

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:59 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Supporting the Weekend Parking Cost Increase

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Chris Erickson <chris@groundedwing.com>
Date: March 3, 2023 at 9:28:41 AM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: **Supporting the Weekend Parking Cost Increase**

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Hello,

I am no longer a constituent since moving to the North Shore a few years ago (but lived on prospect and elsewhere downtown for over a decade), but I frequently spend time downtown with my family or to carry out food (usually once a week!), and my partner is employed downtown still.

Just want to say that, as someone who often drives and parks downtown, I adamantly *support* increasing the cost of street parking (or make it not free on weekends). I have always found it odd that we incentivize driving like this on the weekends and lose out on the additional funding it could provide. We could use that money to make more progress on our protected bike lanes, curb extensions, bus/tram infra and make it safer and more friendly for people with kids or no car to spend time and money in those areas.

I also feel that our reliance on cars is destroying cities and cooking the planet, and we need to do anything possible to make other options more viable. If I have to pay a tax to frequent the city by car, I'll gladly do so. It will have absolutely zero impact on how much money I spend at restaurants downtown and perhaps it'll make it more cost effective to take the bus instead with my family.

Thanks for your time and consideration,

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Chris Erickson
Whitefish Bay

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:53 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: no to Saturday parking

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From: Del Schmidt <delvan@wi.rr.com>
Date: March 3, 2023 at 11:22:19 AM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: no to Saturday parking

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I read with interest that the common council voted to have metered Saturday Parking. I do live in Wauwatosa , but I have season tickets to the Milwaukee Symphony and Milwaukee Rep. Unfortunately, I will have discontinue my tickets to the arts if the parking is now metered. I am 75 year old and have problems navigating the large parking structures when crowded.

I don't know if any others have the same issues but I think the arts can ill afford loosing anymore people.

Thank you

Delevan Schmidt

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Sunday, March 5, 2023 7:52 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Parking meter increase
Attachments: On the Issues Rob Henken.html

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Barbara L. Jakopac" <bjakopac1942@gmail.com>
Date: March 3, 2023 at 11:45:43 AM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: **Parking meter increase**

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Milwaukee needs other sources of income to give tax relief. Please take the time to view the attached video and will see how other cities of comparable size reduce and even eliminate property taxes. Raising parking fees is just one of many ways. Raise the cost Please. They use our streets, fire,police emergency services, lighting, sewer, etc. all on the taxpayer dime. Start think about us!

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:31 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Parking Meter Changes Downtown

For parking file

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: K Hinrichs <kristine.hinrichs@gmail.com>
Date: February 27, 2023 at 4:25:11 PM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: Parking Meter Changes Downtown

Thank you for your prompt response. I do get e-notify - however, it is almost impossible to sift through the overwhelming notices to ID something that appears significant. Our neighbor who is on the DNA board said that they were also surprised and I'd guess many of the other board members get e-notify.

Turnover is not an issue on N 3rd st - the only impact this would have is for our owners to pay for their guests to park. I ask that you ask DPW to review the Pritzlaff area. The area is routinely parked 100% on week days and weekends - as several of the spots have no time limit they are very popular.

Thanks, again.

Kris

On 2/27/2023 4:18 PM, Bauman, Robert wrote:

Thanks for your questions. Parking management claim this change will actually increase turnover of parked vehicles thereby increasing on-street parking availability. In addition, I am told the city is not required to run all meters until 9 pm. They are open to looking at specific locations where 6 pm can be retained.

Regarding installing parking meters, DPW does look at parking demand at given locations to determine whether the demand would justify the cost of installing meters. I am told areas without meters are areas where the revenue would not justify the cost.

I would suggest signing up for e-notify. The file has been pending since last fall and it has been heard twice by the Public Safety Committee. It is set for CC approval tomorrow.

-----Original Message-----

From: K Hinrichs <kristine.hinrichs@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 3:30 PM

To: Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>

Subject: Parking Meter Changes Downtown

Good afternoon. Like many downtown residents, I was surprised to hear that the proposal to extend metered parking time to 9PM and to Saturdays downtown. While I completely understand the issue - and the need to make people coming from elsewhere to provide some revenue for the city services they use, I was really disappointed that affected residents were not informed so that we/they could weigh in on the proposal.

