

## Item 23-1251: Resolution #11-R-23 Overnight Parking

### Municipal Services Committee

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**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6)** 15:46

Item 23-1251 Resolution number 11-R-23 overnight parking. Can I get a...?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1)** 15:58

Move for approval to get it on the table.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2)** 16:00

Second.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6)** 16:01

All right. So, we have a motion and a second. Who wants to start the discussion? Shall I call on Alder Siebers?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1)** 16:11

I do want to make an amendment. I would like to make the amendment that the chair so graciously provided that the city of Appleton will initiate a trial program allowing alternate side street parking on all streets within the city limits except on streets where parking is only allowable on one side, areas with more restricted parking limitations, and those areas where parking is not permitted at any time. Overnee—overnight street parking will remain prohibited during the winter months to facilitate snow removal. Snow emergency parking restrictions will remain applicable.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney)** 17:02

Is that a motion?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1)** 17:03

That's a motion.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2)** 17:06

Second.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6)** 17:09

All right. Alder Siebers, is that the extent of your amendment? I'm just...

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1)** 17:18

Yes.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6)** 17:19

Okay. Okay because there were some language in there about the signage and the—

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1)** 17:31

Didn't I read that? I'm sorry.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:33**  
Did you?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 17:35**  
Help me.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:37**  
So, there were two "be it further resolved clauses".

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 17:41**  
Okay. Okay. Then may I...?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:46**  
Yeah. Attorney Abshire, I can send you this document if it would be helpful.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 17:53**  
I was typing as fast as I could.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 17:55**  
Okay.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 17:56**  
But thank you.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 18:12**  
Tell me when you're ready.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 18:13**  
Okay. Thank you sorry for the...

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 19:01**  
Chair, if I may just add to that amendment.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:04**  
All right. I—you should have it momentarily.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 19:14**  
Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:15**  
And I think it's—I think Alder Siebers is saying with the exception of what's highlighted in yellow in that document.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 19:22**  
Right.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:23**  
Okay.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 19:32**

Alder Siebers, can you read it back one more time. Is that—?

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 19:35**

I sure will.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 19:36**

Thank you. I appreciate that. Is that okay, Chair?

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 19:40**

Yes, please.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 19:41**

Okay, thank you.

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 19:43**

Can we then—can I then make...?

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 19:45**

Or do you want to—do you want to—if there's no objection, I suppose you could—

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 19:49**

I'll read the further amendment to?

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 19:51**

Do you want to just make one amendment and then—maybe we can just kind of reset the table if the seconder Alder Meltzer is okay with that?

**Aldersperson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 19:59**

Yeah, I'll withdraw my second, and I'll offer it again when it's appropriate.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 20:02**

Thank you so much.

**Aldersperson William Siebers (District 1) 20:04**

All right. I'd like to amend the resolution "that the city of Appleton will initiate a trial program, allowing alternate side street parking on all streets within the city limits except on streets where parking is only allowable on one side, areas with more restricted parking limitations, and those areas where parking is not permitted at any time. Overnight street parking will remain prohibited during the winter months to facilitate snow removal. Snow emergency parking restrictions will remain applicable. Be it further resolved that the city of Appleton Department of Public Works and the parking utility will undertake the required measures to implement the trial, including providing signage, sufficient enforcement staffing within the parking utility, and altering street sweeping schedules to accommodate overnight parking while still remaining compliant with Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources requirements for stormwater quality. And finally, be it further resolved that the city of Appleton Department of Public Works provide an evaluation of the program to the municipal services committee and the Common Council one year after the implementation of the trial....what will the metrics—" Yeah, right.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 21:35**

I think—

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 21:36**

Okay, eliminate that.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 21:37**

I think that was what was added by staff. So, Attorney Abshire, the last sentence there is also not included.

**[Something is said off microphone.]**

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 21:55**

I see you, Alder Hartzheim. I'm going to—I'm going to start up here and then maybe with the staff, but I see you. Um....

