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# Proposed parking board tabled for two weeks

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The council's legal and finance committee spent nearly an hour discussing a proposed ordinance which would create a public parking board and then decided to "let it germinate" for two weeks.

The recommendation for establishing such a board had been made by the Downtown Improvement Association as one measure for the acquisition and development of more off-street parking in the downtown area.

During discussion, Al Wilson, committee chairman, objected to one provision which would permit the board a voice in the use of parking lot and area (PL&A) funds which are derived from parking meter and city parking lot revenues.

Wilson said he is opposed because an appointed board would have control of public funds, which he referred to as taxes. He said he felt members of the council elected to administer public funds would lose a part of that authority to an appointive

board which would not be responsive to the taxpayer and voter.

City Atty. Ray Woodsend explained that essentially the board would serve as an advisory to the council and also, as proposed, could recommend if and how much money is needed from the parking lot and area fund for off-street parking.

Pete Geyerman, representative from the Downtown Improvement Association, said his group feels the board should be given some authority or voice in the use of revenues from parking meters.

Argument also developed over where the PL&A funds could be used for off-street parking; throughout the city or just in the central business district.

It was the consensus that PL&A funds can be used anywhere in the city.

In other business, the committee will recommend approval of second and final reading on two supplemental appropriations ordinances, an amendment to the ordinance setting

minimum and maximum salaries for city officials and three resolutions authorizing investment of unencumbered public funds.

The resolutions include the investment of up to \$850,000, \$305,000 and \$15,000, the latter from the special assessment bond funds.

The committee also will recommend approval of the ordinance reducing the \$5 fine for overtime parking in the two-hour limit zone downtown to \$2.

Also to be recommended for approval will be the first reading of three ordinances dealing with floodway and flood fringe zoning and building restrictions in the flood fringe area.

The flood zoning ordinances, however, will go forward to the council with recommendation for some changes, including the requirement that for a use on review petition in the flood zone be accompanied by a plan of evacuation.

This provision was included at the request of the county board of commissioners and the Central States Fair board.