

Parking Lot Action Awaits New Survey

An attempt to coordinate the hours of parking in Birmingham Municipal Parking Lot No. 4 with those of street meters during Monday night's commission meeting ended in a postponement.

After hearing out Forbes Hascall, representing James Milford, owner of Northwood Lanes, who is interested in obtaining free parking for his patrons in Lot No. 4 after 6 p.m., commissioners agreed to delay their decision until a new survey is conducted.

Hascall claimed that the city's recent survey of the parking lot's usage was inadequate and did not present the normal parking situation.

MILFORD submitted his request to change the meters in the lot Aug. 21. A recommendation of the Chamber of Commerce, suggested that the meters in Parking Lots No. 1 and 4 should operate until 9 p.m. on Fridays only, the same as in the other municipal parking lots.

A survey was then conducted by the police department to determine the usage of the meters and the cost of replacing the signs in both parking lots.

ACCORDING TO the survey conducted Sept. 1-7 the change in parking meter times in both lots would mean a loss of \$2,040 in parking meter revenue per year.

In addition, replacement of the parking meter signs in both lots to show the new times would cost the City about \$71.50.

Based on the survey report submitted by Police Chief Ralph W. Mosley, City Manager L. R. Gare recommended that the hours be left unchanged.

GARE CITED Section 10 of Ordinance No. 465 controlling parking lot No. 1 which states: "The time limits for parking may be increased or decreased by action of the city commission; provided, however, that no such action shall be taken which will materially lessen the income and revenue of the system."

"It appears to me," said Gare, "that because of the fact that our excess of revenue from the Auto Parking System this year is approximately \$8,000 or \$9,000, that \$2,040 is a rather large percentage."

GARE CALLED attention to Mosley's report which showed that parking lot No. 4 was practically full during the hours (7 to 9 p.m.) the survey was made.

Hascall, however, took issue with the survey's loss of revenue figures, claiming that the survey was inadequate. He said he had checked the lot himself, and found very few cars occupying it.

Although Hascall agreed with the ordinance cited by Gare, he insisted that parking meter revenue would not undergo any "substantial" change.

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our cost of operating the lots."

In the meantime, according to Hascall, Milford has a boy stationed at the lot distributing nickels to the bowling alley patrons for the parking lot meters.

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