



CITY COUNCIL

Committee of the Whole

Monday, August 8, 2011

Council Office

5:00 pm

Agenda

Although Council committee meetings are open to the public, public comment is not permitted at Council Committee of the Whole meetings. However, citizens are encouraged to attend and observe the meetings. Comment from citizens or professionals during the meeting may be solicited on agenda topics via invitation by the President of Council.

- I. Parking Meter Regulation Changes – L. Lee**
- II. Trash and Recycling Billing**
- III. Agenda Review**

I am seeking city council support for extending the meter hours to 8PM for 156 meters located within one block of the Sovereign Center. I know city council had issues with my last proposal, but I have cut it down to only one block and it will have minimal effect on restaurants in the area. (See enclosed diagram) The mayor told me he would support the initiative.

I am considering LOWERING parking fees next year for Reading Royals/Express (if they even have a football team) to a flat \$5.00 in honor of the ten year operation of the Sovereign Center and rolling back pricing. It would be nice to have city council support for this initiative to cover our losses. Further, I am not trying to eliminate on street parking during events – just trying to recoup a minimal payment for parking on the street. If a patron comes at 6PM, he would be required to feed the meter for two hours or \$3. It costs \$5 in the garage.

There are a number of “sister” cities that have extended their meter hours to include Lancaster to cover the revenue gaps for their city.
Will the folks on council give this some thought or am I wasting my time???

Lawrence Lee
Executive Director



City of Reading Parking Lot Layout



- 1 Blk Radius
- 2 Blk Radius

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| 1. BARTA Trans. Hub | 10. Doubletree |
| 2. State Lot | 11. 7th & Wash. Lot |
| 3. South Penn Garage | 12. Poplar & Walnut Garage |
| 4a BARTA Park-N-Transit | 13. Reed & Court Garage |
| 4b BARTA Station Lot | 14. Wyndham Hotel Garage |
| 5. 6th & Cherry Lot | 16. Chiarelli Garage |
| 6. 4th & Cherry Garage | 17. Front & Wash. Garage |
| R Reading Parking Authority | 19. Albert Boscov Plaza |

