

**GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, February 21, 2022

Committee Members Present:

Commissioner Mariah Parker, Committee Chair
Commissioner Tim Denson
Commissioner Mike Hamby
Commissioner Melissa Link
Commissioner Patrick Davenport

Committee Members Absent:

Staff:

Josh Edwards, Assistant Manager	Lt. Philip Basinger, Police Department
Sherrie Hines, Chief Assistant Attorney	Gavin Hassemer, Assistant Central Services Director
Austin Jackson, Assistant Attorney	Angel Helmly, Operations Analyst
Tim Griffeth, Traffic Engineer	Kristall Barber, Animal Services Director
Daniel Sizemore, Bicycle, Pedestrian, & Safety Coordinator	

Committee Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

A. Approval of Minutes:

Commissioner Link made the motion to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Denson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

B. Commission Identified Items of Interest:

Consideration of Extension of the Parklet Program (Mayor Girtz assigned to GOC on April 6, 2021)

Josh Edwards gave a brief review of the topic.

Gavin Hassemer reviewed the draft ordinance. Commissioner Parker recommended that the ordinance include requirements for the parklet to be ADA accessible within the parklet, allowing space for a mobility device to navigate the space.

Daniel Sizemore reviewed a proposed plan for parklets on streets with bike lanes. Staff will provide the cost of signage at the next GOC meeting.

Discussion was held about the prohibition of music, entertainment and amplification devices in parklets. The Committee requested that staff include this topic in the survey.

The Committee requested that the following also be included in the survey:

- Statement to make business owners aware that the proposed ordinance requirements about beer and wine are drafted this way because of State law.
- Request for feedback regarding the painted dashed lines on the sidewalk for the direct path to the parklet.
- Feedback on loss of revenue because of reduction of on-street parking spaces.
- Preference for either a continuation of the pilot program or a permanent ordinance.
- Section for business owners to share their concerns and recommendations.

Staff will provide engagement feedback from downtown business owners to the GOC at the April meeting.

Review of “Chapter 4-1.-Animal Control” of the Ordinance (Mayor Girtz assigned to GOC on November 4, 2020)

Kristall Barber gave a brief history of the Animal Services Department and reviewed the types of proposed revisions to the Animal Control Ordinance.

Commissioner Link requested that the Committee address some priorities to get them on the books such as licensing, inoculation requirements and neglect. Commissioner Davenport’s concerns include addressing neglect, including education of owners, and prohibition of ownership. Commissioner Denson stated he prefers to review the proposed ordinance revisions section by section.

Commissioner Parker stated between now and the next meeting the Committee will solidify a direction via email to decide whether the Committee’s goal is to prioritize a few things and get them done quickly or review the whole ordinance over a couple of months.

Commissioner Link made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Davenport seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.