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No Increase in 30-Minute Parking Meters in B'ham

By KEN WEAVER
News Editor

There will be no increase in 30-minute parking meters in Birmingham at this time, city commissioners decided Monday night. They discussed but took no action on a recommendation by Police Chief Ralph W. Moxley to give "serious consideration" to short-term parking on Woodward between Hamilton and Maple.

department survey showed Moxley reported that a police strong demand for shorter term parking than the one-hour permitted on the street meters in the area.

The city now has 21 30-minute meters, which are located only at street corners.

THE SURVEY, taken on both sides of Woodward between Maple

and Willis, showed that of 287 vehicles checked 112 parked 10 minutes or less; 60 per cent parked 20 minutes or less.

On the east side between Hamilton and Maple, 68 per cent parked 20 minutes or less. Moxley has been asked to report on possible conversion of meters to provide either half-hour or hour parking at a rate of five cents per half-hour and 10 cents per hour.

"We have checked this matter," Moxley stated, "and it will be relatively simple to convert the meters to this type of operation. This conversion will require a slight adjustment and a new dial on the meter."

STIFF OPPOSITION to the idea of more 30-minute parking was voiced by Donald L. Cummings, chairman of the merchants parking committee.

He pointed out that his committee had recommended removal of all 30-minute meters. Cummings said they were a "source of irritation" to people using them and getting tickets. Too many parkers, he said, were not aware that they actually were using 30-minute zones.

"We would be very much opposed to more 30-minute meters," he declared.

Cummings pointed to a recent article in *The Eccentric* describing a proposed shopping center in Southfield which could offer competition to Birmingham merchants.

IT AND NORTHLAND, he said, pose competition for the standpoint of free parking. "Let's do something to meet that competition."

He suggested that the 21 meters now reserved for 30-minute parking be changed to one-hour.

Moxley said the short-term meters had been placed at intersections because they would afford "ease of access."

Commissioner Robert Page, pointing out that the problem involved a lot of turnover, told Moxley:

"I think you've got the problem under control now. I would go along with the merchants committee."

"It would irritate a lot of people to add more 30-minute meters."

COMMISSIONER Charles Renfrew questioned the conclusiveness of the parking survey and suggested that the survey cover a longer period of time would be needed.

Charles Mortensen, executive secretary of Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, commented:

"We currently have five kinds of meters on our streets. That is confusing enough to the public without adding a sixth (the 30-minute, 60-minute variety)."

The discussion ended with commissioners agreeing that there would be—in the words of Mayor Florence H. Willett—"no action" at this time. It will stay as it is.

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