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Community Development Department

PARKING COMMITTEE
DRAFT Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2026 @ 5:00PM
City Council Chambers
37 Green Street, Concord, NH 03301

Committee Members in Attendance:

Brent Todd, City Councilor, Parking Committee Chair
Mark Davie, City Councilor
Aislinn Kalob, City Councilor
Judith Kurtz, City Councilor
Ali Sekou, City Councilor (*arrived at 5:02 p.m.*)

Absent:

None

Staff:

Tim Thompson, AICP, Assistant Director of Community Development
David Florence, Parking Supervisor

Public:

Serena Varley

Chair Todd called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

1. Welcome by Chair Todd: Chair Todd welcomed those in attendance.
2. Adoption of March 23, 2026 Minutes: A motion was made by Councilor Kurtz and duly seconded by Councilor Davie to adopt the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Councilor Sekou arrived at 5:02 p.m.
3. State Street Parking Garage Study / Downtown Parking Supply and Occupancy Discussion & Recommendations

Mr. Thompson reviewed the status of the project, recalling that the draft report and presentation were given to the Committee on March 23. He noted that the City Manager is nearing completion of the FY27 budget and CIP for submission to the City Council. Mr. Thompson indicated that he had preliminarily included \$300,000 in design funds in FY27 and \$3 million in repair/renovation funds in FY28 in the draft CIP (both proposed as Parking Fund Bonds). He recommended the Committee discuss the various options, and be prepared to discuss during budget workshops with the Finance Committee, particularly when the CIP is scheduled to be discussed on May 21.

The Committee discussed the various garage options, and that the information in the report can be utilized in the future when the current facility reaches end of useful life (following the FY28

1 repairs and renovations). The Committee also expressed a desire to move forward with
2 changes to rates, fees, and penalties to ensure that the Parking Fund remains in good fiscal
3 shape as capital projects are commenced in future years. Mr. Thompson and Mr. Florence
4 indicated that they would begin research and development of various options for the
5 Committee's consideration, and that this would be an ongoing, regular committee agenda item
6 moving forward, with a goal of implementing rate/fee/penalty changes for FY28.
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8 4. Citizen Requests and City Council Referrals 9

10 Mr. Thompson noted that he had not notified any of the people involved with referrals and
11 request, and suggested that the Committee discuss each item preliminarily and he would notify
12 everyone in advance of the next meeting to attend if they chose to do so. The Committee agreed
13 with this approach, and decided that no formal votes or actions would be taken until the June
14 meeting.
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- 16 a) Citizen Request: request for a comprehensive traffic study of Knoll and Wyman Streets to
17 implement a No-Parking designation on both streets (Robert Murdoch, 6 Knoll St) *Continued*
18 *from March 23*
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20 The committee discussed the updated information from Mr. Murdoch and the staff report. The
21 Committee requested that staff reach out again to Mr. Murdoch asking if there are any others in
22 the neighborhood in support of his requests. Mr. Thompson stated he would follow up and
23 bring the item back at the June meeting. The Committee commented that given low traffic
24 volumes and the apparent geometry of the streets in the area that they were unlikely to be
25 desirous of making any significant changes in the area.
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- 27 b) City Council Referral/Citizen Request: Columbus Avenue Parking Sign (referred by City Council
28 on 4/13/26) and request from Columbus Avenue Residents to remove parking restrictions on
29 the east side of roadway (Serena & Paul Varley, Pete & Molly Brandt, Sarah & DJ Burdette, and
30 Charlie Russell)
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32 Following clarifying comments from Ms. Varley, Mr. Thompson indicated that he had not
33 reviewed the correct portion of the street, and would need to further consider the request in
34 advance of the June meeting. The committee discussed the request, and the potential changes
35 to the school area with consolidation of the City's private catholic schools co-locating at Bishop
36 Brady High School. The Committee preliminarily indicated a willingness to explore options
37 once staff has updated their analysis and report in June. Mr. Thompson indicated that
38 regardless of the Committee decision in the future, a report would go back to the full City
39 Council at the appropriate time in accordance with the referral process.
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- 41 c) Citizen Request: Extending no parking zone at intersection of Rumford & Wyman Streets
42 (Audrey Melewski, 131 Rumford St)
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44 The committee discussed the request, and remarked that even if requested changes were
45 considered, sight lines at the hill would remain difficult. Staff and the Committee considered
46 alternatives to ordinance and signage changes, the existing parking restrictions along Rumford
47 Street, and the driving realities of densely populated urban neighborhoods where limited off-
48 street parking is available.
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- 50 d) Citizen Request: Loading Zones in downtown (Corey Neveu)
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52 The committee discussed the request, and remarked that, while sympathetic to the lack of
53 loading areas downtown, illegal parking is not the solution to the problem, and that people need
54 to explore options not in the immediate vicinity of their destination. Mr. Florence mentioned

1 the encumbrance permit process, and that Mr. Neveu did not like the way it required the permit
2 holder to ensure the encumbered space is available and not taken by other members of the
3 public.
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- 5 e) Citizen Request: No parking sign at 142 Pleasant Street (Megan Hewey, 142 Pleasant St)
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7 The committee discussed the request, and remarked that high school student parking will
8 always be a challenge in this area, and making the area no parking will likely not change that.
9 Mr. Florence noted that this is a fairly high enforcement area, due to the high school, and that
10 the Police will always reach out to the school resource officer or tow a vehicle that is
11 obstructing a driveway.
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13 **5. Financials**
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15 Mr. Thompson reviewed the February and March reports indicating that expenditures and
16 revenues are in line with expectation for this point in the fiscal year.
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18 **6. Other Business**
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20 None
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22 **7. Review Future Meetings**
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24 The Committee indicated that there would be no meeting in May due to budget deliberations by
25 the City Council. Meetings were tentatively set for June 22, July 27, and August 24.
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- 27 **8. Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 6:44 PM, following a unanimous vote on a motion by Councilor
28 Sekou and seconded by Councilor Kalob.
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30 Respectfully Submitted,
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32 Timothy J. Thompson, AICP

33 Assistant Director of Community Development