

Council Communication

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Agenda Item No. 43
Roll Call No. 08Communication No. 08-671

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City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Parking Restrictions on 10th Street adjacent to Davis-Brown Tower.
- B. Parking Restrictions to increase Pedestrian Visibility on 10th Street at Woodland Avenue.
- C. Conversion of some meters on Court Avenue Bridge to Parking for Municipal Employees.
- D. Extending Residential Parking Permit area on Grand Avenue and Locust Street between 13th and 14th Streets.
- E. Adjustments to Parking Meters on the South Side of Des Moines Street west of the State of Iowa Parking Garage.
- F. Parking Restriction on the North Side of Morton Avenue between E 14th Street and Idaho Street.
- G. One-Sided Parking Restrictions—Sterling Trace Plats I and II

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: 2008-2009 Operating Budget, Page 131, Engineering Department Traffic &

Transportation—Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. In conjunction with the completion of the Davis-Brown Tower, Traffic and Transportation has reviewed parking regulations in the adjacent area. Several parking ordinance changes are recommended to replace and realign the on-street parking that was removed during construction and to add additional on-street parking on the east side of 10th Street to support the retail businesses in the Davis-Brown Tower.

The following ordinance revisions will implement the revised parking.

Sec. 114-3901. Tenth Street--Mulberry Street to Walnut Street.

<u>Tenth Street</u>, on the east side, from a point 30 feet north of Mulberry Street to a point 175 feet north thereof, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tenth Street, on the east, from a point 245 feet north of Mulberry Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, four-hour meter, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2703. Tenth Street--Mulberry Street to Walnut Street.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from Mulberry Street to <u>a point 30 feet north thereof</u>, Walnut Street, no parking any time.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from a point 205 feet north of Mulberry to a point 40 feet north thereof, 24-hour loading zone.

Tenth Street, from a point 270 feet north of Mulberry Street to a point 50 feet north thereof, no parking anytime.

Sec. 114-3508. Mulberry Street--Ninth Street to Tenth Street.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from Tenth Street to a point 19 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from Ninth Street to a point 130 76 feet east of Tenth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3929. Mulberry Street--Ninth Street to Tenth Street.

Mulberry Street, on the north side, from <u>a point 19 feet east of Tenth Street to a point 130 57</u> feet east thereof, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

B. The Traffic and Transportation Division was contacted about visibility concerns at the pedestrian crosswalks located at 10th Street and Woodland Avenue. A review of the area determined that removing one parking space north and one parking space south of Woodland Avenue, on the east side of 10th Street, would provide better visibility for pedestrians crossing the street from the east to the west side.

The following ordinance revisions will accomplish this change.

Sec. 114-3896. Tenth Street—Woodland to Pleasant Street.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from Woodland Avenue to a point 40 feet south of Pleasant Street to a point 63 feet south thereof, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-3897. Tenth Street—High Street to Woodland Avenue.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from a point 230 feet north of High Street to <u>a point 34 feet south</u> of Woodland Avenue, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2707. Tenth Street—High Street to Woodland Avenue.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from Woodland Avenue to a point 34 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2708. Tenth Street—Woodland Avenue to Aurora Avenue.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from a point 113 feet south of Pleasant Street to Woodland Avenue, no parking any time.

C. The Police Department has requested that some parking meters on the Court Avenue Bridge be removed to provide a place for parking for employees. Because of a parking space shortage in the vicinity of the police station, many employees don't have a place to park within reasonable walking distance. Traffic and Transportation has determined that 29 10-hour parking metered parking spaces on the east end of the Court Avenue Bridge could be converted to municipal parking without a significant impact on parking for the businesses in this area. The following ordinance revisions would allow conversion of these parking metered spaces for the use of municipal employees in this area.

Sec. 114-3115. East Court Avenue--First Street to East Second Street.

East Court Avenue, on <u>the south</u> both sides, from East First Street to a point 95 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

East Court Avenue, on the north side, from East First Street to a point 65 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

East Court Avenue, on the south side, from a point 95 feet west of East First Street to a point 235 feet west thereof, reserved for city of Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

East Court Avenue, on the north side, from a point 65 feet west of East First Street to a point 240 feet west thereof, reserved for city of Des Moines municipal employee permit parking, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Sec. 114-4090. East Court Avenue--Water Street to East First Street.

East Court Avenue, on <u>the south</u> both sides, from Water Street to a point 95 330 feet west of East First Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

East Court Avenue, on the north side, from Water Street to a point 305 feet west of East First Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

D. The areas currently designated for Resident Permit Parking for residents of the Arlington-Hallett Apartments located at 1301 Locust Street do not have enough spaces to fully accommodate the

needs of the residents who have purchased Resident Parking Permits. These two buildings have a total of 52 apartments. The demand for Resident Parking Permits has increased from 13 permits issued in July to 17 permits issued in October. The actual number of spaces available for Resident Permit Parking will accommodate no more than 10 vehicles. It is expected that the demand for these resident parking permits will continue to increase.

Traffic and Transportation has surveyed the area adjacent to the Arlington-Hallett buildings to determine if additional Resident Permit Parking could be provided. This review showed that an additional 140 feet (six vehicles) could be added on Locust and an additional 70 feet could be added on Grand Avenue (three vehicles) without negatively impacting available parking for the area businesses or visitors to the Western Gateway.

