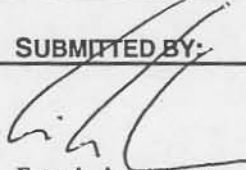


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CITY COUNCIL COMMUNICATION 96-084
FEBRUARY 26, 1996 AGENDA

| SUBJECT: | TYPE: | PREPARED BY: | SUBMITTED BY: |
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| TRAFFIC REGULATION CHANGES | RESOLUTION ORDINANCE ◆ RECEIVE/FILE | JIM THOMPSON TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION DIRECTOR |  ERIC A. ANDERSON CITY MANAGER |

SYNOPSIS —

The following traffic regulation changes have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval:

- A. Requests for Corner Clearances—
 - (1) East Side of Thirty-ninth Street South of Forest Avenue.
 - (2) Both Sides of Franklin Avenue East of Sixty-first Street.
- B. Parking Restriction on Morgan Street West of Southwest Ninth Street to be Repealed.
- C. Request to Reverse Stop Signs—
 - (1) Southwest Second Street and Leland Avenue.
 - (2) Southwest Fifth Street and Leland Avenue.

FISCAL IMPACT —

N/A

RECOMMENDATION —

Refer to the Legal Department for preparation of ordinance revisions.

BACKGROUND —

- A. The Traffic and Transportation Department has received requests to install corner clearances. The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect:

SEC. 27-1881. THIRTY-NINTH STREET—GRAND AVENUE TO CRESTMOOR PLACE.

Thirty-ninth Street, on the east side, from Forest Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

SEC. 27-2182. FRANKLIN AVENUE—THIRTY-FOURTH STREET TO WEST CITY LIMITS.

Franklin Avenue, on both sides, from Sixty-first Street to a point 100 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- B. The parking restriction on Morgan Street is adjacent to an abandoned railroad crossing. Since this track is no longer used, the restriction can be repealed. The following modification to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect:

SEC. 27-2468.50 MORGAN STREET—SOUTHWEST NINTH STREET TO THE DEAD END.

~~Morgan Street, on the south side, from a point 130 feet west of Southwest Ninth Street to a point 50 feet west thereof, no parking any time.~~

- C. As part of the citywide residential stop sign placement that was completed last year, stop signs were installed on Leland Avenue at Southwest Second Street. Concerns were expressed from several nearby residents that since this intersection is only one short block away from South Union Street, motorists on Leland are required to stop twice within a very short distance. Also, Leland is on an upgrade through the intersection, making it difficult to stop and resume travel during icy or snowy conditions.

Staff reviewed these concerns, and concurred that there is a very short distance on Leland between Southwest Second and South Union. Last summer, when an analysis was done to determine which streets would be designated as the *stop* streets, this location was the only remaining uncontrolled four-way intersection between South Union and Southwest Ninth, and Leland was not required to stop for any of the existing locations. Staff did not desire to create a long *through* street, which would tend to attract traffic from Army Post Road during times of congestion, so stop signs were designated to be placed on Leland at Southwest Second.

In further review of the entire section of Leland between South Union and Southwest Ninth, it appears more appropriate to *break* the continuity for through traffic at Southwest Fifth instead of at Southwest Second, since this would allow two more equally spaced sections at Leland in this area.

At its February 13, 1996 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee moved to accept staff's recommendation to reverse stop signs at Southwest Second Street and Leland Avenue and Southwest Fifth Street and Leland Avenue.

The following modifications to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect:

SEC. 27-1171. SOUTHWEST SECOND STREET.

~~Southwest Second Street, at Leland Avenue - Stop.~~

SEC. 27-1177. SOUTHWEST FIFTH STREET.

Southwest Fifth Street, at Leland Avenue - Stop.

SEC. 27-1364. LELAND STREET AVENUE.

~~Leland Street, at Southwest Fifth Street - Stop.~~
Leland Avenue at Southwest Second Street - Stop.