

Re: Parking CC Permit Fees Public Hearing Tuesday February 28, 2023

City Council and others:

Some views and questions on this latest scam to soak the city's own residents using defective noticing and more.

Residential parking permits in the impacted beach area were not established to make money to give the City Council and City Manager the power to spend like drunken sailors.

Residential Parking stickers were established when the meters were installed (Yellow Pole Parking Meters) to make money from beach goers impacting the city in residential beach areas. The permits were established to continue to give the residents (as they insisted on receiving at the time) the right to park on their own streets at no cost, streets the residents actually own but which have been granted in perpetuity for all to use. **The cost of the resident permits were agreed by all to cost no more than the cost the city incurs to issue them.**

Prop 218 prohibits taxation without a vote of the people and for so-called service maintenance fees, there is a detailed Prop-218 SCAM fee process. The city is improperly taxing and raising fees with this ever-increasing Council- and City Manager- designed scheme. Without such money to so-poorly spend to cover the costs of poor management of the city, they evidently feel impotent?

Questions.

1- Have all the current resident-permit holders been mailed a letter or even a card regarding the proposed rate increases with the date and time of the public hearing(s)?

2- Has the real intent and purpose of meters being in the residential beach areas and the resulting residential parking permits been understood by the present newbies running the city, and using the residents as bottomless pits of cash?

2- Why are there four individually, relatively complex matters in this one single public hearing? An individual only has 3 minutes (**if they are not interrupted by the hired City Clerk, who is not the chair of the meeting**) to speak on all four matters. The Public Hearing should be four individual public Hearings.

Public Hearing Item Direct Link. (C.M. Suja Lowenthal and her hired City Clerk decided that supplemental comments from public are not to be added until just before the meeting as it's now too difficult to do as it was for years before this City Manager and hired City Clerk took over.)

<https://hermosabeach.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6040566&GUID=BE241C4B-2105-4EDD-ADBE-1549641A0911>

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PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCUSS AND CONSIDER CHANGES TO RESIDENTIAL PARKING PERMITS, EMPLOYEE PARKING PERMITS, AND PARKING METER AND PARKING LOT RATES (Finance Director Viki Copeland)

Recommendation: Staff recommends City Council:

1. Hold a Public Hearing to discuss and consider changes to the following parking program elements:

- a) the residential parking permit program and fees;**
- b) employee permit program; and**
- c) hourly parking meter and parking lot rates;**

2. Adopt resolution (Attachment 1) entitled "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California, Taking the Following Actions: 1) limiting the number or residential parking permits to be issued to each residence; and 2) increasing the fee for residential parking permits; and

3. Introduce on first reading an ordinance (Attachment 2) entitled "An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Hermosa Beach, California Increasing Parking Meter Rates and Finding the Same Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act".

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