall, 41 Green Street, Concord NH 03301
Large 2nd Floor Conference Room

1. **Overview of Agenda**
2. **Adoption of Minutes**
 - a) December 23, 2019
3. **Requests / Referrals**
 - a) Michelle Radie-Coffin: School Street 2 Hour Zone (Pine to Liberty)
 - b) Don Ross: Request for No Parking Zone on District 5 Road at Cul-de-sac
 - c) Remi Hinxhia: Request for Modifications to Metered Parking Near 60-62 Pleasant Street
4. **Other Business**
5. **Adjourn**

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Discussion ensued. The Parking Committee voted to recommend that the City Council proceed with the Mayor's proposal.

6. **FY 2020 Financial Statements:** Mr. Walsh provided a brief review of FY2020 financial statements through the end of November, which represents approximately 41% of the Fiscal Year.

Revenues are at 36% YTD, roughly 5% behind budget. Specifically, parking penalties are at 24% YTD, which is approximately 17% behind budget. Mr. Walsh noted that parking penalties are lagging due to vacant PEO positions. In addition, PEOs have been covering the Police Department's vacant receptionist position, thus distracting from parking enforcement efforts. Councilor Coen expressed concerns about this circumstance, and stated this practice amounts to the Parking Fund subsidizing the General Fund. He also stated that this practice diminishes neighborhood parking enforcement, which is an important quality of life issue for neighborhoods surrounding the downtown area.

Meter revenues are at 36% YTD or 5% less than budget. Mr. Walsh noted that overall revenues are on par with this time last year; however, the FY2020 budget anticipates new revenues from Phase II of the meter expansion, which have not yet accrued as meters will be installed in early January 2020.

Expenses are currently at 39% YTD of budget. This is approximately 2% less than budget year to date.

7. **Other Business:**

- a. **Smoking Ordinance for Parking Garages:** Mr. Walsh reported that City Administration desires to regulate usage of tobacco related products in the City's parking garages (i.e. State Street, School Street, and Storrs Street). It was noted that the City currently regulates tobacco usage at all City parks, the Library, and Beaver Meadow Golf Course clubhouse.

Mr. Walsh explained that the usage of tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes and vaping devices, has become increasingly problematic at the garages. Specifically, smokers tend to use tobacco products (including electronic cigarettes and vaping devices) inside the enclosed stairwells and elevators, as well as covered areas near pay stations, thus creating negative experiences for garage patrons. Littering associated with discarded cigarette butts negatively affects cleanliness of these facilities and creates additional burdens for maintenance staff.

Mr. Walsh added that implementation of a smoking ordinance is part of a larger, ongoing effort to improve the safety, security, cleanliness, and friendliness of the three City-owned parking garages. The goal of addressing these issues is to make these important economic development facilities more comfortable and welcoming for use by the parking public.

If approved, signage will be posted in each City-owned garage informing the public that tobacco usage in the garage is prohibited.

Discussion ensued. Some members of the Parking Committee stated that they felt this ordinance would disproportionately target vagrants in the garages. Mr. Walsh stated that this would not be the case, and cited certain downtown office and restaurant workers that