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**Sent:** Friday, January 10, 2020 10:57 AM  
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**Subject:** Metered Parking at 60-62 Pleasant Street  
**Attachments:** Expanded Meter Zone Map Nov 2019.pdf

Hello Remi-

Nice speaking with you earlier this week. Thank you for your email below regarding installation of parking meters near 60-62 Pleasant Street.

As we discussed, the meters are being installed in accordance with the recommendations of the City's 2017 Strategic Parking Plan. In total, approximately 315 parking spaces are being metered throughout downtown. Per the Strategic Plan, these newly metered spaces will have a 10 hour time limit and will be enforced Monday – Saturday 9AM – 7PM. Cost to park is \$1 / hour. These hours of enforcement and rates – which were enacted on July 1, 2018 - are consistent with all on-street metered parking spaces in the Downtown area.

Regarding time limits, the City currently has 10 hour and 3 hour time limits for all on-street meters. These were created after extensive public input between 2014-2017 regarding the parking system. Please see the attached meter map. The 3 hour limit governs metered parking on Main Street, as well as the side streets off Main between State and Storrs. It is intended to provide parkers ample time to shop / dine while still achieving turnover. With this in mind, it might be appropriate for the Parking Committee to consider changing to a 3 hour limit for a limited number of spaces near your restaurant, as that would be consistent with on-street parking in the heart of the Downtown Central Business District where a plethora of restaurants are located. (The Parking Committee recently recommended a similar change to the City Council to support a retail business on Storrs Street near Dixon Avenue which was originally a 10 hour zone).

Regarding 20 minute parking, the City's experience has been that these spaces are often abused by the public and not very effective. Given that you have on-site parking on your property 60-62 Pleasant, it might be more appropriate for you to create 1 or 2 "take out" parking spaces to support the restaurant. Also, by having these on your property, you would be able to effectively control and enforce these spaces.

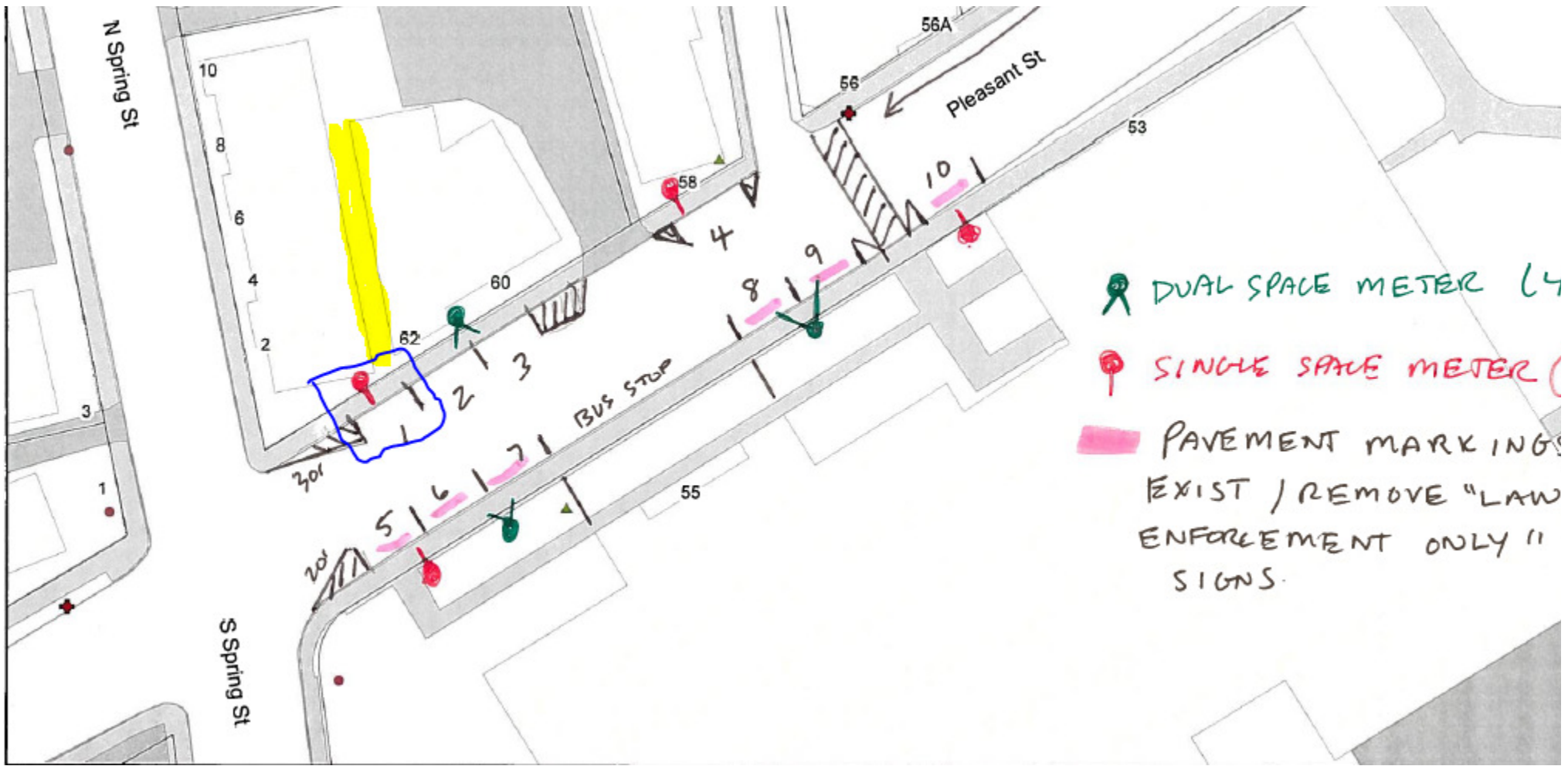
Concerning the quantity of on-street metered spaces near 60-62 Pleasant St, you indicated that 4 spaces previously existed at this location. Please see the meter layout plan below. Accounting for driveway and intersection setbacks in accordance with City Ordinances, the design anticipated that only 3 lawfully compliant spaces could be created at this location. Further, when General Services installed pavement markings several weeks ago, they only painted out 2 spaces due to the curb cut between your properties at 60-62 Pleasant and 2-10 North Spring Street. See map as well as picture below. The meter layout plan did not account for this driveway as it did not show on the City's GIS. Therefore the plan had to be adjusted resulting in only 2 lawfully compliant parking spaces.

