



<p><b>New Business</b></p> <p>Discussion/Presentation Parking</p>	<p>City Planner, Peter Grella presented a detailed review of City of Meadville Parking – presentation attached to minutes.</p> <p>Mr. Grella has mapped out all of the City parking spaces over the last year. The scope of parking in downtown is 3004 spaces made up of public parking, private parking, on-street parking. Doesn't include fleet, car lot/car sales/car repair spaces. Active parking, for those visiting the City. There is a lot of parking downtown. Indicated color coding on presentation visual. Mr. Grella provided information on the 2008 study performed by Desman Associates concerning peak period parking activity at on-street/off-street metered and unmetered supply and utilization. With the decision upcoming on the parking garage, it was time for an updated review of the state of parking in downtown. Current usage within the parking garage is around 50%. The only reliable usage is the DEP area for their fleet. All of these numbers now are based on personal observation, Mr. Grella has tried too vary times/days to get a better reflection of usage of 45 to 50%. He further presented numbers within other public lots throughout the city. Indicating that there is a sweep of parking throughout the day – in the morning over by near the Y, then a shift to over near the courthouse then fills up closer to the City Building. On average 42.9% usage around the Diamond. His observations show a less than efficient rate to justify additional parking for the City.</p> <p>Further cited that the parking lots close to events, such as Thunder in the City, had no one utilizing the free Saturday parking. Stressed that parking is free to the public during the weekends and thinks that it might be due to not advertising where parking may be available. Felt that it is strange that we hear about parking being inconvenient, everyone likes on-street parking. It's more of a knowledge versus demand issue.</p> <p>Councilmember Roha stated that people are more line of sight, they want to see the destination from where they park their car, not walk one and a half blocks away.</p> <p>Mr. Grella agreed, people don't park at the first available spot and will circle around looking for a better spot.</p> <p>Mr. Grella moved on to discussing the budget and how to pay for a parking garage. There has been over 200k in losses in the past four years. Losses will need to be stemmed in order to pay for the garage. Metered rate increases to \$.50 were recommended from the 2008 study, efficiency of the meter/rentals around the City need reviewed to raise revenue to pay for repairs/upkeep of the city lots.</p> <p>Councilmember Vogel felt encouraged with creative planning, which is generally cheaper, to solve the issue. That it is not a multi-million dollar investment. Thanked Peter and Staff for putting together the presentation as was helpful to understand the big picture.</p> <p>Mr. Grella concluded that the parking town hall is welcome and can solicit observations from the people that attend.</p>

	Ms. Menanno added that the discussion next week with public comment will be followed by the townhall at 7PM on January 23 <sup>rd</sup> . Looking to hold at the Public Library or will check with the FCCA if that ends up not being suitable for the meeting.
<b>Public Comment on Agenda Items</b>	None
<b>Councilmember Statements</b>	<p><i>Councilmember Roha:</i> no additional comments</p> <p><i>Councilmember Myers:</i> Thank you to Peter and staff for working on the Parking presentation and presenting it.</p> <p><i>Councilmember Vogel:</i> Thanks to the staff and Peter. In setting the 2024 priorities, to address transportation within the comprehensive plan, parking is linked to that.</p> <p><i>Mayor Kinder:</i> Echoes the statements from the others. For those that make it possible to be informed with the study so at the town hall, Council will be able to answer questions from the public. That solutions aren't always one way or the other and input is necessary.</p>
<b>Adjournment</b>	With no further business to come before Council, Councilmember Roha moved to adjourn. Councilmember Myers seconded, and the roll call was taken to adjourn to executive session at 6:50 p.m. The roll call vote was unanimous.

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Maryann Menanno, Interim City Clerk

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Jaime Kinder, Mayor