

RESOLUTION R-02- 19

**A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS TO BUILD A PARKING DECK IN DOWNTOWN CONWAY, ITS FURTHER INTENT TO INSTITUTE LONG-TERM (DAILY AND HALF-DAY) PAID PARKING IN DOWNTOWN (C-1 COMMERCIAL ZONE) CONWAY AND INSTRUCTING THE MAYOR TO PROCEED WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF BOTH ABOVE-NAMED INITIATIVES**

**WHEREAS**, Downtown Conway has historically had a problem with parking; and

**WHEREAS**, prospects for the long-term economic viability, growth and development of downtown depend upon a viable solution to the parking problem; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Conway must provide a method of capitalizing such a parking solution that fairly levies the cost and benefit to all concerned;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS THAT**

**Section 1.** The City of Conway shall construct a parking deck facility in Downtown (C-1) Conway.

**Section 2.** The Downtown Partnership, the downtown master plan consulting firm of Sakal and Hood, the Chamber of Commerce, as well as other interested parties, shall be solicited by the mayor for their advice and suggestions on various possible alternative parking deck locations from which the City Council shall choose a parking deck site.

**Section 3.** The mayor is hereby authorized to issue a request for proposals (RFPs) from architectural/engineering firms for the purpose of developing plans and specifications for a parking facility.

**Section 4.** A twenty (20) year loan at three percent (3%) interest compounded annually is hereby requested from the Conway Corporation for the purpose of expanding and/or constructing parking facilities in Downtown (C-1) Conway up to a maximum limit of two million (\$2,000,000.00) dollars, payments to begin the first of the month following the acceptance of the finished parking deck by the City of Conway.

**Section 5.** The mayor is instructed to establish the current number, location and status of all publicly owned parking spots in Downtown (C-1) Conway, including all spots partially on public property, as to their long and/or short term nature, preparing a map and record of all such and, upon soliciting the advice of Downtown Conway property and business owners, to develop recommendations for the future status of all parking spots as to their long and/or short term nature.

**Section 6.** The mayor shall prepare for the city council a budget for the management of long term parking in Downtown Conway including debt service on the parking deck as well as the operational costs for administering parking.

**Section 7.** The mayor is instructed to draft an ordinance mandating paid long-term (longer than two hour) parking in all parking areas or spots dedicated for such including city employee parking, albeit on-street parking, parking lots or parking deck; setting parking rates in the areas and parking spots designated long term to include daily, monthly, annual and, possibly, reserved parking rates; and further setting the fines, penalties, and enforcement procedures to be applied in incidents of illegal or inappropriate parking in Downtown Conway.

PASSED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2002.

APPROVED:

  
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Mayor Tab Townsell

ATTEST:

  
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City Clerk Michael O. Garrett