

## THE CITY OF CLAYTON

Board of Aldermen Meeting – 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting  
Council Chambers - 10 N. Bemiston Avenue  
April 22, 2008  
7:11 p.m.

### Minutes

Mayor Pro Tempore Berger called the meeting to order and requested a roll call. The following individuals were in attendance:

Aldermen: Steve Lichtenfeld, Judy R. Goodman, Michelle Harris, Andrea Maddox-Dallas and Cynthia Garnholz

Mayor Pro Tempore Berger  
Acting City Manager Lenore Toser-Aldaz  
City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe

Absent: Mayor Linda Goldstein

Mayor Pro Tempore Berger invited Patty DeForrest to address the Board and explain what the Earth Day gifts were for. Patty DeForrest stated that April 22 is the official Earth Day and on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> they will be having an Earth Day Celebration event at Shaw Park to show all the wonderful things that the City of Clayton has to offer to the environment. The packet of wildflower seeds and a green ribbon are samples that will be available to participants. She encouraged the Board to "hug a tree."

### **PUBLIC REQUESTS AND PETITIONS**

None

### **AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE A REVISION TO CHAPTER 21, RELATING TO PARKING METER REGULATIONS**

Acting City Manager Toser-Aldaz reported that the City recently purchased three Parkeon Stelio "Pay and Display" pay stations. In order to use these new pay stations, the City needs to update the City Code to reference these types of stations. Specifically, language needs to be added to define these pay stations as parking meters and to define the locations in vehicles that parkers are required to place the receipts so parking attendants can enforce time limits.

In addition, staff has updated the Code to address the restriction of large vehicles (such as vans, trucks and SUV's) from parking in certain metered spaces due to limited sight distances. These areas typically include the spaces around entrances to a roadway from an alley, parking lot or side street. These areas have been marked with a sign that reads "Parking Compact Cars, Motorcycles or Scooters Only", and a Code change is required to enforce this restriction to provide a safer egress. Lastly, the parking meter zones and hours of enforcement were also updated.

Staff recommends approving the ordinance authorizing changes to the Clayton Municipal Code regarding parking meter regulations.

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6128, an ordinance to approve a revision to Chapter 21, defining the pay and display capabilities for the new parking meters to be considered for the first time and read by title only. Alderman Goodman seconded.**

Paul Wojciechowski addressed the Board by explaining that they are scheduled to install the new parking meters in June and an ordinance is required to provide for enforcement. The parker is required to place the ticket inside the car on the dash, visible to the parking attendant which is defined in the ordinance. The first location for installation is on the north side of Maryland between Brentwood and Forsyth. He and Judy Kekich will be meeting with businesses along this area to brief them on how the meters are to be used and to answer any questions that they may have. After the meetings are conducted with the businesses then they will provide information to residents. The old meters are to be removed. There will be three new meters installed and a parker can pay and retrieve a ticket from any three of the meters. The new meters will provide a receipt for a parker to provide for a reimbursement for business or tax purposes. Individuals can pay by credit car, dollar bills or coins. There will still be a two-hour maximum limit and currently there are no changes in the pay rates.

In response to Alderman Maddox-Dallas' question, Paul stated that there will still be painted parking spaces on the street. He added that with a benefit of the new meters they can eliminate the lines and provide more parking spaces. He will evaluate this option during the summer when they are scheduled to resurface Maryland Avenue in this area. He added that the meter zone section of the ordinance was revised to make it more current. He clarified that the old signs posted near alleys that restricted SUVs and vans from parking have been modified to read compact cars and motorcycles. This was down to help the court clerk administer regulations better. The clerk was addressing issues when some motorists were challenging that their crossover vehicles where not considered SUVs.

In response to Mayor Pro Tempore question, Paul stated that the City of St. Louis did a trial project on the pay and display meters, but as far as he knows the City of Clayton will be the first to install and use them on a permanent basis.

In response to Alderman Lichtenfeld's questions, Paul stated that the parker is required to display the ticket on the interior dashboard of the vehicle in order for the parking attendant to physically see when they approach the vehicle. He also stated that the new meters are solar powered (environmentally friendly) working off of ambient light versus the old meters which are battery powered and now wiring required.

In response to Alderman Goodman's question, Paul stated that when the old meters are removed from the sidewalk, his staff will fill in the holes with a small concrete patch, adding that there will be more free space on the sidewalk due to the removal of the old meters.

In response to Alderman Garnholz' question, Paul stated that currently they are treating it as a permanent change and not a trial test. The old meters will be in storage for possible future use elsewhere. He confirmed that the parker will need to pay the meter, retrieve the ticket/receipt and go back into their vehicle to display the ticket/receipt as required by ordinance.

In response to Alderman Maddox-Dallas' question, Paul stated that the new meters are also equipped to give change that will allow the parker to pay for how much time is needed. He said that he has talked with Faith Berger, Barucci Gallery, a leader of the Clayton Triangle, is very excited about the new meters and having them as the kick-off in the meter uses in the City of Clayton. He added that he has included in the Pedestrian Enhancement project to replace the old meters with the new meters.

**City Attorney O'Keefe reads Bill No. 6128, an ordinance to approve a revision to Chapter 21, parking meter regulation for the first time.**

**Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.**

**Alderman Lichtenfeld introduced Bill No. 6128, an ordinance to approve a revision to Chapter 21, defining the pay and display capabilities for the new parking meters and amend the parking**

meter regulations to be considered for the second time and read by title only. Alderman Goodman seconded.

City Attorney O'Keefe read Bill No. 6128 for the second time. Alderman Lichtenfeld – Aye; Alderman Goodman – Aye; Alderman Harris – Aye; Alderman Maddox-Dallas – Aye; Alderman Garnholz – Aye; Mayor Pro Tempore Berger – Aye. The vote being unanimous, the Bill was adopted and became Ordinance No. 6014 of the City of Clayton.

Other

Mayor Pro Tempore thanked the staff for their assistance and patience during Monday evenings very long Plan Commission Meeting.

There being no further discussion, Mayor Pro Tempore Berger adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk