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AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Designation of Handicapped Parking Meters—West Side of 3rd Street North of Vine Street.
- B. Parking Restrictions—Both Sides of E 35th Street from Arthur Avenue to Thompson Avenue and Both Sides of Arthur Avenue from E 34th Street to E 35th Street.
- C. E 5th and E Walnut Parking Lot—Rescind from Municipal Code.
- D. I-235 Speed Limit Revision

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend approval of the Traffic and Transportation Division staff recommendations, including first reading of the Ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs.

Funding Source: 2007-2008 Operating Budget, Page 133, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. The owner of the building located at 108 3rd Street has requested that the handicapped loading zone in front of his building be changed to a handicapped parking metered space. The owner also requests that two additional parking spaces be designated as handicapped parking spaces. A review of this area by Traffic and Transportation Division staff verifies that there is significant handicapped parking occurring in this area. Staff recommends changing the loading zone to a handicap meter and also designating the two parking meters immediately north of this location to handicapped parking meters. The following ordinance changes are required to implement these handicap meter changes.

Sec. 114-2603. Third Street—Vine Street to Court Avenue.

~~Third Street, on the west side, from a point 125 feet north of Vine Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, is designated a handicapped loading zone and is subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.~~

Sec. 114-3866. Third Street—Vine Street to Court Avenue.

Third Street, on the west side, from a point 125 feet north of Vine Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, is designated as a handicapped parking meter 3-099 and is subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.

Third Street, on the west side, parking meters 3-100 and 3-102, are designated handicapped parking meters and are subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) and in section 114-406 of this chapter.

- B. The City received a concern from a resident that some streets were too narrow for two-way traffic. A field review of E. 35th Street between Arthur Avenue and Thompson Avenue and Arthur Avenue between E. 34th Street and E. 35th Street found that at the widest point the streets were 25 feet wide, but at the narrowest point the streets were 11 feet wide. “One Lane Road Ahead” signs were installed after the field review to warn drivers of the narrow road conditions.

Currently, parking is allowed on east side of E. 35th Street between Arthur Avenue and Hull Avenue and on the south side of Arthur Avenue between E. 33rd Street and E. 35th Street. If a car were to park on the 11-foot-wide section of the street, the street would be blocked to traffic. As a result, staff recommends restricting parking on both sides of E. 35th Street and Arthur Avenue to improve vehicle access to the neighborhood, emergency vehicle access to the neighborhood, and mail delivery.

At their March 11, 2008 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff recommendation that parking be restricted on both sides of E. 35th Street between Arthur Avenue and Thompson Avenue and on both sides of Arthur Avenue between E. 34th Street and E. 35th Street.

Sec. 114-2993. Arthur Avenue—First Street to east city limits.

Arthur Avenue, on ~~the north side~~ both sides, from East Thirty-~~third~~ fourth Street to East Thirty-fifth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2891. East Thirty-fifth Street—East Court Avenue to Avenue Frederick M. Hubbell.

East Thirty-fifth Street, on both sides, from Thompson Avenue to Arthur Avenue, no parking any time.

- C. The E 5th and E Walnut parking lot has been sold for private development and is no longer City of Des Moines property. The following section of the Municipal Code should be rescinded.

~~Sec. 114-674. E. Fifth Street and E. Walnut Municipal Parking Lot.~~

~~(a) The city engineer is hereby authorized and directed to install parking meters in the following described municipally owned parking lot:~~

~~The South 10 feet of the East 41.5 feet of the North 40 feet and the South 20 feet of Lot 5 and all Lot 6, Block D, Griffiths Addition to East Fort Des Moines; in the City of Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of, and in such numbers, and at such places as may be necessary to the regulation, control and inspection of the parking of vehicles therein, subject to division 6 of this article, regulating parking meters.~~

~~(b) When installed, such parking meters shall be in operation between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays. Effective January 1, 2006 these parking meters shall conform to the parking meter rates listed in Parking Meter District III, as is found in section 114-643 of this code.~~

~~(c) The following rate shall be charged for reserved monthly parking 8:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m., Mondays through Fridays.~~

	Effective 01/01/06	Effective 01/01/07	Effective 01/01/08	Effective 01/01/09
Reserved Monthly	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$60.00

- D. The Iowa Department of Transportation has recently revised the speed limit on I-235. The portions of the freeway in Des Moines from 63rd Street to 31st Street, and from south of Guthrie Avenue to the north city limit, now have a speed limit of 60 miles per hour. The remaining portion, between 31st Street and south of Guthrie Avenue, remains at 55 miles per hour. The following city code revision is necessary to bring the city ordinance in compliance with the new State speed limits and signing:

Sec. 114-1328. Interstate 235 (Des Moines Freeway).

On the following portion of Interstate 235, any speed in excess of 55 miles per hour shall be unlawful when official signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed: from a point 100 feet west of 31st Street (Mile Post 6.21) to a point 2475 feet south of Guthrie Avenue (Mile Post 10.88)~~Sixty-third Street station 240 to the north corporate limits station 714 + 45.~~

On the following portion of Interstate 235, any speed in excess of 60 miles per hour shall be unlawful when official signs are erected giving notice of the authorized speed: from the west city limit to a point 100' west of 31st Street (Mile Post 6.21); and from a point 2475 feet south of Guthrie Avenue (Mile Post 10.88) to the north city limit.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: March 11, 2008

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: The committee approved staff recommendation to restrict parking on both sides of E 35th Street from Arthur to Thompson and both sides of Arthur from E 34th to E 35th.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of ordinance.

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