In addition, the 7:00 - 9:00 a.m. restriction on the north side of Locust Street west of 13th Street and the 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. restriction on the south side of Grand Avenue west of 13th Street could be removed without significant impact to traffic on these streets. The following ordinance revisions will add nine more resident parking spaces to the areas already designated as Resident Permit Parking and allow all of these spaces to be fully available for resident use at any time.

Sec. 114-3431. Locust Street--Thirteenth Street to Fourteenth Street.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 90 feet west thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 165 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 140 feet west thereof, resident parking permit parking.

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 165 305 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 20 feet east of Fifteenth Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Sec. 114-3256. Grand Avenue--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 190 260 feet west thereof, resident parking permit.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 210 280 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 33 feet east of Fifteenth Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 20 280 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 33 feet east of Fifteenth Street, no parking 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

E. Recently Traffic and Transportation was contacted by a parking enforcement officer regarding two small areas on Des Moines Street where cars had been parking with no parking meter. A review of this area indicated that one parking meter was missing and another parking meter space could be added. In addition, some changes had been made in the parking meters following construction of the State of Iowa Parking Garage, but not reflected in the ordinance. The following ordinance change is necessary to add the parking meters and include the existing meters on the south side of Des Moines Street from East Sixth Street east to the alley.

Sec. 114-4095. Des Moines Street--Robert D Ray Drive to East Ninth Street.

Des Moines Street, on the south side, from a point 60 feet east of East Sixth Street to a point <u>250</u> 70 feet east thereof, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

F. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from Grandview College to remove parking on the north side of Morton Avenue from E 14th Street east to Idaho Street. There is currently a 50-foot corner clearance on the north side just of Morton east of E 14th Street and parking is prohibited east of Idaho Street to the dead end. A traffic signal is being installed at E 14th Street and Morton Avenue as part of the reconstruction of E. 14th Street at Hull Avenue and through the Grandview College area. This new signal will require the removal of parking to allow two-way traffic near the signal. At their October 14, 2008 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved the staff recommendation that parking be removed on the north side of Morton Avenue from E 14th Street east to Idaho Street. The following ordinance revisions will put this restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-3500. Morton Avenue—Bowdoin Street to East Forty-first Street.

Morton Avenue, on the south side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point 50 150 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Morton Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Morton Avenue, on the north side, from Idaho Street east to the dead end, no parking any time.

G. With the approval of Sterling Trace Plats I and II, the Traffic and Transportation Division recommends that parking be restricted to one side of each street throughout the subdivision. The one-sided parking restrictions will facilitate emergency vehicle access, snow removal, and mail delivery. It is recommended that parking be prohibited on the west side of Southeast Thirty-third Street, the west side of Southeast Thirty-forth Street, the west side of Southeast Thirty-fifth Street, the west side of Southeast Thirty-fifth Circle, the north side of East Hart Avenue, the north side of East Highview Drive, the north side of East Payton Avenue, the north side of East Southlawn Drive, and the west side of Sterling Trace. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these restrictions into effect.

Sec. 114-2882. Southeast Thirty-third Street--East Court Avenue to <u>East Payton Avenue</u> Scott Avenue.

Southeast Thirty-third Street, on the west side, from East Southlawn Drive to the dead end south of East Hart Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2888. Southeast Thirty-fourth Street--East Watrous Avenue to <u>East Payton Avenue</u> <u>Easter Lake Drive</u>.

Southeast Thirty-forth Street, on the west side, from the dead end north of East Southlawn Drive to East Payton Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-2893. Southeast Thirty-fifth Street--East Court Avenue to <u>East Payton Avenue Easter Lake Drive</u>.

Southeast Thirty-fifth Street, on the west side, from East Southlawn Drive to East Hart Avenue, no parking any time.

<u>Sec. 114-2893.7.</u> Southeast Thirty-fifth Circle – East Hart Avenue to the dead end north of East Hart Avenue.

Southeast Thirty-fifth Circle, on the east side, from East Hart Avenue to and including the cul-desac north thereof, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3288.5. East Hart Avenue -- Indianola Avenue to East City Limits.

East Hart Avenue, on the north side, from Southeast Thirty-third Street to Southeast Thirty-forth Street, no parking any time.

East Hart Avenue, on the north side, from Sterling Trace to Southeast Thirty-sixth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3317.5. East Highview Drive—East Indianola Avenue to East City Limits.

East Highview Drive, on the north side, from Southeast Thrity-forth Street to a point 360 feet east thereof and any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3564. East Payton Avenue--South Union Street to <u>East City Limits</u> Southeast Fifth Street.

East Payton Avenue, on the north side, from East Payton Avenue to East Payton Avenue, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3646.1. East Southlawn Drive--Southeast Twenty-ninth Court to <u>East City Limits</u> Southeast Thirty second Street.

East Southlawn Drive, on the north side, Southeast Thirty-third Street to east city limits, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3653.5. Sterling Trace – Southeast Thirty-forth Street to Southeast Thirty-fifth Street.

Sterling Trace, on the west side, from Southeast Thirty-forth Street to and including the cul-desac north of Southeast Thirty-fifth Street, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): Traffic Safety Committee

<u>Date</u>: October 14, 2008

Roll Call Number: N/A

<u>Action</u>: Approved recommendation to remove parking on the north side of Morton Avenue from E. 14th Street east to Idaho Street.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of ordinance.

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