



Albemarle County

Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Parking Agreement for Parking Spaces at the Daily Progress

SUBJECT/PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Resolution to approve a parking agreement with Lee Enterprises for use of parking spaces at The Daily Progress

ITEM TYPE: Consent Action Item

STAFF CONTACT(S): Richardson, Henry, Kamptner, Herrick, Stewart, Freitas

PRESENTER (S): Michael Freitas

LEGAL REVIEW: Yes

REVIEWED BY: Jeffrey B. Richardson

BACKGROUND: The Northside Library Branch of the Jefferson Madison Regional Library (JMRL), located at 705 Rio Road West, Charlottesville, VA, opened on March 15, 2015. Co-located in the building are the County's warehouse and the Albemarle County Public Schools (ACPS) English as a Second or Other Language (ESOL) program and training room. Site constraints limit the number of parking spaces to 80.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Infrastructure Investment: Prioritize, plan, and invest in critical infrastructure that responds to past and future changes and improves the capacity to serve community needs

DISCUSSION: Since the opening of the Northside Library Branch of the JMRL, the adequacy of patron parking has been an issue. This is attributed to the overall success of the branch at the new location (an approximate 30% increase in annual door count from the previous location, and the non-JMRL operations at the facility. Parking lot redesign options were explored, but staff concluded that any net increase in parking would be minimal. To help mitigate the issue, the County entered into an agreement with The Daily Progress on May 1, 2017 to lease 21 parking spaces to be used by County local government, ACPS, and JMRL staff, freeing up a corresponding 21 spaces at the Library for patron use. Subsequent to that agreement, the JMRL entered into agreements with The Daily Progress and Sentara-Martha Jefferson for an additional 18 parking spaces. The agreement with The Daily Progress for the 21 parking spaces will expire on April 30, 2020. The Daily Progress is receptive to a renewal; however, they were recently sold to Lee Enterprises and cannot execute an agreement under the new owner's name until the sale closes on or about March 16, 2020. The initial term of the new proposed agreement with Lee Enterprises would commence May 1, 2020 and end April 30, 2021 with options to renew for additional one-year terms.

BUDGET IMPACT: The rent for the first term of the agreement is expected to be \$15,120.00. This cost would be shared equally among the Local Government, the ACPS, and the JMRL. Funding for the remainder of FY2020 is already included in their respective budgets. Funding for FY2021 is incorporated in the respective budget submittals.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Board adopt the attached resolution (Attachment A) approving the rental of 21 parking spaces at The Daily Progress office building and authorizing the County Executive to execute the parking agreement once it has been approved as to substance and form by the County Attorney.

ATTACHMENTS:

A - Resolution