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To: Council President Mary Sheffield, City Council
From: Keith Hutchings, Director of Municipal Parking Department
Date: March 12, 2024
Re: Responses to 2024-2025 Budget Analysis

Please find below responses to your questions sent on 03/08/24, regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 Proposed Budget for the Municipal Parking Department.

- 1. How many City lots are within the Municipal Parking Departments jurisdiction? Are there plans to acquire more City lots? If so, explain where and why?**

The city has one (1) active city lot and seven (7) new lots by the end of fiscal year 2024. Municipal Parking leases a ninth lot for public use. All lots are part of the city's investment in neighborhood corridors

- 2. How much money was received via the Park Detroit mobile app vs. how much revenue was generated from public parking in structures during the week or during major events?**

The majority of all parking revenues are generated via the ParkDetroit app. Unfortunately, financial reporting constraints make it very challenging to parse this revenue from parking structure revenue by specific dates.

- 3. On Page B34-10, Please explain the reason for the code enforcement parking revenue increase from Adopted FY24 to Proposed FY25.**

Revenues for the Parking Violation Bureau have increased as parking traffic in the City of Detroit approaches pre-pandemic levels. It is anticipated that parking volume will continue to grow.

- 4. On Page B34-10, Please explain the reason for the parking garage increase in revenue from Adopted FY24 to Proposed FY25.**

The increase in appropriation 27341 is due to elevated parking demand at the Ford Underground garage and on-street meters. FY24 Adopted revenue of \$6.36m represents an outdated revenue forecast. FY25 revenues of \$8.24m are updated based on FY23 actuals of \$7m and YTD collection trends.

- 5. How many employees can park in the Ford Underground parking lot?**



Approximately 1,500 employees park at Ford Underground Garage per week.

6. What is the complete list of repairs needed in the Ford Underground? How much would it cost to repair and upgrade the structure?

A. What is the acidic substance dropping from ceiling pipes onto cars?

Substances from the ceiling of the parking deck roof are calcium related.

B. Does the structure need waterproofing? How long can the Ford Underground structure stay intact without waterproofing? What is the long-term plan for the structure?

The Ford Underground is not where the waterproofing is needed. Adding water proofing to Ford would not solve the leaking issues. The leaking is related to the above Jefferson Avenue roadway barrier deterioration, which remains unaddressed. This is a State of Michigan road under the jurisdiction of MDOT. The structure is sound and not in danger of failure. Recent work has addressed life safety issues. I am not aware of any plans other than operating the garage as a public parking structure.

7. How many residential parking permit zones have been established to date? How many are in the queue? What is the status of North end Parking Permit zone?

The City Council approved 21 residential parking zones. Of the 21 zones, 13 are active with 8 additional slated to be activated once signs are installed. Northern Brush Park is still in the Neighborhood and Community Services Committee. It is anticipated that another public hearing will occur in the next several weeks to continue the approval process.

8. Brush Park has a residential permit parking zone; however, residents within the boundary have been trouble accessing a permit for their address? Does the system have issues with acknowledging the properties that should be eligible for a residential permit?

Some residents have reached out to Municipal Parking for assistance in registering and the department has assisted residents in registering. The system does not have any address recognition issue. In a few cases, an address was missing from the database and added to allow the citizen to register.



9. What can be done reduce speeds and allow for ample parking on narrow but major streets, like Van Dyke?

Traffic control is not within the focus of the Municipal Parking Department. This is a matter managed by the Department of Public Works. The question will be forwarded to DPW.

10. What commercial corridors will be receiving parking projects?

The commercial corridors that will contain parking projects are Livernois Avenue, McNichols Avenue, W. Warren Avenue, E. Warren, Grand River, Dexter, Gratiot Avenue.

11. What is the status of a city-wide parking study? The zoning ordinance requires spaces, but density is an issue. What is being done to mitigate the issue?

Municipal Parking has ongoing requests for residential parking plans. Work is determined as petitions are submitted to the City Clerk's Office.

12. New restaurants are acquiring parking for valet; What is the process for applying for a valet, and how many valet stations were granted last year? How do you notify residents and Council of new valet locations?

The valet process is administered by the Department of Public Works. Municipal Parking is only involved if metered space exists at the requested location. If meters exist, the department provides the amount needed to purchase the space for public use of a valet zone. The remainder of the process is managed by DPW. The question will be forwarded to DPW.

13. Is MPD working with DPD to identify potential stolen cars when they are ticketing illegally parked cars? If so, how?

Municipal Parking does not have a policing function. Illegal or stolen vehicles are addressed by the Detroit Police Department.

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