



UPTOWN
PAY STATION CONSIDERATIONS
COUNCIL PRESENTATION
FEBRUARY 9, 2021

UPTOWN PARKING METER DISCUSSION

HOW THE PROCESS STARTED...

- **September 4, 2018:** METRA Transit System audit was conducted by the City's Internal Auditor to include all divisions and operations.
- **September 10, 2019:** Audit presented to City Council which included a recommendation for parking meters in Uptown.
- **December 6, 2019:** A Parking Management Committee was established to review considerations for installing parking meters in Uptown.
- **February 27, 2020:** METRA hosted a Public Meeting at the Columbus Civic Center to receive comments on Parking Meter considerations in Uptown.

PARKING MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

- **Lisa Goodwin, Deputy City Manager**
- **John Redmond, Internal Auditor**
- **Rosa Evans, Director, METRA**
- **Everett Fleming, Manager, METRA Planning Division**
- **Terana Crawford, Manager, Parking Management Division**
- **Randy Lunsford, Former Interim President, Uptown Columbus, Inc.**
- **Reynolds Bickerstaff, Immediate Past Chair, Uptown Columbus, Inc.**
- **Steve Morse, Columbus State University**
- **Command Sgt. Grant, Columbus Police Department**

UPTOWN PUBLIC MEETING COMMENTS

PROS

- **Parking meters are everywhere and will advance the City of Columbus**
- **Will create more parking spaces near businesses and push people to utilize the garages**
- **Atlanta has parking meters and pay stations, Columbus should have them**
- **Great idea for the City if employees and residents have certain exemptions**

CONS

- **Trips to Uptown Columbus will be limited**
- **Businesses will go out of business**
- **People will not want to walk to and from the parking garages**
- **The City is just looking for more ways to make money**
- **Taxpayers will have to pay to replace the parking meters and or pay stations**

MULTI-SPACE PAY STATION COMMITTEE

RFP NO. 20-0024

- **The Evaluation Committee consisted of two (2) voting members from METRA Transit System, one (1) voting member from Uptown Columbus, Inc., one (1) voting member from the Information Technology Department and one (1) voting member from the Police Department.**
- **An additional representative from METRA Transit System and a representative from the City Manager's Office served as non-voting advisors.**

RFP RESPONSES

- **4 Vendor Responses were received on June 12, 2020**
- **Requested vendor demonstrations on July 17, 2020**
 - **1 Vendor withdrew from the process on July 22, 2020**
- **Virtual demonstrations were held on July 29, 2020**
- **On August 19, 2020, a letter requesting proposals to remain in effect an additional 6-month period beyond the 120-day timeframe prescribed in the RFP which keeps the proposals active through April 10, 2021**
- **3 Vendors were evaluated by the committee September 1, 2020**

VENDOR EVALUATIONS

Solar Battery Operated

Battery Back Up Capability

Useful Life

Multi-Weather Conditions

Accepts various methods of payment

Back Office Reporting System

Pay By Cell Integration

Cost



OUR NEXT STEPS

- **Bring a recommendation to Council on the March 9, 2021 Purchasing Agenda.**
- **If approved, will delay implementation until January 2022 and start an aggressive education campaign**

