



VOTING SESSION /WORK SESSION NOTES

Bill: 21-0117

Termination of Administrative Parking Regulations - Peak Hour Parking Restrictions

Committee: Economic and Community Development

Chaired By: Councilwoman Sharon Green Middleton

Hearing Date: November 16, 2021

Time (Beginning): 2:20 PM

Time (Ending): 2:56PM

Location: Virtual WEBEX

Total Attendance: Approximately 21

Committee Members in Attendance:

John Bullock Mark Conway Ryan Dorsey Robert Stokes Odette Ramos

Bill Synopsis in the file? yes no n/a

Attendance sheet in the file? yes no n/a

Agency reports read?..... yes no n/a

Video or audio-digitally recorded?..... yes no n/a

Certification of advertising/posting notices in the file? yes no n/a

Evidence of notification to property owners?..... yes no n/a

Final vote taken at this hearing? yes no n/a

Motioned by:.....Councilmember

Seconded by:.....Councilmember

Final Vote:.....

Major Speakers

(This is not an attendance record.)

- Hilary Ruley, Department of Law
- Graham Young, Department of Transportation
- Liam Davis, Department of Transportation

Major Issues Discussed

1. Chairwoman Middleton opened the meeting, introduced committee members and City representatives and read the bill into the record.
2. Councilmember Ramos explained the purpose of the bill. Parking changes are being proposed as a result of community interest that evolved when parking restrictions were lifted during the pandemic. Changes to peak hour parking restrictions allowed residents to remain parked on streets near their homes without being ticketed. They did not have to move their vehicles during peak traffic hours of 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The flow of traffic through the neighborhoods was also more calming and pedestrian-friendly. She will propose amendments.
3. Liam Davis presented the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) report which recommended amending the bill to change the effective date to six months after enactment which would allow DOT time to evaluate proposed changes and give ample time for implementation.
4. Graham Young gave a presentation “Reconsidering Peak Hour Restrictions” (10-18-21). The presentation included information that considers the effect of rush hour restrictions on safety, quality of life for residents and access to small businesses. Generally, when peak hour parking is lifted either of three (3) major options are selected for the freed space: full-parking, dedicated bus lanes, or dedicated bike lanes. All peak hour restrictions are being reviewed in a consultation study commissioned by DOT which will be completed by the end of the year. Final recommendations are expected by March 2022.
5. Hilary Ruley reported that the Law Department approves the bill for form and legal sufficiency.
6. Joshua Reiter testified about parking and traffic flow on certain streets in his neighborhood. He supports the bill.
7. The committee received a letter of support from the Guilford Association, Inc.
6. The hearing was recessed.

Further Study

Was further study requested?

Yes No

If yes, describe. The Department of Transportation will complete a consultation study and provide recommendation by March 2022. A work session will be scheduled at a later date.

Committee Vote:

Sharon Green Middleton, Chair

John Bullock:

Mark Conway:

Ryan Dorsey:
Antonio Glover:.....
Robert Stokes:.....
Odette Ramos:

Jennifer L. Coates, Committee Staff

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