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 22:28**

Has it been seconded? So that was a motion.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 22:31**

Second.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 22:31**

So, we have a second by Alder Meltzer for that. So up here, I—that was a lot I understand for the members of the committee. So, Alder Doran.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 22:31**

Okay.

**Alderson Chad Doran (District 15) 22:49**

Thank you. I guess I'll just start. I find this to be a pretty difficult challenge, I think. I'm not even sure where the staff would begin to communicate something on a citywide basis like that as for a temporary sort of trial. Usually, when we do these things, it's we're going to place a stop sign on a street to see if, you know, it makes a difference. And we place one or two stop signs, and then we come and remove them after a trial. Here I don't expect we're gonna be placing, even/odd on parking signs on every street in the city. And I don't know how we would really be able to communicate that message to the community. By the same token, a year long trial period is almost—it's almost like a permanent change. And I think we'd spend as much time trying to convince the community that we're not doing it any more as we would to get them to say it's okay to begin with. And it just sounds like an awful lot of trouble for something that, at least in my opinion, I haven't heard a lot of appetite for from this committee in the past to approve any kind of change to the parking policy—the overnight parking policy as is. It doesn't seem that staff is, at the very least, enthusiastic if not supportive of a change based on the information that's been shared with us so far in terms of memos and things to that effect and past conversations in committee. So, I wouldn't support doing the trial.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 24:25**

Anybody else on the committee? Alder Meltzer.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 24:28**

I would like to hear from staff. It sounds to me like some work was done by some of my colleagues and possibly with the help of staff here. So, I want to thank you for your time and just get some insight from staff about this, these amendments that I have seconded.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 24:50**

Sure, thank you. Correct. We did have a meeting, and I think we had some good discussion during that meeting. Staff is aware and listening to the feedback we're getting in terms of needing to find a solution related to overnight parking. So, we're being sensitive to the fact that it—we've gotten feedback from committee members that this is a concern. When we met, we talked through perhaps some implications related to the pilot program. Our biggest concern was to have the enforcement staffing there in order to set the pilot (if we want to call it a pilot) program up for success or give staff the tool they need in order to enforce the new parking restrictions.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 25:51**

We preferred (this came up during our meeting) that it be the entire city. We did not recommend a specific boundary to do this trial. So, I think that's important to note because I think that has been discussed at the committee level. Right now, it's signed at the entrances of the city limits. So just to be consistent in our messaging and knowing when somebody goes inside and outside of those city limits, that's when the restriction would take effect. There are about 100 to 150 signs. City traffic Engineer Lom had given me those numbers, and the effort to replace those signs and update with the new regulations would be about \$3,500. And we would recommend that the signage be changed over for this trial period to make it clear. And that would be just one piece of the communication puzzle to convey this. This would be a large effort where we'd have to collaborate with the comms department and come up with a strategy here internally at DPW.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 27:11**

Thank you. Can I?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 27:14**

Yes, please Alder Meltzer.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 27:16**

Yeah, I hear from my constituents about this from time to time, and some constituents I hear from more persistently. So, this this definitely is something that people in my district are watching, and while some people in my district might not care what happens, there are other people who really want to see us move in some direction away from where we are right now.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 27:42**

Alder Hartzheim, I'm gonna go ahead and—so I don't forget. Thirteen?

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 27:52**

Thank you, chair. I'm looking at the—one of the many memos, the last one, 0408. This will require two full time enforcement positions, personnel cost of \$165,000, an additional parking vehicle (enforcement vehicle) \$30,000, perhaps, if it's chosen to be this way, an additional streetsweeper at the cost of \$385,000 and another staffer at \$90,000. We have to enter a towing contract etc., etc. And this just feels like a bridge—this one-year trial across the entire city sounds like a bridge too far enough for so that there's no way to turn this around.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 28:44**

