

**COMMITTEE ON ORDINANCES, CHARTER AND RULES  
MAY 22, 2017 AT 6:11 PM  
COMMITTEE ROOM  
WOBURN CITY HALL**

Voting Members:

Attending: Chair Michael Anderson, Alderman Michael Concannon,  
Alderman Mark Gaffney, Alderman Darlene Mercer-Bruen,  
Alderman Lindsay Higgins  
Absent: None

Non-Voting Members:

Attending: Alderman Joanne Campbell, Alderman Richard Gately,  
Alderman Edward Tedesco, President Richard Haggerty  
Absent: None.

On the order to amend the Woburn Zoning Code section 8.3 for establishing a downtown parking enhancement fund Chairman Michael Anderson stated contemplating parking meters that with 62 new parking spots we should not need meters, that we should wait and see about putting this in place to see if parking meters are needed. Do we want a fee of \$7,500.00? Parking hasn't been that bad. Alderman Gaffney stated that we would have to have parking meters all over the downtown area not just in one location, that the money could help toward a new parking garage. Alderman Gately stated that with the new parking lot at the library and the new parking lot downtown and having the parking lines, people are parking in the right spot, people parking over the lines should be ticketed. The people at the Peterson School on Montvale Avenue and the people that park their cars and take the bus take up a lot of spots. We have tried for years to get the bus stop moved from the corner of Montvale Avenue and Prospect Street. President Haggerty stated that we should look at the fee later down the road, to see if we need the fee. Having meters might make people think twice about moving into the downtown area. Alderman Concannon stated that parking in front of City Hall is a good idea. Talking all the new parking we have we don't need to do anything now. The Walnut Street parking lot is always full all day. We need to do something to control it. Alderman Higgins stated that it is nice to have all the new parking but people want it up in the back closer to all the restaurants. Alderman Campbell stated that when we thought of this it was before the new parking lot. We need to step back and see what is coming before we do anything. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Leave in Committee, all in favor, 5-0. Motion made and 2<sup>nd</sup> to Adjourn, all in favor, 5-0.

Meet Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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Joyce M. Gray, Assistant City Clerk  
and Clerk of Committees Pre Tem