

**TOWN OF SOUTHLINGTON
PARKING AUTHORITY
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 6, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Southington Parking Authority was held on Thursday, May 6, 2010 in the Council Chambers of the Southington Town Hall, 75 Main Street, Southington, CT. The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairperson Dolores Babkirk-Rodrigues at 2:20PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited by all present.

Roll Call

Present were Dolores Babkirk-Rodrigues, Thomas DelSanto and Mathew Florian. A quorum was determined. Chairman Solury arrived later.

Approval of Minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting.

Commissioner Florian made a motion to entertain the minutes of the April 1, 2010 meeting. This was seconded by Commissioner DelSanto. Vice Chair Babkirk-Rodrigues announced a change under OLD BUSINESS in the first paragraph, second line, where it reads "placing simple red P signs" to "placing simple green P signs." The motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. It passed on a voice vote.

Public Communications

None

Commissioner Communications

None

Submissions of Bills and Payments

The stenographer's bill is filed for payment.

A bill is presented by Chairman Solury for computer supplies in the amount of \$58.29.

OLD BUSINESS

Signs

Commissioner DelSanto reports. He has been working with the Park Department. The sign chosen to be placed on the lampposts is too big. It needs to be reduced to 18 x 24. He has done a walk around with John Solury and he reported their observations. There was a discussion. John has asked him to check with traffic officer Bernie Mullens at the Police Department and he has made a few attempts to do so, without response. There was some discussion about asking the police commissioner or the chief. The Rules of Parking signs were also discussed. The commissioners wondered if they were necessary and/or if they could be reduced in size. The Park Department continues to place/replace signs as

time permits. Chairman Solury agreed to attempt to contact Officer Mullens.

Restriping of the D'Angelo/First Congregational Church Lot

Chairman Solury reported that Anthony Musto has submitted a quote for the striping of this lot in the amount \$1192. Commissioner DelSanto made a motion that this job be awarded to Mr. Musto at this time. It was seconded by Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Florian=yes, Solury=yes, Babkirk-Rodrigues=yes, DelSanto=yes.

Bank of America Lot islands

Commissioner Florian reported. A sketch was drawn up and forwarded to John and Tony Tranquillo. Town Engineer Tranquillo said that it was OK with him to put in islands, but he preferred to see 26' for the drive through areas. It makes the space a little tight and may result in the loss of a few parking spaces. Design and cost were discussed. This needs to be done soon for budgetary reasons. There was a discussion about the handicapped parking spaces in this lot.

Chairman John J. Solury, Jr. assuming the chair:

2010-2011 Budget

The Chairman reported on the status of the modified and diminished budget for the present and upcoming fiscal years. The sign account has been cut drastically for next year. The commission discussed future sign and post needs, and planned projects with funds encumbered for this fiscal year.

Commissioner Florian discussed requesting a capital budget for the Parking Authority. Chairman Solury explained the town's policy on carryovers. The Parking Authority will be turning back to the town \$7500 earmarked for the dumpster project in the Bank of America Lot. He noted that the commission has spent a year and a half on this project and has exhausted all avenues of cooperation from the town or the merchants. The Chairman of the Finance Board has advised that projects need to be completed this year. Florian asked if perhaps another line item could be created for future capital improvements. Commissioner DelSanto agreed with Florian. He noted that the Plantsville lots will be coming on board.

NEW BUSINESS

Use of Municipal Parking Lot

Brian Meccariello spoke on behalf of the Italian-American Festival Committee. He announced that the annual event is scheduled this year for Friday July 23 at 8AM until Sunday July 25 at 11PM and refers to his letter, which has been sent to the commissioners. The event will be the same as last year. He had questions about the Paul Gregory lot. The carnival rides will be placed in that area. He has spoken with the businesses in the area and all concerned have been advised of the times and the dates. The proper event insurance has been addressed. Commissioner Florian made a motion to approve this request as presented. Commissioner DelSanto seconded his motion. All were in favor of this on a voice vote.

Parking Waiver

None

Miscellaneous

Chairman Solury read a letter that he has sent to the Southington Park Department, especially David LePre, thanking them for their assistance with the signs.

Commissioner Babkirk-Rodrigues reported on the employee parking at the YMCA. She has received the hold harmless agreement from Town Attorney Mark Sciota. She forwarded it to John Myers who forwarded it to Dino, who approved it. The restaurant employees may park in the YMCA lot on the corner of No. Liberty and Liberty Place after 4:30PM on Monday thru Friday and all day Saturday. It requires the signature of Chairman Solury. Chairman Solury commented that it was great that the Y was allowing this and expects it will free up parking for downtown customers.

Adjournment

Chairman Solury called for adjournment at 3:15PM. All were in favor of adjournment.

John J. Solury, Jr., Chairperson
Southington Parking Authority