When we redid College Avenue, everybody laughed when we said "It's a trial period," because they know it's a joke. We can't—we can't do this to the city. This is—the citizens of the city have to know more about what these costs are and what the proposed changes are before we even talk about a trial. And I think a trial should really be much smaller scale wise. And I understand that staff says, you know, "I'd rather haven't have this be the full city rather than a piece of the city," but if we're really going to do a trial, let's do a piece of the city and have these expenses be far less, because we wouldn't need two more personnel and \$165,000 for that and another \$30 for an extra vehicle. If we do one small section of the city as a trial period, I can see that as an option. And I understand why resistance would be to that because, you know there aren't any clear rules unless you know what that little section of the city is. But that to me is a trial. A trial in the entire city for all these additional costs is again a joke. It's a—people know that we're we're—it's not a trial. We're making this happen.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 30:00**

Thank you. I see you, Alder Siebers. I was just going to direct a question to Director Block, and can you refresh my memory are—in the discussion about the trial that predicated Alder Siebers' amendment, I believe we had discussed not—altering the street sweeper schedule, not purchasing another vehicle. And then we also talked about enforcement wise—I don't think that we had talked about like purchasing an extra enforcement vehicle. I believe that was—Alder Siebers, am I correct in what you had—?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 30:42**

That's my understanding.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 30:44**

So, I'll comment first on the street sweeping. To be clear, there's two options. We can either extend the rotation schedule that we do to complete street sweeping, or the alternative was the addition of one full time operator and the additional street sweeper. So, with this motion to amend it was just to extend the rotation schedule. So, there would be \$0 related to street sweeping. So that cost would not be on the table.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 31:21**

Related to parking enforcement, if we talk about "staff sufficient to monitor the overnight," the additional parking enforcement vehicle would be beneficial. I—we would make use of it with the added personnel. If we work with what we have, we would utilize the one vehicle. So, if that's the intent, we will complete enforcement with the existing vehicle we have. We would just cover less area.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 31:58**

I see Alder van Zeeland. What mic? You have 11? Thank you.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 32:06**

I have some concerns about the cost of these items, especially it says, we'll be looking at a request for proposals for a towing contract. Do we have any idea of the costs of such a contract? Any estimate of any sort?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 32:24**

I do not at this time.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 32:26**

May I follow up chair?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 32:27**

Please.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 32:28**

And if this were to move forward, what would be cut from the DPW budget to account for these unaccounted budget items?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 32:41**

These costs would be within the parking utility. So, a decision would have to be made if we would exceed expenses and dip into the fund—the reserves within the parking utility or make cuts in the parking utility.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 32:56**

So, all of the funding, even vehicles and such, would all come out of the parking utility?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 33:01**

Correct.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 33:03**

Okay,

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 33:04**

I see Alder Siebers, and then I see Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 33:06**

When I submitted this resolution, I did not expect us to go this far. My understanding was we had a problem in the central districts in terms of on street parking and a lack of consistency in regards to parking. I was not looking at, you know, hiring extra people, getting extra vehicles. I just wanted to find a solution, get some organization in regards to, you know, if we did allow street parking, you know, trying alternate side parking.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 33:43**

Just so you be aware, parking utility is responsible for on street parking enforcement which it doesn't do, in my opinion. It enforces on street parking 6am until when—or until what time? At one time—

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 34:07**

You mean when the meters—?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 34:09**

At 6 o'clock at six o'clock it doesn't enforce. It turns it over to the police department. Right?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 34:15**

I think it's a collaboration on enforcement, correct. It's not solely the responsibility of the parking utility.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 34:21**

There's nobody from the parking utility after 6pm enforcing any parking restrictions or anything like that. It's up to the police department.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 34:32**

Correct. It's a joint effort to enforce.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 34:35**

And I don't want to get off the subject, but we all know that our police department is understaffed. It has other things to do than to enforce, you know, parking whatever. But I never ever expected us to go this far. I would not in favor—be in favor of you by adding personnel, adding another vehicle to enforce, you know, the parking restrictions. I think we have, we have to set priorities, and my priorities would be focused on more what I think very important issues such as police—adding police. So, I appreciate the discussion we had.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 35:26**

