THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

**STAFF REPORT**

**Council Meeting Date:** January 28, 2019

**Subject:** The City of Asheville seeks a parking lease with the First Baptist Church for City employee parking for a two year term.

**Staff Resource(s):** Ken Putnam, Transportation Director
Garrett Male, Parking Services Manager

**Action Requested:** Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a new lease agreement between First Baptist Church and the City of Asheville.

**Background**:

- The City of Asheville leases parking spaces from the First Baptist Church at 5 Oak Street to meet the growing need for City Hall employee parking,
- An initial lease agreement was signed in March of 2018 for one year and the City leased thirty parking spaces as a trial period to see if the spaces were used by City employees.
- When the City renewed it the following year, a decision was made to lease twenty spaces.
- At this time, almost all of the leased spaces are in use by City employees and the City is seeking to establish a new lease to extend the term for 20 spaces.
- The current lease will expire in February of 2020 and the City seeks a new lease with a term of two years and a price of $50.00 per space. With 20 spaces being leased, the monthly amount is $1,000 ($12,000 per year).

**Council Goal(s):**

- A Thriving Local Economy

**Committee(s)**:

- None

**Pro(s):**

- This parking lot provides much needed extra parking for city employees.
- The $50 fee is below market rate in the downtown area.
- Because of the walk involved, the City has offered wellness points for employees using the parking spaces at the church.

**Con(s):**

- None.

**Fiscal Impact**:

- The Parking Services Fund is responsible for the rental amount of $12,000 per year under the terms of the lease.

**Suggested Motion:**

- Motion to approve the resolution authorizing the City Manager to execute a lease with the First Baptist Church.

**Attachment(s)**

- Resolution
- Map with the location of the parking lot

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH AND THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE FOR CITY EMPLOYEE PARKING AT 5 OAK STREET

WHEREAS, N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 160A-19 and N. C. Gen. Stat. sec. 160A-240.1 authorize the City to acquire leases of real property for use by any department of the City; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church is the owner of real property located at 5 Oak Street, identified as PIN # 9649-51-7393-00000, which includes a sanctuary building, offices and a parking lot; and

WHEREAS, First Baptist Church is currently leasing twenty parking spaces to the City of Asheville and this lease expires February 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville wishes to continue this use and enter into a new lease for twenty-four months at a rate of $50.00 per space per month;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Lease Agreement between First Baptist Church and the City of Asheville for property located at 5 Oak Street. In addition, the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to give effect to this resolution, subject to approval by the City Attorney, and compliance with applicable North Carolina law.

Read, approved and adopted this 28th day of January, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

# Parking Agreement with First Baptist Church

