

Council Communication

Office of the City Manager

Date February 8, 2010

Agenda Item No. 45
Roll Call No. 10Communication No. 10-060

Submitted by: Jeb E. Brewer, P.E.

City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

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

- A. Removal of Existing "No Parking 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., School Days" Signing—East Side of 52nd Street Adjacent to Moore Elementary School.
- B. Stop Sign—SE 19th Street and King Avenue.
- C. Stop Sign—E 23rd Street and E Madison Avenue

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 for signing modifications and parking meters.

<u>Funding Source</u>: 2009-2010 Operating Budget, Page 93, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

A. The Des Moines School District has requested that the existing "No Parking 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., School Days" parking restriction along the east side of 52nd Street adjacent to Moore Elementary School be removed. This building is no longer used as a school. Staff concurs with this request, and also recommends that a 75-foot corner clearance no parking zone be retained immediately south of Douglas Avenue. The following code change is necessary for this revision.

Sec. 114-2944. Fifty-second Street—Robertson Drive to Aurora Avenue.

Fifty-second Street, on the east side, from Douglas Avenue to a point <u>75</u> 530 feet south thereof, no parking <u>anytime</u> 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. school days.

B. A request was received from the Pioneer Park Neighborhood Association that the City review the intersection of SE 19th Street and King Avenue for the possibility of installing a stop sign. They expressed concern that this intersection gets very busy during the commuting hours during the

week, and is also well-travelled on evenings and weekends. They indicated that there are many children living in the neighborhood, and the neighborhood is home to many multi-family housing units.

Staff reviewed the neighborhood request. This location is a "T" intersection, with SE 19th Street ending at King Avenue. In reviewing the crash history of this intersection, there have been no reported crashes in the past five-year period.

Since both SE 19th Street and King Avenue are considered "minor residential collector" streets, staff recommended that a stop sign be installed on SE 19th Street at King Avenue to clarify which street has the right-of-way. At their January 12, 2010 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to designate King Avenue as the through street at this intersection.

Sec. 114-2253. King Avenue.

King Avenue, at Southeast Nineteenth Street, stop.

C. The Douglas Acres Neighborhood Association requested that staff review the intersection of E 23rd Street and Madison Avenue for the possibility of installing a stop sign at this location. They expressed concern over uncertainty as to who has the right-of-way at this "T" intersection, which is also located within the curve where East Madison connects to the north leg of E 23rd Street.

Staff reviewed the neighborhood request, and recommended that due to the configuration of this intersection, a stop sign on the dead-end portion of E 23rd Street at E Madison Avenue is justified and that a stop sign should be installed for northbound traffic on the south leg of E. 23rd Street at East Madison Avenue. At their January 12, 2010 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee approved staff's recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this stop control into effect.

Sec. 114-2277. East Madison Avenue.

East Madison Avenue, at East Twenty-third Street (south approach), stop.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Date: January 12, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: Carl Voss made a motion to approve staff's recommendation that a stop sign be installed on

SE 19th Street at King Avenue. Seconded by Scott Galenbeck. Motion passed 7:0.

Date: January 12, 2010

Roll Call Number: N/A

Action: George Robinson made a motion to approve staff's recommendation that a stop sign be

installed for northbound traffic on the south leg of E 23rd Street at E Madison Avenue. Seconded by Kevin Williamson. John Morrissey was opposed. Motion passed 6:1.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Second and third readings of Ordinance.

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