At some point in time, you're going to have to do something, at some point in time. Maybe this isn't the time, but at some point in time, you will, and hopefully, hopefully, unlike other things that we always put on backburners because we didn't want to deal with them, hopefully we deal with this sooner than later.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 35:46**

Thank you. Alder Hartzheim, you, and then I see you, Alder Van Zeeland.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 35:50**

Thank you, Chair. Exactly what Alder Siebers is talking about is what has me concerned. I mean we, if we just let it be free reign, according to the amendment that's in front of us that we're discussing, how is it ever enforced? How are we ever able to make sure that anybody is on the right side of the street when we do have street sweeping to be done and etc., etc.? So, without that piece, this amendment can't occur in my opinion.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 36:19**

And the other thing that I was going to mention earlier about adding personnel, it says, you know, two full time enforcement positions, that's the top—that's scraping the top of the of the barrel of what we're going to need, as far as—and it stated here, "while it's difficult to quantify, staff recognizes there'll be an increase in administrative burden for citation management, appeals, invoicing, etc., etc." So, this isn't just \$165,000 and an extra parking enforcement vehicle. This is this could be layers and layers deep for a one-year trial. I don't disagree that there probably needs to be a solution. But this amendment, and the way that we're going about it now does not feel like it's the appropriate way to move. Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 37:11**

Alder Van Zeeland.

**Alderson Katie Van Zeeland (District 5) 37:12**

Thank you, Chair. I think, a good compromise, where I could see it, is perhaps going back to what Alder Siebers was looking for in the first place, which is taking a look at now that we will have some funding flowing into the parking utility based on some of the downtown activity, perhaps we look at stepping up the enforcement before we look for a trial. You know, let's see what happens by putting some people out on the streets to do overnight enforcement and see what kind of, you know, what kind of things come up, what kind of administrative work we have to do, what kind of funding comes in from that extra enforcement? I would be open to something like that before I would be open to doing a trial. I just think that that would be a good start. Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 38:05**

Alder Firkus.



**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 38:06**

Thank you, chair. Some of the questions that I wanted to ask have already been asked as far as where—this isn't a cost—this change isn't without cost. And it sounds like there has been some thought about that. The signage is—seems to be the biggest one, possibly, if there needs to be some money for the towing contract. It seems for my colleague that staffing changes in vehicle purchases would be out of bounds as far as what the interest is.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 38:35**

One of my concerns at this point in the conversation is that if we change the rules but we can't enforce them any better than the existing rules, have we really made a change? Are we going to do something and then not really have it accomplished anything? That's why I'm concerned about. I—at my core, I do think the idea of alternative alternate side parking probably in the long term is the best solution for meeting the community's parking needs. But it does come with a cost ID and we need to figure out that part of it if we really want to go all in.

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 39:07**

I do have some concerns with the idea of a trial because it is even if it's just signs and even if it's just a towing contract, there's still, it's—it feels like the kind of thing by the time you get the community on board with it, you could be going back, and that's it's just really difficult. I guess I—what I would say is if we're going to do this, let's just say we're doing this. Let's not one year trial it. That would be my ask if my colleagues on the committee are feeling like this is the direction we want to go. And if we do run into issues with this change, if we were to go that route, then we make adjustments we fail forward, essentially, because this is too big of a scope, I think, to just roll it out and then roll it back in. I mean most of the other times we've done these types of things—we've done some trials that were, you know, of substantial expense, but paint can be sandblasted and repainted on a road. I mean, that kind of stuff—you know, signs can be taken down and put back up, but this is something a little bit—this is a little bit different. And I think we have to handle it a little bit differently. Thank you.

**Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 40:17**

Alder Doran, you had your hand up.

**Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 40:19**

Thank you, we are still on the amendment, correct? Okay. Then I'll just speak just to that for now and save the rest for later. Question about—Director Block, you mentioned or I just want to clarify, we wouldn't look at purchasing another parking utility enforcement vehicle during the trial if a trial moves forward, correct?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 40:43**

If we're not given the funding to purchase another vehicle, we would not purchase another vehicle and we would just do enforcement with the existing vehicle covering less area.

**Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 40:52**

And if we did not purchase another vehicle, is it safe to assume we're not doing a really good job enforcing the even/odd parking under the trial with just one parking enforcement vehicle? I guess, another way to ask it, do you find one to be sufficient for the trial to give us a good gauge?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 41:14**

No.

**Alderman Chad Doran (District 15) 41:16**

Okay.

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 41:17**

But we would do the maximum extent possible with the one vehicle we have.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 41:22**

Okay, thank you. And then as far as the street sweeping schedule, you said, the change under a trial would be to just extend the street sweeping periods. So, we're not, again, investing, if the money's not there, in another street sweeping vehicle. If we would proceed with a trial and using that method for street sweeping, how would we make a decision after the trial period is over about whether or not that's the way to go with street sweeping or whether we would look at investing in another street sweeping vehicle?

**Director Danielle Block (Department Of Public Works) 42:00**

So, after the trial period is over, I assume you mean and the parking overnight, alternate side parking remains in place, I think we would—it would be another factor to evaluate at that time. If those street sweeping operations proved to be sufficient, and we've gotten, you know, no negative feedback on it, we would likely just keep the extended alternate schedule.

**Aldersperson Chad Doran (District 15) 42:31**

So that that may—that piece may give us some information, but we're fairly confident that having just one parking utility vehicle doing the enforcement isn't necessarily going to give us the information that we're looking for. And I think those are just a couple of additional reasons why doing this trial just doesn't make sense at this point, and I won't support.

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 42:58**

Alder Hartzheim.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 43:00**

Thank you, Chair. Just a couple other things that I've taken notes on that's going to sound very discombobulated. Obviously, this is an amendment that is attempting to make a solution happen, but we all have to admit this is only going to make a solution happen six months out of the year or maybe a little more than that because we're going to have to deal with winter and the same vehicles aren't going to magically disappear into the air in wintertime. So, I understand that this is a this is a partial solution to the real problem, but remember that it's not a full solution to that problem.

**Aldersperson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 43:37**

Secondly, I would like to question, if I could please, Traffic Engineer Lom in regards to the signage installation. The quote was roughly \$3,500, is that correct? And that's just for the signage, correct? That still does not include installation. I mean, however, many gazillions of signs that have to go back out there, there have to be men and women who will do that.

**Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 44:05**

I would like—can I speak to that?

**Aldersperson Denise Fenton (District 6) 44:07**

What mic do you have? Yes.

**Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 44:08**

The \$3,500 quote was to—was the material cost to replace the signs at the major entrances to the city, which is what we would need to comply with state statutes. Just to clarify, like, let's say if there was some discussion about having a certain area of the city that we were going to test this in, there'd be a lot more signage costs in order to define those areas adequately, but this was just for when you're coming into the city, you see the population sign and you see the parking—the what we call the Green River parking sign.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 44:48**

Thank you. My point in this was that it's not just going to cost the \$3,500 to make those signs. We still have to have staff going and changing all those signs at wherever they're located throughout the city. So, there's a staff cost involved with doing that.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 45:02**

Yeah, I'm going to—Alderson Hartzheim, I'm going to ask your—traffic engineer Lom to clarify, again. I—it is my understanding that we are not talking about replacing every sign on every street that says, you know, no parking two to 5am. We're talking about merely the ones at the city limits that are saying, you know, parking—"the city of Appleton parking regulations are..." and I apologize for not having that memorized.

