



Minutes
Parking Commission Meeting
Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 2:15 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Those participating in the meeting virtually, did so via WebEx. 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
CRC Member or Designee:	Jacob Martin
Visitors Center Representative:	Jason Hatton
Police Dept. Representative:	Brian Wilder

Members absent:

Downtown Merchant:	Jeff Baker
At-large Member:	Kevina Schumaker

Others in person:

Attorney for Commission:	Mike Dearmitt
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Tom Dell convened the meeting of the Columbus Parking Commission at 2:15pm.

Roll Call

Action Items

- Approval of minutes from March 13, 2025 meeting.

Motion: Motion to approve minutes was made by Jacob Martin, seconded by Jason Hatton. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Old Business

None

New Business

- Recommendation of a Downtown Parking Course of Action
 - Andrew Beckort presented to the Commission two options that had been drafted by the Columbus Police Department and the Engineering Department on how to implement Passport Inc. in the Downtown.

Option 1:

Option 1 still allows for 3 hours a day to be free. Parkers are discouraged from parking longer due to elevated parking fees after the 3rd hour. The 3 hours free is a bucket of time per day that can be used in 1-hour increments (a parker could park for three separate 1-hour sessions or a 2-hour session and a separate 1-hour session later.) This would be implemented in all of the existing 3 hour parking locations.

Time	Jackson St. Parking Garage fees	Passport Regular Parking (only 1 zone)
First hour	1 hour free	free
1-3 hours	\$1	free
3-5 hours	\$2	\$10
5-7 hours	\$3	\$15
7-9 hours	\$4	\$20
9-14 hours	\$5	-

Option 2:

Option 2 utilizes two zones with the purpose of encouraging parkers to park on the side streets or in the Jackson Street Parking Garage vs. parking on Washington Street. The 3 hours of free parking is not possible with a multi-zone implementation, as it would allow 3 hours free in each zone.

Time	Jackson St. Parking Garage fees	Passport Zone 1 Washington St. Zone	Passport Zone 2 All side streets zone
First hour	1 hour free	\$2	\$1
1-3 hours	\$1	\$4	\$2
3-5 hours	\$2	\$10	\$5

5-7 hours	\$3	\$15	\$10
7-9 hours	\$4	\$20	\$15
9-14 hours	\$5	-	-

*The dollar amounts are not final and can be adjusted at the recommendation of the Parking Commission.

*Both options do require the user to use an app or Text-to-Park to initiate the parking session.

Motion: Jason Hatton made the motion to recommend to the Board of Public Works and Safety to implement Option 1. Jacob Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

The Columbus Police Department and Engineering will begin working on necessary ordinance changes as well as initiating contract negotiations with Passport Inc. to include signage, enforcement equipment and public relations strategies. The PR campaign would consist of newspaper and social media releases as well as CPD handing out flyers and brochures and educating the public.

A question was asked by a member of the public inquiring about the Jackson Street Parking garage and its utilization. The Redevelopment Commission has jurisdiction over the garage; therefore the Parking Commission would have to speak to them regarding its use and any changes.

Next Meeting

July 10, 2025 at 2:15pm

Motion: Jason Hatton made a motion for adjournment. Catie Rix seconded the motion. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting was adjourned at 3:07pm.

Adjournment:

3:07pm