



Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 52

Roll Call No. 06-

Communication No. 06-463

Submitted by: **Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.**
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AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding traffic regulation changes as follows:

- A. Additional Parking Metered Spaces—East Side of SW Water Street from Market Street to Elm Street.
- B. Additional Handicapped Parking Metered Spaces—South Side of Grand Avenue from 5th Avenue to 6th Avenue.
- C. Conversion of Hickman Road between 30th Street and Merle Hay Road to a Five-Lane Facility.
- D. Request for Taxicab Stand—3rd Street Near Iowa Events Center.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs.

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. In coordination with the construction related to the Principal Riverfront project, the sidewalk and curb line change in this area will allow two additional parking metered spaces to be added without creating an obstruction to turning traffic. The following requested ordinance will add these two additional parking metered spaces.

Sec. 114-3933.03. Southwest Water Street—Vine Street to West Martin Luther King Jr Parkway.

Southwest Water Street, on the east side, from Market Street to ~~a point 50 feet north of Elm Street~~, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- B. In coordination with the completion of the new parking garage on the southeast corner of 6th Avenue and Grand Avenue, the Traffic and Transportation Division has reinstalled parking

meters in this area. Because of the high density of businesses and pedestrian traffic, two handicapped parking meters have been added in this location. These handicapped parking meters are placed at the corner of 6th and Grand Avenues and also mid-block east of 6th Avenue on Grand Avenue to take advantage of the curb ramps for wheelchair accessibility at both locations. The following requested ordinance changes would implement the installation of these two new handicapped parking spaces.

Sec. 114-3914. Grand Avenue—Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, parking meter G-512, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, parking meter G-520, two-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

- C. On November 21, 2005, City Council approved Roll Call No. 05-2758 to convert Hickman Road between 30th Street and Merle Hay Road to a five-lane facility within the existing pavement width. In conjunction with the lane changes, the Council authorized a reduction in the speed limit on Hickman Road from 35 mph to 30 mph from 30th Street to Merle Hay Road. This conversion is in the process of being implemented. The following ordinance revisions are necessary to codify these changes. The code sections are also being modified to reflect previous pavement marking conversions that have been implemented.

Sec. 114-1323. Hickman Road.

Hickman Road, from Sixth Avenue to ~~west city limits~~ Thirtieth Street, 35 miles per hour.

Hickman Road, from Thirtieth Street to Merle Hay Road, 30 miles per hour.

Hickman Road, from Merle Hay Road to west city limits, 35 miles per hour.

Sec. 114-306.01. Traffic lanes allocated.

(1) On Southeast First Street, from Southwest Water Street to ~~East Edison Avenue~~ Indianola Road, one lane northbound, one lane southbound, and the center lane northbound and southbound left turn only.

~~(2) On Southeast First Street, from Southwest Water Street to Indianola Road, two lanes southbound and one lane northbound.~~

~~(2)~~(3) On Sixth Avenue, from Ascension Street to Euclid Avenue, two lanes northbound, two lanes southbound, and the center lane northbound and southbound left turn only.

~~(3)~~(4) On Southwest Ninth Street, from West Street to Wade Street, one lane northbound, one lane southbound, and the center lane northbound and southbound left turn only.

- ~~(4)~~(5) On Southwest Ninth Street, from a point 230 feet south of McKinley Avenue to a point 300 feet south thereof, two lanes northbound, two lanes southbound, and the center lane northbound and southbound left turn only.
- ~~(5)~~(6) On Easton Boulevard, from East Twenty-second Street to Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell, ~~two~~ one lanes eastbound, ~~and~~ one lane westbound, and the center lane eastbound and westbound left turn only.
- ~~(6)~~(7) On Bell Avenue, from 200 feet east of Fleur Drive to 150 feet west of Druid Hill Drive, one lane eastbound, one lane westbound, and center lane eastbound and westbound left-turn only.
- ~~(7)~~(8) On Grand Avenue, from West Third Street to East Sixth Street, one lane eastbound and the remaining lanes westbound.
- ~~(8)~~(9) On Crocker Street, from Sixteenth Street to Nineteenth Street, two lanes westbound and one lane eastbound.
- ~~(9)~~(10) On Hickman Road, from 400 feet west of Thirtieth Street to Fortieth Place, two lanes eastbound, two lanes westbound and the center lane eastbound and westbound left turn lane. ~~On Martin Luther King Jr Parkway, from Woodland Avenue to Center Street, two lanes southbound and one lane northbound.~~
- ~~(10)~~(11) On Hickman Road, from a point 300 feet west of Beaver Avenue to Fifty-seventh Street, two lanes eastbound, two lanes westbound and the center lane eastbound and westbound left turn lane.
- (11) On University Avenue, from Twenty-fourth Street to ~~Thirty-first Street~~ 650 feet west of Forty-eighth Street, two lanes eastbound, two lanes westbound, and the center lane eastbound and westbound left turn only.

- D. The Iowa Events Center, working with Trans Iowa, Inc., operator of Yellow and Capitol Cab companies, has requested a taxicab stand on 3rd Street adjacent to Hy-Vee Hall. This area is currently designated for passenger loading for the Events Center. During large events, this area can be filled up with vehicles loading or unloading passengers, which doesn't leave room for taxis to wait to pick up customers. Traffic and Transportation staff has reviewed this request with Iowa Events Center staff, and concurs with the request. The following ordinance changes are necessary to implement a taxicab stand on the west side of 3rd Street.

Sec. 114-2608. Third Street—Watson Powell Jr Way to School Street.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 100 feet north of Park Street to a point ~~175~~ 140 feet north thereof, passenger loading and unloading only, 20 minute limit, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 100 feet north of Park Street to a point ~~175~~ 140 feet north thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 240 feet north of Park Street to a point 35 feet north thereof, taxicab stand.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: November 21, 2005

Roll Call Number: 05-2758

Action: Approval of Hickman Road Traffic Study and implementation of items contained in the report and timetable.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

Date:

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Action:

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of ordinance.