**Eric Lom (City Traffic Engineer) 45:33**

The—that is correct. And I did want to circle back around real quick to the point that Alderson Hartzheim is getting at, which is we do have labor in that number. It's about, I forget, 25 signs. The cost of the sign is approximately \$50 per sign. It does depend a little bit on how convoluted this gets, because the more words we need to squeeze onto that sign that it's alternate side parking during these months, but not those months, and as the signs get bigger, the cost can get kind of, I don't want to say exponentially more expensive, but can go up rather quickly. Right now, we're assuming it's a relatively small sign that's mounted on a post. It's already there.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 46:16**

Thank you.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 46:17**

Thank you that does bring up the other question, though, that you were speaking of Alderson Fenton that there are signs all over the city that say no parking on the side of the street, and if that's going to be maintained or not maintained, or no parking overnight hours, but cetera, et cetera. So, I think there's a bigger fish to fry than this, but I will not at all say that staff doesn't have their brains on that. The last thing I wanted to know was what determines in a one-year trial period, if this works?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 46:49**

Alderson Siebers, I'm gonna—I'm going to call an Alderson Siebers for what he had to say already, but

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 46:55**

Well, I'm not going to answer your question. You do want—you want that question answered?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 46:59**

So—so what did you have in your mind for the one year?

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 47:05**

Well, we have—not gonna answer the question.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 47:09**

Okay.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 47:10**

We have something else on the agenda, and I think I know where this is. And, you know, we can talk and talk and talk and we're not going anywhere with this. So, I've never done this on committee, but I'd like to call the question and move this on.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 47:25**

I don't think you can at committee level.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 47:30**

Can we do that at a committee level, call the question?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 47:32**

Attorney Abshire, we can call the question in a—?

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 47:34**

Second.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 47:36**

You may. Question has been called.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 47:42**

All right. The question having been called, we will go ahead and take a vote on the amendment.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 47:49**

No, on the call.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 47:50**

Oh, on the call. All right. All in favor of calling the question.

**Aldersons Siebers, Meltzer, and Fenton 47:53**

Aye. Aye.

**Aldersons Firkus and Doran 47:55**

Nay.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 47:56**

All right. So, three to two on calling the question.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 48:01**

Now—

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 48:01**

Question has been called. Now we need to vote on the amendment.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:04**

Okay. So, we will vote on the amendment. All those in favor of the amendment—is everybody on the committee clear enough on what the amendment was? Okay. All right. All right. On the amendment. All those in favor?

**Aldersons Siebers and Meltzer 48:23**

Aye.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:25**

All right. Opposed?

**Aldersons Firkus and Doran 48:27**

Nay

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:27**

Nay. All right. So, on the on the original resolution, all in favor?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:36**

No, You need a motion.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:36**

I'm sorry. A motion on the original resolution to get it on the table.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:39**

Didn't we already have a motion?

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:39**

We already had a motion and a second.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 48:46**

I apologize.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:46**

Sorry, but I know you've been doing this longer than I have. Sometimes I get—

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 48:50**

And I get confused too.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:51**

Sometimes I defer when I don't need to.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 48:54**

But now that—now that we finished the amendment, I think we go back to the discussion of the original.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 48:58**

We can—the question has only been called on the amendment. So, there can still be discussion on the—given that we have another item. And you know, we have somebody here, speak on that item. So, all right, I'm going to call on Alder Meltzer first.

**Alderson Vered Meltzer (District 2) 49:14**

Thank you. Without the amendment, I'm not really sure what voting in favor of this would accomplish. So, I am not going to vote in favor of this without the amendment. I think that this is definitely to repeat what Alderson Siebers has said, this is a decision that we have to make. We have to do something about this. It's—I think very unfortunate that right now is not the time, and I think that we should work very hard on trying to figure out how to move forward from this, because this is a pressing concern for our constituents. Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 49:58**

Alder Hartzheim.

