

**Brainerd, MN
October 25th, 2021**

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, the Brainerd City Council Workshop Parking Commission Discussion was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Council President Bevans.

Members Stunek, Johnson, Pritschet, Stenglein, Erickson, O'Day, and Bevans. Mayor Badeaux was also noted as present. Parking Commission members present were Commissioners Yeager, Marohn, and Billman-Arndt. Staff noted as present: City Administrator Bergman, Community Development Director Chanski, City Engineer/ Interim Public Works Director Sandy, Police Chief Bestul, and Finance Director Hillman.

Parking Commission Recommendation

Parking Commission Chair Yeager gave an overview of the process taken by the Parking Commission to develop the recommendations including holding a townhall and conducting a parking study. The Commission's goal was to create a plan for the reality of the downtown parking situation, not what they thought the Council would want to hear.


Community Development Director Chanski gave an overview of each of the eight recommendations by Parking Commission including the reasoning, cost, and timeline for implementation. Recommendations for downtown by the Commission include increase in lot rates, installation of parking meters, parking revenue to be used for improvements downtown, update downtown kiosks for wayfinding, update to the zoning code, marketing strategy for vacant lot sale, a more pedestrian friendly downtown, and informational campaign for residents, owners, and businesses downtown.

Council discussion took place. All Council Members were given the chance to ask questions of the Parking Commission and staff.

Council Member Johnson referred the recommendations and implementation of the plan to the Personnel and Finance Committee meeting on November 15th.

Adjourn

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



Jennifer Bergman
City Administrator