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Brian Gartner, Community Development Specialist
Michael Fullam, Acting Parking Operations Manager

PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE MIDDLETOWN CONNECTICUT

REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2026 – 5:00 PM

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Parking Advisory Committee of the City of Middletown was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 5:00 PM. This meeting was a hybrid meeting with in-person participation in Room #208 of the Municipal Building and remote access via WebEx.

Members in attendance – Chairwoman Steele, Vice-Chair Carella, Councilwoman Spatola, Alandra Maine, Darnell Ford, Dominick DeMartino, Scott Nardozzi

Staff in attendance – Christine Marques, Brian Gartner, Michael Fullam

1. **Call to Order** – Chairwoman Steele called the meeting to order at 5:07 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes** –
 - A. Minutes of the January 13th 2026 Regular Meeting - Motion to **APPROVE** the minutes is made by D. DeMartino, seconded by Councilwoman Spatola, and passed unanimously.
3. **Public Session** - None
4. **New Business** –
 - A. **Proposed revisions to the Parking Ordinance** –
 1. Director C. Marques reviewed the draft of the new parking ordinance with the committee (affecting on street parking and lots). This includes changes to the hours of enforcement (8 AM – 8 PM), and changes to the hourly rate (increasing from \$1.00 to \$1.50 effective July 1st 2026).
 2. Director C. Marques also brings up the parking price/minute (originally \$0.20 for 12 minutes and \$0.10 for 6 minutes at a maximum of 3 hours/day), asking the committee if they seek any changes to that part of the ordinance. The committee agrees that this rate needs to be changed to match the upcoming hourly increase (\$0.20 for 12 minutes to \$0.30 for 12 minutes), also so that people don't start paying for parking by the minute because they realize it's cheaper.
 3. Director C. Marques moves on to the next part of the ordinance, stating that the hourly parking rate will be increase from \$1.50 to \$1.75 effective July 1st 2027. She then emphasizes that the use of a credit/debit card will result in a fee per transaction charged to the customer.
 4. She addresses a change to the workforce parking program, stating that the program will provide discounted parking to employees in the downtown area earning less than the state of CT minimum wage rate working 40 hours/week (increased from \$31,000/year to address increasing wages).
 5. Removed the \$2.00 per shift up to 8 hours. The discounted fee will be \$25.00 per month for qualifying downtown employees.
 6. Parking violation fees have increased from \$10.00 to \$20.00 for any section 285-20D and 285-20E parking violations, from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for any section 285-20A parking violations, and from \$150.00 to \$250.000 for any section 285-20C parking violations. Director C. Marques emphasizes that there is a 30 day grace period for these changes to go into effect.
 7. Motion to **APPROVE** the changes to this ordinance made by P. Steele, seconded by S. Nardozzi, and passed unanimously.

- B. **Potential Shuttle Service** – During the January 13th meeting, Director C. Marques asked the committee to bring potential ideas of times/dates for a shuttle service that would drop people off and pick people up at various parking lots throughout the city. P. Steele suggests the shuttle service runs from Thursday to Saturday. The conversation shifts towards who will be using each specific lot (employees, customers, residents, etc.), and what incentives could be put in place to encourage employees and customers to use the shuttle service. C. Carella suggests having the shuttles run from 4:00 PM to 11:00 PM (C. Marques stated that the transit service ends at 11:00 PM) Thursday through Saturday. She later suggests that the shuttle service should run Thursday through Sunday. This discussion will be tabled to the next meeting.

5. **Old Business**

- A. **Repair of parking signs and other immediate needs** – No substantive updates.
 - B. **Update on New Garage** – No substantive updates.
 - C. **Washington & Broad Street Lot (Parking lot adjacent to Kid City) meter displays** – M. Fullam states that meters are slowly being replaced.
 - D. **WeHa Parking App** – No substantive updates.
6. **Adjournment** – Having no further business this evening the committee moved to adjourn at 6:00 PM. MOTION to adjourn is made by P. Steele, seconded by C. Carella, all in favor.