

MINUTES

CITY COMMISSION WORKSHOP

OLD CITY HALL, 510 GREENE STREET

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

A regular meeting of the City Commission of the City of Key West, Florida was held in Commission Chambers, Old City Hall, on Wednesday, March 20, 2013.

Mayor Craig Cates called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Answering roll call were Commissioners Teri Johnston, Clayton Lopez, Billy Wardlow, Jimmy Weekley, Tony Yaniz and Mayor Craig Cates.

Commissioner Mark Rossi was absent.

Also present were City Manager Bob Vitas, Assistant City Manager Mark Finigan, City Attorney Shawn Smith, City Planner Don Craig, Parking Manager John Wilkins, Parking Manager John Wilkins, Sustainability Coordinator Alison Higgins, ADA Coordinator Diane Nichlaus and Senior Deputy City Clerk Sue Harrison.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was given by all present.

DISCUSSION:

PARKING CITY WIDE

City Planner, Donald Craig, made the opening remarks to discuss and receive input on possible scenarios for resolving conflicts between the demand for parking in our Historic and adjacent neighborhoods in the downtown area, the need to protect residential uses and the need for reasonable and convenient access to downtown and commercial uses by tourists, citizens and commercial delivery vehicles.

Sustainability Coordinator, Alison Higgins, described the Transportation Coordination Team and their goals through the end of Fiscal 2014.

Mr. Craig provided some background on the Parking Waiver Zone in the Historic District.

Parking Manager, John Wilkins, presented the information pertinent to parking issues in the Historic District. Mr. Wilkins described the programs for Residential Metered Parking and Employee Assistance Parking presently in place. Mr. Wilkins stated in the area of concern there are 1008 designated and marked Residential Parking spaces and an additional 750 spaces that are not marked open parking spaces. At the conclusion of Mr. Wilkin's presentation the Commission heard public comments.

The Clerk read letters into the record from Steve Russ, 3220 Riviera Drive and Jane Newhagan.

The following people spoke on the matter.

Judy Martinez, 1020 Emma Street
Paula Hodges, 317 William Street
Bill Cottrill, 320 William Street
Tom Theisen, 314 Peacon Lane
Robert Cobb, 832 Caroline Street
Richard Hawkins, 421 Simonton Street
Paul Mitchell, 412 Eaton Street
Jack Anderson, 800 Caroline Street
Elizabeth Davis, 1121 Elgin Lane

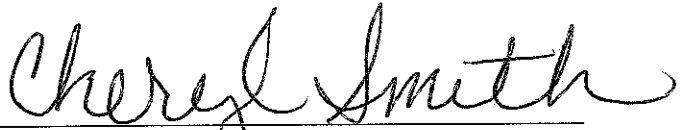
After discussion, Mr. Wilkins recapped the things to be researched for the Commission; to meet with the Commissioners individually, to explore zoned parking for the "Harbor Zone" and the "Thomas Street Zone" to bring relief for residents in those areas, to review bicycle substitution and parking waivers, to provide specific statistics regarding the number of vehicles that need to be accommodated in the area, to explore the Mayor's initiative with Employee

Assistance Reduced Rate parking at the Park'n'Ride and at the Angela Street parking lot, to investigate the feasibility of a program for Guest House Parking encouraging guests to park in lots and not on the street, to work in ideas to incentivize people not to have vehicles in the City, to have the Department of Transportation investigate the feasibility of smaller busses or jitneys with grant money and the re-creation of the shuttle from the Park'n'Ride.

Mayor Cates thanked everyone for coming and for Mr. Wilkins' report.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Cheryl Smith". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Cheryl Smith, MMC, CPM
City Clerk