If you were open to closing the curb cut between 60-62 Pleasant and 2-10 North Spring (which would require installation of curbing), then the layout plan likely could be adjusted this spring.

The City's Parking Committee is the appropriate group with which to review your concerns. I will work with Byron Champlin (Chair of the Parking Committee & copied on this email) to schedule a review of your request at an upcoming meeting. I'll be in touch soon to confirm when the Committee will review your concerns and requests.

Talk soon!

Best Regards,  
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Good morning Matt

Happy New Year 2020 and hope you are doing well and staying busy

Thank you for taking my call yesterday about the parking meters being installed in front of my restaurants at 60-62 pleasant st

As you know I open my restaurant there since 2000. Always has been a 20min parking drop off and on

we always had issues there with people that came park for hours and went to the court house. I used to call the parking division and the answer that i got multiple times was " oh they are law enforcement or federal people that notified us"

yesterday afternoon that I called you, I saw contractors installing meters

i have some concerns about that

A- it used to be 4 spaces in front of my properties before. The parking enforcement man told me that on the design are 3 but general services marked only 2. I don't know why? So there are at least 1 but maximum 2 spaces that are being taken away for people to park and potentially come in to my establishments or go to the federal court house

B-i was told that those parking meters can be fed for 10 hours. That means that someone that is doing business at federal court house can come park there and feed the meter for 10 hours and let NOONE come to my restaurant to drop off or pick up food. for \$7.5 a day that meter can ruin my business and upset my customers not to come in

C-i also was told that those meters will be operating till 7pm?

So clearly I have issues with this decision and this meters the way are set up to operate and I kindly ask you to bring this issue to the appropriate committee to see how we can resolve this issues

i understand that city needs to improve parking, budgeting ect, however i believe that should be ways to help me or others like me that are in the same position. I am the only one on that block that have commercial space that get impacted directly form these meters

I believe that we should leave it as is 20min but enforce it every day is a solution or metters being fed for one hour not 2 or more hours, and please bring back the amount of spaces that were taken out

Respectfully

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