



**Council  
Communication**  
Office of the City Manager

Date

July 10, 2006

Agenda Item No. 56  
Roll Call No. 06-  
Communication No. 06-411  
Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E., City  
Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code submitting traffic regulation changes for Watson Powell Lane Reconfiguration Project—Two-Way Traffic Operation on Watson Powell Jr. Way from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and removal of signals and placement of a 4-way stop at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Watson Powell Jr. Way.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of first reading of the ordinance regarding the following traffic regulation changes:

- Watson Powell Lane Reconfiguration Project—Two-Way Traffic Operation on Watson Powell Jr. Way from 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Street.
- Removal of signals and placement of a 4-way Stop at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Watson Powell Jr. Way.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Minor costs.

Funding Source: 2006-2007 Operating Budget, Page 84, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

On January 9, 2006, City Council approved the construction contract for the Watson Powell Jr. Way Modifications from 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 7th Street. This project involved median modifications and traffic signal modifications that would allow Watson Powell Jr. Way to become a permanent two-way street between 2nd Avenue and 7th Street. Before this project, the street was converted to two-way traffic between 2nd and 6th Avenues utilizing the existing pavement. As part of the new project, the two-way traffic operation will extend west between 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 7th Street. The existing traffic signal at 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Watson Powell Jr. Way was also removed and replaced with a four-way stop. Minor parking restriction modifications are included to improve stop sign visibility.

The construction project is nearly complete, and a police order has been prepared to authorize temporarily these changes until permanent ordinances are approved. The following modifications in the Municipal Code are necessary to authorize these changes.

Sec. 114-319.03. Location of four-way stop intersections.

(72a) Watson Powell Jr Way and Fourth Street.

Sec. 114-1503.01. Watson Powell Jr Way

~~Watson Powell Jr Way and Fourth Street, traffic control signal.~~

Sec. 114-1861.01. Watson Powell Jr Way.

~~Watson Powell Jr Way, from Seventh Street to Sixth Avenue, eastbound.~~

Sec. 114-1997. Fourth Street.

Fourth Street, from the north line of Court Avenue to the south line of ~~Park Street~~ Watson Powell Jr Way, stop.

Fourth Street, from the north line of Watson Powell Jr Way to the south line of Park Street, stop.

~~Fourth Street, from the north line of Park Street to the south line of Center Street, stop.~~

Sec. 114-3761.02. Watson Powell Jr Way—Third Street to Fourth Street.

Watson Powell Jr Way, on the north side, from Watson Powell Jr Way to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3761.03. Watson Powell Jr Way—Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Watson Powell Jr Way, on the south side, from Watson Powell Jr Way to a point 30 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3935. Watson Powell Jr Way—Third Street to Fourth Street.

Watson Powell Jr Way, on the north side, from a point 30 feet east of Third Street to a point 106 feet west thereof, four hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-3936. Watson Powell Jr Way—Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Watson Powell Jr Way, on the south side, from a point 30 feet west of Fourth Street to a point 125 feet west thereof, four hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: January 9, 2006

Roll Call Number: 06-095

Action: On Watson Powell Jr. Way Modifications – 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue to 7<sup>th</sup> Street: Resolution approving plans, specifications, form of contract documents, Engineer’s estimate, and designating lowest responsible bidder as Jasper Construction Services, Inc., (Steven J. Rhoads, President, Newton, IA), \$193,768. Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1. Absent: Coleman.

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**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Second and third readings of ordinance.