On a related issue, why is it that the parking in front of the Pritzlaff Building on St. Paul is completely unrestricted - and not metered? And why is the parking adjacent to that building on Plankinton and on that short section of Buffalo not metered. If my neighbors and I have to pay for our own guests to park in front of our home, why are businesses, tenants, and customers of the Pritzlaff Building not subject to the same cost? As a matter of fairness, they should pay just like everyone else.

I would like to be informed of any future action on the proposal to extend metered times/days to the parking in my neighborhood.

Thank you.

Kris

Kristine Hinrichs
418 N 3rd St #360

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Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 12:31 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Parking meters

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Tom Werking <tlwhcw1@gmail.com>
Date: February 28, 2023 at 8:04:00 AM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Parking meters

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Hello-

I just learned there is a proposal pending to extend the parking meter times on my street. I am very much opposed to this plan. We live in a condominium at 418 N 3rd. Parking in front of our building is primarily residents or guests of owners in our 27 unit condo building.

I would like to know how you plan on voting on this proposal

Thank You

Tom Werking

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: City parking meter changes

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Jeanne Rivers <JRivers0621@outlook.com>
Date: February 27, 2023 at 9:52:17 PM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: "Woznick, Thomas" <twozni@milwaukee.gov>, "DeLessio-Parson, Ax" <Axdp@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: City parking meter changes

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Thanks for the quick response. I hope we can find mutual ground with the City on this issue.

Jeanne Rivers

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From: Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Sent: Monday, February 27, 2023 8:36 PM
To: Jeanne Rivers <JRivers0621@outlook.com>
Cc: Woznick, Thomas <twozni@milwaukee.gov>; DeLessio-Parson, Ax <Axdp@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: Re: City parking meter changes

The extension of meter times is not mandatory. I would agree, the 400 block of N 3rd should remain the same.

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On Feb 27, 2023, at 5:29 PM, Jeanne Rivers <JRivers0621@outlook.com> wrote:

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Hello-

I just learned there is a proposal pending to extend the parking meter times on my street. I'd like to voice my opposition to this plan. We seem to have very few people parking here who are not residents or guests of owners in our 27 unit condo building. Extending metered time would only hurt the very people who are already paying taxes at this location.

418 N. 3rd St.

Please consider voting no or making an exception for the ½ block between St. Paul Avenue and the alley north. This includes just four meters on our side of the street and four meters across the street.

Thank you.

Jeanne Rivers
418 N. 3rd St. Unit 440

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From: Bauman, Robert
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Thank You

Tom Werking

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Saturday, March 4, 2023 11:41 AM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Milwaukee Street Parking Potential Changes

For parking file

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Michael Warecki <michael.warecki@gmail.com>
Date: February 27, 2023 at 4:17:48 PM CST
To: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Cc: Amanda Zagrodnik <zagr0004@umn.edu>
Subject: Milwaukee Street Parking Potential Changes

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Good Afternoon,

I'm a resident at 418 N 3rd St, Milwaukee who is writing against proposed changes to Milwaukee street parking. Myself and many of my neighbors rely on the availability of street parking overnight during the week and on weekends as we commute to and from work. Open surface parking lots nearby are an alternative, which cost \$100+ per month. The \$100/month is not nearly as concerning as the car break-ins that happen on those poorly lit and monitored properties.

Although there could be meaningful personal financial impact, my main concern is the impact this may have on downtown businesses and the continued development of the area. As a 7 year resident of downtown, I see people park near my building on week nights and weekends frequently to grab a bite to eat, coffee, or shop with friends. It just so happens the street fills up once parking is free... It's great to see Westown transform into an area that feels safer with more people around when walking my dog in the evening from what was generally an eye sore to the city when I first moved here. This has been in large part, due to the increased businesses opened, supported meaningfully by those who drive to downtown from surrounding areas.

