



Watertown City Council
Monday, July 22, 2019
7:00 p.m.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

Discussion Items:

1. Watertown Golf Course – Michael Lundy
 - Sanitary Sewer Connection
 - Parking

2. Downtown Parking – Geoff Urda

July 19, 2019

To: Richard M. Finn, City Manager
From: Michael A. Lumbis, Planning and Community Development Director
Subject: Public Square 30-minute parking proposal

At the written request of six downtown business owners, Staff has studied the possibility of converting some of the high-value parking spaces on Public Square to short-term parking to facilitate higher and more efficient customer turnover.

Staff identified eleven (11) high-value spaces in four distinct locations that are suitable to convert to 30-minute parking. During the course of the analysis, Staff also identified one space on the north side of Public Square that is suitable to convert to an ADA accessible space. Presently there are only three ADA accessible spaces on Public Square, compared with six on Washington Street.

The attached map depicts in orange the spaces that Staff proposes to convert to 30-minute parking and depicts in blue the space that Staff proposes to convert to an accessible space. The Council should note that the two orange spaces at the West end of Public Square are 15 minutes currently. To avoid confusion about maximum parking times, Staff recommends a uniform 30-minute time for all short-term spaces on Public Square.

While the initial request was for 15-minute spaces, Staff's professional recommendation would be for 30 minutes, as a 30-minute limit would still accomplish the goal of consistent turnover of spaces, but would also enable an occupant of these spaces to conduct their visit with more confidence that they will not exceed the limit time limit and with less fear of getting a ticket.

Staff presented this proposal to the Downtown Business Association (DBA) at its July 10, 2019 meeting and received unanimous positive feedback from the assembled DBA Board Members. Staff also visited various downtown businesses, including each of the undersigned businesses from the original letter, on the morning of July 19, 2019, and most of them provided positive feedback on the proposal. At this time, Staff is now formally advancing this proposal for Council consideration.

ACTION: For City Council's consideration

5/16/2019

To: Watertown City Council
Re: Variance of parking ordinance

The undersigned businesses on the south side of the public square are requesting the parking ordinance be modified to allow for 4) 15 minute parking spots to assigned on the south side of the square. This will accommodate quick stop access to our businesses and allow better enforcement from Gregg Pound. Gregg has also submitted his thoughts on how this will help the parking issues on the square. He has told us that the 2) spots at the top of the square and the 4) in the island by the YMCA work well. Mr. Finn has asked us to submit this request and said this needs to be changed through the legislative process.

Thank you,

Business: Cook's Jewelers
Signed: [Signature]

Business: Cornerstone Bakery
Signed: [Signature]

Business: DTJB-Marketplace
Signed: [Signature]

Business: Solitary Consignment
Signed: [Signature]

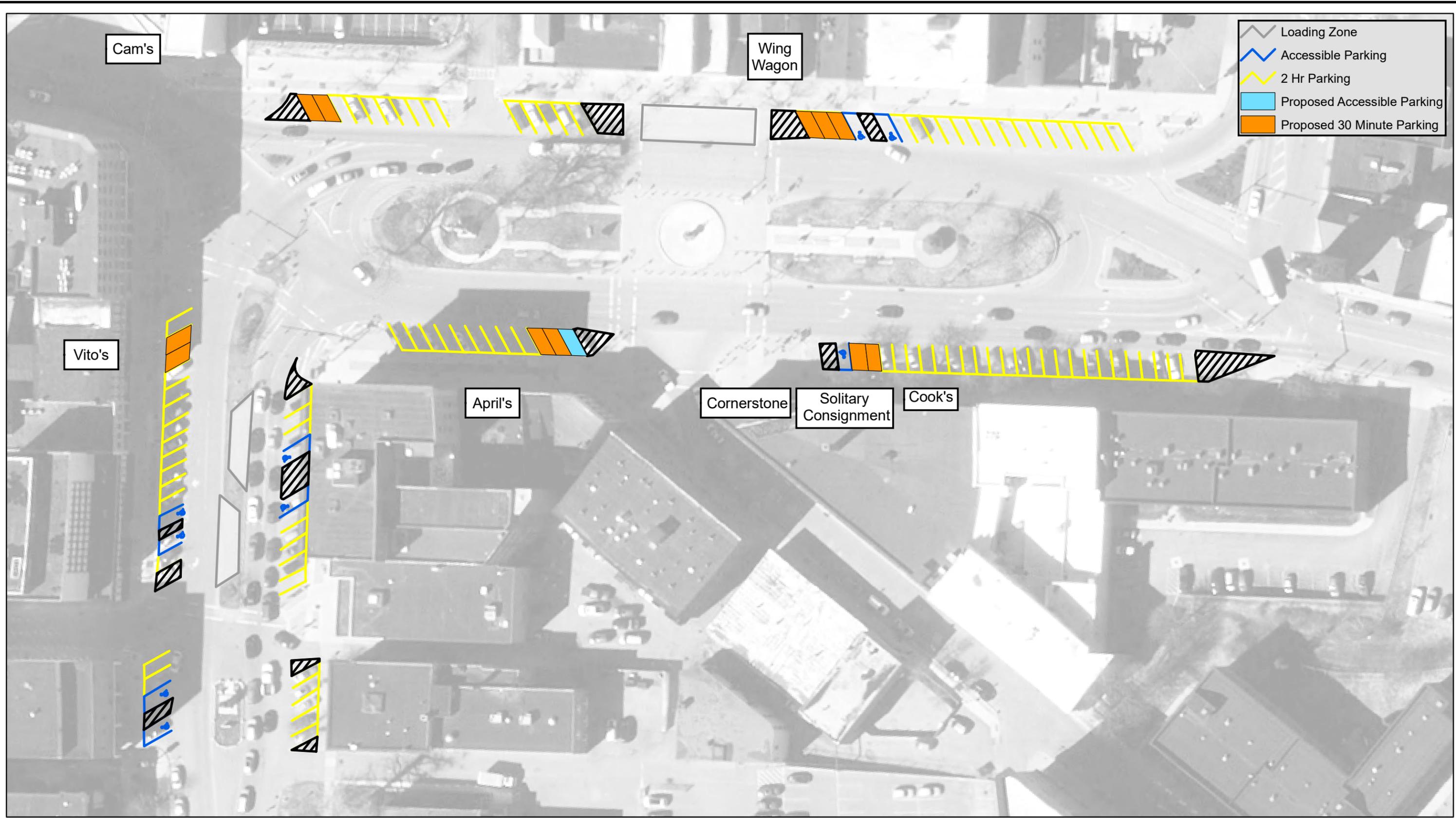
Business: Dusty B's Smoke Shop
Signed: [Signature]

Business: April's Cake Shop
Signed: [Signature]

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Public Square Parking


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Requested By: G.Urda
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 Date: 7/19/2019
 Scale: 1 inch = 60 feet