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P&Z Commission,

I would like to comment on Item 7.1 on tonight's agenda.

The issues being discussed tonight seem simple, hardly require a study session, and certainly shouldn't have required input from two high-priced consultants. City staff need to adopt a DIY approach!

State law trumps local regulations and the city can no longer enforce parking minimums in most of the city. The only decision to be made is whether or not to apply this throughout the city. Here, I think that it's best to remove minimum parking requirements throughout the entire city. This is simpler and avoids potential equity issues.

I want to comment on the several references in the staff report and the consultant's "analysis" to the implementation of a residential parking permit programs as a way to prevent spill over parking from adjacent under parked developments. The consultant, Siegman & Associates, described the use of parking permits to manage off-street parking 24 times.

As I have explained several times in the past, residential parking permits will not work in Albany. Parking permit programs typically operate during the day, e.g., 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM. Parking time is restricted for non-permit holders, e.g., a 2-hour limit, during the aforementioned hours. There are no restrictions for permit holders. There are also no restrictions outside the aforementioned hours. Overnight parking is legal, which in terms of the above exemplar means that parking is permitted between 5:00 PM and 8:00 AM. These are of course the exact hours where parking is very limited on many Albany streets (e.g., streets adjacent to SPA). Parking is typically sufficient on these residential streets during the day, when the permit requirements would apply.

Albany would need to greatly extend the hours of enforcement or adopt 24/7 parking permit enforcement for a residential parking permit program to be effective. I don't believe that any other cities have done this.

A residential parking permit program is not going to have much impact in Albany and staff, the ever-present consultants, and the commissioners should stop suggesting that it will.

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