

**City of Newport
Parking Advisory Committee Minutes
May 21, 2025**

LOCATION: CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, NEWPORT CITY HALL, 169 SW COAST HIGHWAY, NEWPORT	
Time Start: 6:00 P.M.	Time End: 7:09 P.M.

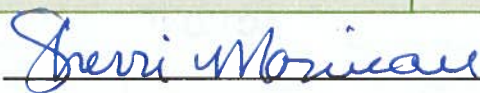
ATTENDANCE LOG/ROLLCALL

COMMITTEE MEMBER	STAFF
Chair Janell Goplen (absent, excused)	Derrick Tokos, Community Development Director
Aaron Bretz	Sherri Marineau, Community Development Dept.
Gary Ripka (by video)	Coren Loper, Parking Enforcement Officer
Bill Branigan	John Fuller, Communications Specialist
Doretta Smith (by video)	
Lisa Emond (by video)	PUBLIC
Kevin Lewis	
Robert Emond (by video)	
Jocelyn Stooddy	
Doris Posner	

AGENDA ITEM	ACTIONS
CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL a. Roll Call	None.
APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES a. Meeting minutes of March 19, 2025	Motion by Branigan, seconded by Lewis to approve the minutes of March 19, 2025 as written. Motion carried unanimously with Bretz, Branigan, Ripka, Smith, Lewis, Stooddy, Posner, and L. Emond all voting in favor.
12-MONTH UPDATE ON PARKING TURNOVER AND REVENUES FOR THE BAYFRONT.	<p>Tokos updated the Committee on Bayfront parking turnover and revenue. The discussion covered total revenue, ticket collections, violation costs, and average ticket revenue.</p> <p>The Committee also deliberated the program's efficiency in managing turnover, funding equipment, and supporting improvements. They reviewed its approval and implementation history, compared Newport's system to other cities, and noted how it generates previously unavailable maintenance funds.</p>
TRANSITION FROM WEEKENDS ONLY TO SEVEN (7) DAYS A WEEK FOR THE PARKING MANAGEMENT ALONG THE BAYFRONT.	Tokos updated the Committee on the transition to seven-day-a-week paid parking on the Bayfront. The discussion covered how businesses could show how parking fees affected their revenue, potential new permits for locals, and a report on residents avoiding Bayfront parking.

	The Committee also considered complaints about paid parking, including concerns over insufficient signage and ways to improve communication about free parking times, such as adding notices to water bills.
REVIEW OF THE ONLINE SURVEY THE CITY IS CONDUCTING WITH THE BAYFRONT BUSINESSES.	<p>Tokos reviewed the City's online survey of Bayfront businesses and staff, which received 78 responses.</p> <p>The Committee discussed business owners' options for purchasing employee parking permits and how the survey was distributed via email.</p>
PARKING CODE ENFORCEMENT ISSUES.	<p>Loper reported minimal parking code enforcement issues.</p> <p>The Committee discussed a city-produced video featuring Loper explaining the Bayfront parking program.</p>
CITIZEN/PUBLIC COMMENT	None.

Submitted by:



Sherri Marineau, Executive Assistant