In speaking with friends and family who often visit on week nights and weekends, the appeal of coming downtown on week nights and weekends greatly diminishes when adding paid parking to the equation. Areas of downtown Milwaukee with paid metered parking would be at a great disadvantage to other nearby areas without metered parking, such as Walkers Point, Bay View or Tosa when deciding where to meet with a group arriving from varying locations. I want to see downtown Milwaukee continue to develop and decrease crime west of the river; the deterrence of free parking in the area would not support either objective, providing another reason for those in surrounding areas not to make the short drive downtown when shopping, dining, or deciding who in the group is hosting the next dinner party.

In an environment where budgets are getting stretched for the average consumer, an added fee such as parking could be psychologically more impactful than the economic dollar amount. At least that's the input I've received from the many friends, family and coworkers who live outside of downtown that have heard the proposed changes.

Milwaukee should consider actions that encourage people to come downtown and spend money, bolstering local economics; not discourage it. More people = more money. Let's make downtown Milwaukee a more welcoming location for all!

As a side note, perhaps the public market has data on the impact of them offering temporary free parking has had on increased visits and sales. Why would they offer free parking if it didn't matter?

Regards,

Mike Warecki

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:02 PM
To: Bobby Wiltgen
Cc: DeLessio-Parson, Ax; Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Re: Parking Meters

Thank you for weighing in. I will make your comments part of the record. You can also attend the committee meeting next Thursday. Your testimony would be helpful.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 3, 2023, at 2:46 PM, Bobby Wiltgen <bobby@whosonthirdmke.com> wrote:

Following up on the conversation with Ax...

I saw that your office is reconsidering the parking meter change to 9pm. If your office was considering more opinions, I think it would be bad for business to change the parking meters. Having free parking helps downtown businesses that already have a very limited amount of parking available. It also will make it difficult for customers to come and dine at our establishments before an event because they would need to return to their cars or apps to redo their parking because it would expire with the current 2-hour limits when they were going from our establishments to the event causing unnecessary conflicts with timing and ticketing with parking. This will discourage people from frequenting downtown entertainment establishments.

I believe the cost reward or parking revenue to sales tax and downtown public opinion is not worth changing the parking meters to 9pm and weekends.

Eliminating parking late night on weekends can help with the loitering issues that Water Street has experienced in the summertime, but it will hurt our dinner crowds in non-bar establishments that rely on a dinner service.

Please continue to reconsider this change.

Cheers,

Bobby Wiltgen

Owner

Cream City Concepts

Who's on Third

Oak Barrel Public House

Third Street Tavern

Third Street Property Management

President – Old World Third Street Organization

Treasurer- Executive Committee- Westtown Association

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:07 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: In support of parking costs

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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Date: March 3, 2023 at 9:02:27 AM CST
To: Marybeth McGinnis <marybethmcginnis@gmail.com>
Cc: "DeLessio-Parson, Ax" <Axdp@milwaukee.gov>, "Zamarripa, JoCasta" <JoCasta@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: In support of parking costs

Thank you for sharing your thoughts. You make some excellent points. Yours is the first communication I have received supporting these changes so I appreciate it. I personally support your assertion that free or below market parking simply promotes and reinforces an auto centric culture but I represent many diverse constituencies downtown and there are divergent opinions.

The basic issue here is transparency. The downtown BIDs, the Downtown Neighborhood Association and most residents and condo associations were not aware of this proposal. BID 21 told me they last discussed downtown meter hours in 2019. All these stakeholders deserve the opportunity to discuss these changes with their constituencies and weigh in on the policy change. Most of the opposition so far is from downtown residents and condo associations who are concerned about the impact of this change on guests to their homes—not suburban visitors or patrons of hospitality establishments. They have a point given that we have heavily promoted downtown residential development. For these constituencies, downtown is their neighborhood not simply an entertainment district.

At the end of the day the changes may stand or be modified but hopefully we will have a full and robust discussion which did not occur the first time around. Finally, now is the time to revisit this issue before any time and money is expended implementing these changes. Moreover nothing is lost since DPW would require months to implement these changes given the number of signage changes required and reprogramming of meters.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows

From: [Marybeth McGinnis](#)
Sent: Thursday, March 2, 2023 10:32 PM
To: [Bauman, Robert](#)
Subject: Re: In support of parking costs

I just want to say that my drinking and driving claim is not random. If you have never watched drunk people stumble out of Third Ward bars and into their freely-parked cars, good for you, but I have. Personally I think it's obscene. A bus costs \$2 one way, more

likely \$4 two way if you stay longer than 90 minutes. An Uber costs probably \$15-30 with tip if one is going to Bay View, for example. Why on earth should a drunk driver get free parking? Anything we can do to encourage responsible driving is a benefit. Associating *some* costs with transportation to get drunk is *extremely* important to helping people choose other options.

