

Item 23-1476: Resolution #15-R-23 Parking Facility & Management Study

Common Council

Wed, Feb 07, 2024 7:00PM

Mayor Jake Woodford 29:25

We have one item held. This is item 23-1476 Resolution 15-R-23 parking facility and management study. What do you want to do with it? Alder Fenton?

Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 29:43

Move to deny.

Mayor Jake Woodford 29:44

All right, we have a motion to deny from Alder Fenton. We have a second from Alder van Zeeland. And with that we'll open the floor for discussion. Alder Van Zeeland.

Aldersperson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 30:05

Thank you, Chair. I had tried to find a happy medium on this resolution, but when it came down to it, I just couldn't support moving forward with the resolution as written. I think that there's still an opportunity for the parking utility to get some of the information that they're looking for with the study without having to approve this resolution, which is why I would vote to deny. Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 30:37

Alder, Doran.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 30:38

Thank you. I guess, I'm going to start just by making a motion to amend the resolution back to its original form.

Mayor Jake Woodford 30:55

We have a motion and a second to amend. So, this would be an amendment by substitution to the original form. Is there any discussion on this motion? Alder Doran.

Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 31:12

Thank you. I would just like to remind my colleagues that this resolution was written in consultation with staff and with recommendations from staff. I know that some of my colleagues have made their views very clear that part of this resolution they don't like is the idea of the city exploring the sale of any of the city owned parking facilities. I think that we—really, if we're going to be taking an all-encompassing look at the parking utility, we should be looking at all aspects of this. And I'd also remind my colleagues that what this resolution calls for is just for staff to bring forward a Request For Proposals to have a consultant study these things. So, there's plenty of opportunity to review what that might look like. But I think it's foolish for us to shoot down a request from, essentially, from staff for a study that they feel is important to help us best manage our parking utility for the future. And so, I would encourage my colleagues to amend this back to the original version and support moving this forward.

Mayor Jake Woodford 32:31

I'd just like to offer a point of clarification for the record, which is the work with staff was initiated as the author worked on drafting the resolution. Staff did not initiate the process with a request to any member of Council. Just wanted to make that clear for the record.

Mayor Jake Woodford 32:52

Is there any further discussion on the motion to amend by substitution? All right, we have a motion and a second to amend by substitution to the original form. Please cast your votes. Motion fails eight to five.

Mayor Jake Woodford 33:22

So, we will move back to the item now as presented in the agenda. Is there any further discussion? Have a motion to deny before you. There being no further discussion, please cast your votes.

Mayor Jake Woodford 33:49

Okay, I just want to clarify the vote here. Yep. So, a point of order was raised. Just to clarify, because there's a motion to deny before you an aye vote upholds the denial. An aye vote denies. Everyone clear? Okay, please finish casting your votes and we'll lock it in.

Mayor Jake Woodford 34:13

Motion passes 10 to three. The item has been denied.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 34:16

Your Honor.

Mayor Jake Woodford 34:21

Alder Siebers?

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 34:22

I apologize. I thought that I had voted "aye". So, could I be on the record as voting aye?

Mayor Jake Woodford 34:29

You'd like to vote aye?

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 34:31

My apologies.

Mayor Jake Woodford 34:31

If there's no objections, we'll just correct the record. Okay.

Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 34:33

Thank you.

Mayor Jake Woodford 34:34

Thank you, Alder Siebers.