



PALMERSTON NORTH CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES ATTACHMENTS FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING

23 June 2021

5 Petition - New Parking Meter Fees

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"Parking should stay as it is"

"I think that the proposed
new hours will be
detrimental to Palmy's
culture and vibe."

"I agree that parking should
be kept as it is."

"To support the CBD , there needs to be unpaid spaces available, if they want to have customers using eateries etc."

"Please don't change the parking rules."

"I agree parking should not go up. Free Sundays are good"

"If you start charging at night and on Sunday it will discourage people from going into town also they will worry about feeding the meters."

"This is not helping retail, restaurants or theatres etc. Surely we need to be making it easy to park to encourage people to return to the city. At best keep the status quo - not upset so many for (in the scheme of things) such a small revenue take."

"This will impact retail, hospitality and events in central Palmerston North."

"Keep it as it is to support the business, or people would rather not go out in the evening or Sunday"

"There's no problem with what's in place now."

"Easy affordable parking is so necessary in keeping businesses accessible. After hours and late nights free parking just makes sense!!"

"Keep Sundays free and no late night fees. Just put up the hourly fees. Retail needs all the customers they can get!"

"Keep Sunday parking free."

"I'm signing this because it is wrong to bring in paid parking till 9pm & on Sundays.. it will Not help retailers have more shoppers, it will deter people from shopping all together"

"Hours should stay the same terrible of the council to do this."

"I am not opposed to parking going up in price however, I am opposed to the increase in hours. This is a really disappointing decision by PNCC."

"This is not a move that helps the people of our region. It will hurt businesses. People will not be able to afford to do dinner & show or family movies etc. Find other ways to collect your revenue that won't hurt the pockets of the people."

"Keep Sundays free"

"Paying more for parking...
is death by a thousand
cuts."

"I don't agree with the
extended hours or increased
fees"

"Shortsighted decision by
PNCC, not happy at all."

"This is ridiculous, how is
this going to help businesses
and encourage visitors to
shop in town? Furious
about this!"

"The increased night hours will stop me going to bars and restaurants in CBD, will choose others outside these areas"

"It doesn't need changing"

"These changes will keep people out of the central city. Bad move PNCC!!!"

"I don't believe things should change. Leave it the way it is."

"I don't think the changes will have the desired effect of encouraging retail. Rather the opposite!"

"It will have an effect on businesses"

"Volunteers that work the shows at the regent are now going to have to pay to volunteer. I think it's crap"

"No more increases to car parking fees"

"We need to encourage shoppers to stay longer in town into the evenings with free parking."

"Changing the times is stupid"

"I don't agree with charging until 9pm or on Sunday and don't think this will support our local businesses."

"The proposed changes are ridiculous and the reasoning makes no sense!"

"I don't care about raising the fees during the day, it's the late nights and sundays that are the problem"

"I don't like the extended hours of the new parking fees plan"

PNCC - Keep The Parking Times As They Are



Palmerston North's parking meter fees are going up on July 1st and the times they apply will extend into late-week evenings and weekends. While I don't have a problem with the increase in hourly fee, I do believe the extended hours will have a negative effect. The hours are currently Monday - Friday 8.30am - 5.30pm and Saturday 11am - 3pm. The new hours will be Monday - Wednesday 8.30am - 5.30pm, Thursday - Saturday 8.30am - 9pm and Sunday 9am - 3pm.

Seemingly this will encourage a higher turnover in parking but you can still park for as long as you want. Hmmm, that seems to make sense!!! It is also estimated the new hours will bring in an extra \$400,000.

These new hours will have a negative effect on people attending events and shows at our local theatres and venues. Events at the Regent, Globe Theatre, Te Manawa and events in The Square will require people to pay for parking. Christmas in the Square and New Year's Eve will now require people to pay. Here we are trying to make Palmy a vibrant and exciting city and our council brings this in. Even the Square events organised by PNCC will be subject to these fees. Just to raise \$400,000. We need to come together and stop this happening.