You *just* voted on this. Why are we wasting our time trying to repeal even the simplest and most commonsense changes?

On Thu, Mar 2, 2023 at 10:19 PM Marybeth McGinnis <marybethmcginnis@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Alderman Bauman,

Writing a quick note to indicate my complete support for extending the hours of paid parking. It is completely absurd that people can drive downtown and not pay a dime. I'm deeply sad to see you attempting to repeal this commonsense change.

People will not stop going downtown. Instead, with paid parking, they will have an easier time finding a spot, and yes, they will have to pay a very small amount of money. Keep in mind that I take the bus *every* day, I visit our Third Ward and Downtown businesses nearly every day, and I never get free bus fares. I do not understand this idea that some people should get free transportation, and others should not. Furthermore, I think it is absurd that we are supporting people drinking and driving: with some basic costs like parking associated, the math makes more sense to take the bus or an Uber/Lyft/walk.

Our parking is already extremely cheap. Paying for parking reduces people circling blocks -- reducing traffic. Paid parking helps to ensure a spot or two is open on blocks, meaning that fewer people are circling around, angry that they can't find a spot. I can tell you as a pedestrian that people circling looking for parking has *absolutely* led to people almost hitting me with their car as they frustratingly try to find a spot.

Please do not attempt to repeal this. It is literally the least we can be doing. Please instead support initiating demand-based parking pricing, which we have already passed *years* ago.

Sincerely,

Marybeth McGinnis

Polanco, Joanna

From: Bauman, Robert
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 3:04 PM
To: Polanco, Joanna
Subject: Fwd: Parking Ordinance Support

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From: "Bauman, Robert" <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov>
Date: March 3, 2023 at 8:36:29 AM CST
To: Mitchell Henke <mitchell@mitchellhenke.com>
Cc: "DeLessio-Parson, Ax" <Axdp@milwaukee.gov>
Subject: RE: Parking Ordinance Support

Yes the downtown BIDs, the Downtown Neighborhood Association and most individual citizens and downtown condo associations. BID 21 told me they last discussed meter hours in 2019.

Many of these stakeholders may end up supporting the changes for the reasons you cite but they deserve to know what is being proposed and deserve an opportunity to weigh in in real time. So far the opposition is coming from downtown residents not business owners or suburban visitors.

Sent from Mail for Windows

From: Mitchell Henke
Sent: Friday, March 3, 2023 6:59 AM
To: Bauman, Robert
Cc: DeLessio-Parson, Ax
Subject: Re: Parking Ordinance Support

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I appreciate the quick response. This is a well-researched policy that reduces congestion, increases parking availability in high demand areas and potentially raises revenue. I hope the implementation moves forward and is at most delayed briefly.

Are the stakeholders you're mentioning the groups that were discussed as not opposing this in the committee meeting?

Thanks,
-Mitch

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> On Mar 2, 2023, at 10:15 PM, Bauman, Robert <rjbauma@milwaukee.gov> wrote:

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> Thanks for sharing your thoughts. The ordinance may stay. The issue is that stakeholders were not aware of this despite assurances from DPW that they were in support. In addition the general public was not aware of this change. They may support in the end but we need more transparency.

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>> On Mar 2, 2023, at 9:16 PM, Mitchell Henke <mitchell@mitchellhenke.com> wrote:

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>> Hello Alderman Bauman,

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>> I wanted to write to express my strong support for the expanded hours for metered parking. It's extremely frustrating and sometimes dangerous to try to navigate downtown with cars circling for a free parking spot, and the certainty that there will be no on street parking is frustrating when I want to park. Charging for parking will help both of those problems, and I think the ordinance should stay.

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>> Thanks,

>> - Mitchell Henke

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