



City of Port Orchard Council Work Study Session
April 23, 2019
6:00 p.m.

Mayor:

Rob Putaansuu
Administrative Official

Councilmembers:

Bek Ashby (Mayor Pro-Tempore)

Chair: ED/Tourism/LT Committee

Staff: Development Director

Finance Committee

KRCC / PSRC TransPol / KRCC TransPol

KRCC PlanPol-alt / PRTPO

Shawn Cucciardi

Finance Committee

Land Use Committee

PSRC EDD-alt

Fred Chang

Utilities Committee

Sewer Advisory Committee (SAC)

Staff: Public Works Director

Jay Rosapepe

ED/Tourism/LT Committee

Utilities Committee

Chair: Lodging Tax Committee

Sewer Advisory Committee (SAC)

KRCC-alt / KRCC TransPol-alt

Kitsap Transit-alt

John Clauson

Chair: Finance Committee

Staff: Finance Director

Kitsap Public Health District-alt

KEDA/KADA-alt

Cindy Lucarelli

Chair: Utilities and SAC Committee

Staff: Public Works Director

Chair: Chimes and Lights Committee

Staff: City Clerk

KEDA/KADA

Scott Diener

Chair: Land Use Committee

Staff: Development Director

ED/Tourism/LT Committee

PSRC Growth Mgmt-alt

Department Directors:

Nicholas Bond, AICP

Development Director

Mark Dorsey, P.E.

Director of Public Works/City Engineer

Tim Drury

Municipal Court Judge

Noah Crocker, M.B.A.

Finance Director

Geoffrey Marti

Police Chief

Brandy Rinearson, MMC, CPRO

City Clerk

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Estimated Time: 20 Minutes

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City of Port Orchard Work Study Session Executive Summary

Issue Title: Downtown Parking Hours
Meeting Date: April 23, 2019
Time Required: 20 minutes
Attendees: Kathleen Wilson, POBSA President

Action Requested at This Meeting: Determine if the City wishes to change the downtown parking back to 4-hours.

Issue: Some downtown merchants feel that 2-hour parking downtown is not enough time for their patrons to shop, eat, get hair done, etc. and are asking the Council to consider changing the parking downtown from 2-hours to 4-hours.

Background: At the January Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting, the committee discussed comments the Clerk's office received from a downtown business owner requesting the downtown parking hours be changed. The committee recommended that a formal proposal should be submitted by the Port Orchard Bay Street Association, who would be able to get consensus of its membership.

At the March Economic Development and Tourism Committee meeting, Kathleen Wilson, President of the Port Orchard Bay Street Association, formally requested the City consider changing the downtown parking hours.

Alternatives: Not change the parking hours.

Recommendation: N/A

Relationship to Comprehensive Plan: N/A

Attachments: Request letter and citizen letter in opposition.

Follow-up Notes & Outcomes:

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Kathleen Wilson
President
Port Orchard Bay Street Association
P.O. Box 8581
Port Orchard, WA 98366

City of Port Orchard Councilmember Bek Ashby
Chair: Economic Development and Tourism Committee

Dear Councilmember Ashby:

Thank you for the opportunity the Port Orchard City Council and the Economic Development and Tourism Committee has provided to the Port Orchard Bay Street Association membership with regards to feedback on the City of Port Orchard's current parking restrictions. As you know this is a passionate issue for many of our members.

At our general membership meeting on February 21, 2019 at La Palapa Restaurant, the membership discussed this issue at length. The discussion resulted in a motion that was passed unanimously by the members present, for a suggested revision to the City of Port Orchard's current parking restrictions.

The membership of the Port Orchard Bay Street Association request that all parking downtown currently designated as 2-hour be changed to 4-hour. This includes the parking in the lots along the water, the curbside parking along Bay, Sidney and other downtown streets, as well as Frederick Street and any other monitored areas currently designated within the downtown core. This does not apply to the parking by the Courthouse or County building.

Merchants carefully considered the issue from all sides, including the history of merchants parking all day in front of their own businesses, thereby deterring business, and they felt the benefits of a standardized 4-hour parking restriction far outweigh the risks and particularly the lost business that results from the 2-hour parking. Although not all merchants were present for the February 21 meeting, I have made an effort to speak personally with many of the merchants along Bay Street, and the majority support the motion and the content of this letter.

I am happy to speak to this issue at any Council or Council Work Study Meeting as the elected President of the Port Orchard Bay Street Association, representing the interests of our member businesses.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wilson
President
Port Orchard Bay Street Association

cc: Councilmember Diener; Councilmember Rosapepe; Mayor Putaansuu



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March 20, 2019

Port Orchard Mayor and City Council
216 Prospect
Port Orchard, WA 98366

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

As a 25+ year Bay Street business owner with an established customer base, I am opposed to changing the parking on Bay Street from two to four hours.

I believe there is more than ample four hour parking already available behind the Port Orchard Public Market, as well as all day paid parking in the lot behind Peninsula Feed. I would also like to point out that the two hour Bay Street parking ends at 5pm. If you park any time after 2pm (enforcement doesn't ticket past 4pm) you have unlimited time to shop, get your hair or nails done and still catch a movie or dine out.

If any changes are needed it's adding two hour parking on the weekends and enforcement of the current parking laws! I am referring specifically to not issuing tickets to those who "chain" park and not ticketing "favored" offenders. I know that on my side of the block there are three of my business neighbors that regularly break the parking laws by moving their vehicles up one space every two hours or simply erasing the chalk marks on their tires. The sad thing is that all three have their own private parking spots behind the buildings! These three merchants are taking up three of the seven spaces that should be available for customers.

I often wonder about the City's lost sales tax revenue because of these inconsiderate merchants who continue to violate the parking laws.

Please leave the two hour parking as is! Increasing the time limit will not alleviate the problem, it will only add to it.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mallory S. Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Mallory S. Jackson
Owner