**Alderson Sheri Hartzheim (District 13) 49:59**

Thank you, Chair. I agree with Alder Meltzer. This is obviously a big problem we have to solve. I would like to see the city somehow do a—like we have the Bicycle Advisory Committee. Can we not have a parking Advisory Committee? Can we not have some way outside of this place to prepare some things that are much more clearly defined that then we can have those decisions made by Council. I believe I mentioned this the last time that this was discussed as well. I think it would behoove us to have more public input in trying to figure out what is the best overall solution for this city. So that would be my encouragement which also would mean that I would ask you to defeat this resolution. Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 50:51**

I'm going to say something just—or go ahead. Go ahead. Alder Firkus.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 50:55**

Right. Thank you. Thank you, Chair. I think but for the word "trial" I probably would have voted for the amendment. I'm just not—I would—if we were going to pass anything of this committee, I would rather it be that we're going in a direction and we're going to do our best to make it happen. I was not comfortable with the idea of saying "Maybe we will; maybe we won't; let's just kind of try this out." I don't think with what we have in front of us now we really have a solution in place. I don't think we can walk away from the issue at hand though. I don't know what the solution is. I know it's unpopular to say, but parking isn't free. We can't treat on street parking as free even though you and I and most people at home—like homeowners can park in front of their homes without paying. I'm not proposing that we should put a meter on every single foot of curb in the city by any means. But I think if we want to have access to parking on our streets, which—if they're wide enough for parking why else would we have roads wide enough to allow for parking on streets if we're not going to allow parking on them?

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 52:06**

Maybe the solution is I read about something recently called a parking benefit district, and maybe there's some way to make something like that happen here, but that's an idea that we definitely aren't going to discuss in the next eight minutes. So maybe I'll share some information I've read on that and see if there's something that maybe sparks something in somebody's mind. Thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 52:28**

One sec, did your hand? Okay, thank you. Um, I was really enthusiastic about going with this amendment, you know, and I will be honest, I worked, we—Alder Siebers and I met with staff on this. I was hoping to go forward. And as stated, I helped with some of the wording on the amendment. However, when staff came back to us with some questions that we hadn't answered, I can't support the amendment as written without some more and—you know, without feeling like staff is on board with it.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 53:07**

I'm not giving this up. We will be back with something related to overnight parking, because my district—I am, I get equal amounts, "You're not enforcing people parking on the street," and "I'm in a neigh—I'm in a place where I don't have enough place to park," so we have to do something. This will come back, and as everybody else said, I can't support the resolution without the amendment, but I am committing to doing something about the overnight parking, and we're going to come back. Alright. Are we ready to vote on the resolution as it stands? All right. All those in favor, please signify by saying aye.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 53:51**

Aye.

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 53:53**

Aye. Excuse me.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 53:55**

As it stands. So, the original—

**Alderson Brad Firkus (District 3) 53:57**

Sorry. I was about—sorry. I jumped the gun.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:00**

Shall we—shall we do this one more time? All in favor, please signify by saying aye.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 54:07**

Aye.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:08**

All right. All oppose.

**Aldersons Meltzer, Firkus, Fenton, and Doran 54:09**

Nay.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:10**

All right. So that fails 1 to 4. I just want to thank all the receivers for taking this on and doing the work, and I feel like there's more work to do. And I want to help do the work.

**Alderson William Siebers (District 1) 54:26**

And I thank you.

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:28**

All right.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 54:29**

Chair, if we may. Because that motion failed, we need recommendation for denial just to clean up—

**Alderson Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:34**

Okay, so, okay, so let's do we need a motion to get that on the table?

**Alderman Brad Firkus (District 3) 54:39**

I'll make—I'll make the motion to deny.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:40**

Okay, I'll second that motion. All in favor recommending to deny.

**Aldermen Meltzer, Firkus, Fenton, and Doran 54:48**

Aye.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:50**

Okay, so that—

**Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 54:51**

Denied

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:52**

And recomm—

**Alderman William Siebers (District 1) 54:53**

I deny the denial.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:54**

Okay. Okay. So, the recommendation for denial passes four to one.

**Attorney Amanda Abshire (City Attorney) 54:58**

Thank you.

**Alderman Denise Fenton (District 6) 54:59**

All right. Thank you all. Thank you everybody for the input.