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DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES February 20, 2024

The Development Committee of Wheeling City Council met on the above date at 4:45 p.m. Committee members present: Chair Elliott, Vice Chair Thalman, Member Thorngate. Others present: Councilors Ketchum, Palmer, Seidler. City Manager Robert Herron, City Clerk Jessica Zalenski, members of the public and media.

Chair Elliott called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm

The following matter was discussed:

Discussion on Water Street Traffic and Parking.

Chair Elliott introduced Mr. Dan Milleson owner of Waterfront Hall located at 1230 Water Street. Mr. Milleson opened Waterfront Hall in the Summer of 2023, the building currently is used as an event venue, has two restaurants, a bar and soon will be adding a day spa. Parking along Water Street has been problematic due to poor signage and lack of available parking spaces on the West side of Water Street. Mr. Milleson has been helping pay parking tickets for patrons of the business especially during the daytime hours, as after 5pm no tickets are given and parking is allowed on the west and east side after 5pm. Mr. Milleson introduced a short-term plan and ideas for a long-term plan that would turn the street into a one way going north bound. Chair Elliott noted that the Intermodal Parking Garage is just around the block however sees the need to support the business by offering a short-term solution to allow parking on the west side of the street all day. Mr. Elliott also noted long term he could see a potential one-way street or being pedestrian only as more businesses are planning to be developed. Member Thorngate asked if the city is required to have a certain amount of handicap accessible spots along Water Street for Waterfront Wednesday and other events at Heritage Port, he inquired with Fire Chief Jim Blazier as to if the fire department had any concerns if the street would become one way. Chief Blazier noted one way north bound would be preferable as the fire department at times needs to access the back side of Windsor Manor for emergency calls. A discussion regarding diagonal parking spots arose, City Manager Herron noted diagonal spots can be hazardous and the width of the road is not wide enough to support. Mr. Thorngate asked City Manager Herron if parking was allowed on the west side of the street if it could be enforced by the ParkMobile app as opposed to adding meters. Mr. Herron noted a parking zone can easily be added to the ParkMobile app. Discussion continued citing the need for a short-term solution, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate to allow for two-hour parking zone on west side of water street all day be forwarded to City Council for consideration. All in favor. Motion Carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Thalman moved, seconded by Mr. Thorngate, to adjourn. Time: 5:04p.m.