

- 1) While the initial thought was to eliminate the hang tags to provide a paper-free system, Parks does not have to be "LPR only" as we can digitally log all the permits by license plate and **ALSO** provision hang tags that could be for visual recognition. We will allow for online purchasing of permits, but can also be purchased and manually logged in the back office. If the hang tags makes someone feel better, that's totally fine. Furthermore, the Parks staff do not need their own LPR vehicles (in my estimation), but rather a few handhelds for monitoring and ticket issuance. We already discussed going from 12 to 14 total Issuance kits for this purpose.

Unlike the existing system, the new one would not equip permitted vehicles with windshield decals or hang tags, but would instead place the vehicles' registration numbers in a database that would be sampled using a license plate reader ("LPR"). Enforcement action could only be taken through the use of an LPR that could compare a given license plate with the current database. Officers without an LPR would have no way to determine if a given vehicle had a permit to park in a given facility. I have been informed that no LPRs are expected to be issued to Park Police or regular members of the Stamford Police Department on the proffered theory that "permit enforcement is not a police function."

- 2) The reply for #1 would be there same.

If enforcement capability was to be removed from the Park Police Officers (for instance, by going to an LPR-only means of enforcement and denying LPRs to Park Police), there would be no way to address this demographic. While extremely rare, officers have had to deal with serious crimes, including armed persons in the parks. Examples include a late-night shooting

- 3) Agreed, all permit types should be taken into account, configured in the system and available to be purchased online.

Any new parking enforcement system must take all of the above permit types into account, remembering that the various permits overlap in terms of location and hours during which the permits are valid.

- 4) Agreed, all teams should be consulted and included in this process.

Applying the same structural and enforcement approach to Parks & Recreation facilities that may work in downtown Stamford, without thoroughly addressing the issues raised herein, appears ill-advised. No such change should be contemplated or reflected in any upcoming budgetary process without sufficient engagement with people who understand the impact and potential complications, all of which should be worked through prior to making significant changes.