

**Minutes**  
**Parking Commission Meeting**  
**Thursday, March 14 2024 at 2:15 p.m.**  
**City Hall Council Chambers**

The meeting was also available to view, both live and recorded, via the city's website using the Granicus software.

**Members in person:**

City Council Member:	Tom Dell
City Engineer Designee:	Andrew Beckort
City Resident/Works Downtown:	Catie Rix
Downtown Merchant:	Jeff Baker
Visitors Center Representative:	Jason Hatton

**Members Absent:**

CRC Member or Designee:	Jacob Martin
At-large Member:	Kevina Schumaker
Police Dept. Representative:	Steve Norman

**Others in person:**

Assistant City Attorney:	Mike DeArmitt
Engineering Technician:	Stacie Gilmore
CPD Parking Enforcement	Karen Hauber
CPD Parking Enforcement	Sue Lowry

Tom Dell convened to the meeting of the Columbus Parking Commission at 2:16pm.

**Roll Call**

**Action Items**

- Approval of minutes from January 11, 2024 meeting.

**Motion:** Motion to approve minutes was made by Jeff Baker, seconded by Jason Hatton. Motion passed by a unanimous vote.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

None

**Discussion Items**

- T2 software system capabilities
  - CPD Parking enforcement officers spoke at length with the City's representative of the current T2 software system.
  - Sue Lowry provided the information obtained from the T2 with the Commission.

- Tom Dell stated that the Commission was hoping T2 would be able to provide additional options with the current system but is unable to do so. He stated that in order to move forward, it would consist of either going digital or using kiosks to do some type of zoned parking structure.
- Sue Lowry stated that the T2 representative suggested avoiding kiosks due to cost of maintenance and weather related costs. She added that adding a whole new software system would equate to a new whole new set of policies and processes.
- Tom Dell stated that he would like to suggest putting together a “working group” to look at possible changes within the ordinance and determining then if a new system would be required.
- Tom Dell received information from Gary Thompson, manager of Jackson Street parking garage, regarding opening up the top floor for downtown employee parking. His key points were as follows:
  - The Garage isn’t filling up now as it currently stands.
  - There would be the initial cost of installing new equipment.
  - There would be a loss of parking spaces due the new equipment.
  - The current parking rates are very low.
  - There would be the additional cost of removing snow.
- Tom Dell asked the Commission’s thoughts regarding assembling the “working group.”
- Jeff Baker agreed it would be beneficial.
- Andrew Beckort agreed as well and stated that the working group should look at any ordinance updates, signage, and look at new systems of either enforcement or data collection. He stated that CPD, Engineering, legal and one other member would make a good working group.
- Jason Hatton stated he is especially interested in the different systems and what can be achieved with those different types of systems.
- Catie Rix suggested having a community conversation, bringing Cummins in, bringing in SIHO, bringing in all the big partners, and ask how we can holistically work together to fix downtown parking issues.
- Jason Hatton stated that establishing the working group makes sense to help determine what the next steps should be.
- Tom Dell stated that the Commission will proceed with putting together the working group.

### **Next Meeting**

April 11, 2024

**Motion:** Jason Hatton made a motion for adjournment. Catie Rix seconded the motion. Motion passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00pm.

**Adjournment: 3:00pm**