

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
Topic: Jefferson Street Angle Parking

May 22, 2023

President Pro-Tem Mark Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. indicating that the public meeting was to discuss reverse angle parking versus forward angle parking on Jefferson Street.

All city council members were present. President Jerry Mazur was absent.

Chairwoman Moore began the meeting by discussing the safety issues with reverse angle parking. A brief video was shown on how it is done.

A discussion was held with the pros and cons of reverse angle parking with council members and those in attendance asking various questions.

Downtown businessman Dennis Cummings stated he believes reverse angle parking is safer for all. He stated that reverse angle parking has been around since at least 2010 with studies showing it is safer than forward angle parking with the advantage that you are not backing into traffic. Mr. Cummings stated that reverse angle parking has a 40 degree better vision and you can see the oncoming traffic.

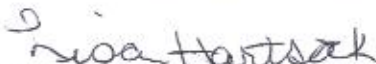
Scott Hileman, 508 Washington Street, discussed his concerns with angle parking as it would take up more space on the street not leaving enough room for larger delivery trucks. It was discussed the turn lane would be removed which leaves more room on the street.

Councilman Davis noted a disadvantage in Wilmington, Ohio where there are 25 spots. Pictures of the area show five of the vehicles parked were taking up two spots because they were not backed in effectively and indicated the parking spots will only work if people back into only one spot.


Discussion was made that while some cities have reverse angle parking, others have tried it but have done away with it.

President Pro-Tem Mark Davis indicated that the meeting would need to be adjourned as it was time for the regular City Council meeting.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.



Clerk of Council
Lisa K. Hartsock



Council President - Pro-Tem
Andrew Davis

June 12, 2023
DATE