

 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Council Communication</b> Office of the City Manager</p>	<b>Date:</b> January 24, 2010
	<b>Agenda Item No.</b> 43 <b>Roll Call No.</b> <u>11-0125</u> <b>Communication No.</b> <u>11-037</u> <b>Submitted by:</b> Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E. Acting City Engineer

**AGENDA HEADING:**

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

- A. Parking Restrictions Due to the Opening of the new Hyatt Place on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue.
- B. Removal of Loading Zone Adjacent to 515 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Replacement with Metered Parking.
- C. Minor Parking Changes on Locust Street between 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- D. Additional Metered Parking on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street between E. Grand Avenue and E. Walnut Street.
- E. Restrict Parking from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Weekdays on 34<sup>th</sup> Street between Douglas and Seneca Avenues.
- F. Traffic Regulations for SW 11<sup>th</sup> from West MLK Jr. Parkway to DART Way and Murphy Street from SW 9<sup>th</sup> to SW 11<sup>th</sup> Streets.
- G. Authorize the Superintendent of Schools to Appoint a Member to the Traffic Safety Committee Representing Schools Citywide to Replace the Ex-Officio Member from Citywide PTA.
- H. Allow One Side Parking on E. 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Arthur Avenue.

**SYNOPSIS:**

Recommend approval of the Traffic Safety Committee recommendations, including first reading of the Ordinance regarding the traffic regulation changes.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2010-2011 Operating Budget, Page 96, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, ENG100413.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

- A. The Hyatt Place Hotel has just opened in the Liberty Building on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, and has requested some changes in the loading zone at the main hotel entrance. The recommended changes will

shift the end of the loading zone south to allow a longer turn lane at Grand Avenue, change the loading zone from a commercial loading zone in effect from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday to a 24 hour loading zone, and will remove the 7-9 a.m. and 4-6 p.m. restrictions on use.

Sec. 114-2642. Sixth Avenue--Locust Street to Grand Avenue.

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 100 feet north of Locust Street to a point ~~123~~ 100 feet north thereof, ~~commercial~~ loading zone.

~~Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from Locust Street to a point 223 feet north thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point ~~223~~ 200 feet north of Locust Street to Grand Avenue, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- B. The building owner of 515 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street has requested that the loading zone adjacent to his building be removed and replaced with a metered parking space, because a metered space would be more suited to the needs of the tenants of the adjacent building. The following ordinance changes will remove the loading zone and replace it with a metered space comparable to adjacent metered spaces.

Sec. 114-4003. Eighteenth Street--Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue.

Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from a point ~~140~~ 105 feet north of Grand Avenue to Ingersoll Avenue, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2781. Eighteenth Street--Locust Street to Ingersoll Avenue.

~~Eighteenth Street, on the east side, from a point 105 feet north of Grand Avenue to a point 35 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.~~

- C. There have been minor parking meter changes on Locust Street in conjunction with the construction of the Western Gateway Park. The following ordinance changes will bring the City Code in conformance with existing posted parking restrictions.

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

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from a point 70 feet west of Thirteenth Street to Fourteenth Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-4028. Locust Street--Thirteenth Street to Fifteenth Street.

~~Locust Street, on the north side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 90 feet west thereof, four hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Locust Street, on the north side, from a point ~~165~~ 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 20 feet east of Fifteenth Street, four-hour meters, ~~9:00~~ 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- D. Traffic and Transportation has recently re-striped the lanes on E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street from E. Grand to E. Walnut Street. The new alignment will allow the installation of three more metered parking spaces on the west side of E. 6<sup>th</sup> Street south of E. Locust Street, providing additional needed parking in the East Village. The following ordinance changes are needed to authorize the new meters.

Sec. 114-4087. East Sixth Street--East Walnut Street to East Locust Street.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 135 feet north of East Walnut Street to a point ~~80~~ 25 feet south of East Locust Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2653. East Sixth Street--East Walnut Street to East Locust Street.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from East Locust Street to a point ~~80~~ 25 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- E. Staff received a petition from residents along 34<sup>th</sup> Street between Douglas and Seneca Avenues, and also along Seneca between 34<sup>th</sup> and 36<sup>th</sup> Streets, requesting that parking be restricted between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. weekdays. The petition expressed several concerns related to Veterans' Hospital employees parking in this area. Parking is currently prohibited on the west side of 34<sup>th</sup> Street and the south side of Seneca Avenue, so the petition results in a two-sided parking restriction.

Staff has reviewed the petition. On 34<sup>th</sup> Street, 15 of the 20 affected residences (75%) signed the petition in favor of the parking restriction. On Seneca, 4 of the 10 affected residences (40%) signed in favor. Based on the petition signatures, staff recommends that the parking restriction on 34<sup>th</sup> Street be approved.

The current parking restrictions on Seneca should not be changed. Due to the proximity of Veterans' Hospital, parking along 34<sup>th</sup> Street is a fairly attractive alternative to other on-site and satellite parking that the Hospital provides. Staff recommended waiting to see the results from the parking restriction on 34<sup>th</sup> Street before proceeding with any parking restrictions on Seneca. A notification letter was sent to each of the directly-affected residents regarding this parking request.

At their December 10, 2010 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee unanimously concurred with staff's recommendation that parking should be prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weekdays, on the east side of 34<sup>th</sup> Street between Douglas and Seneca Avenues and that parking restrictions on Seneca Avenue should not be changed. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place the parking restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-2885. Thirty-fourth Street--John Lynde Road to Seneca Avenue.

Thirty-fourth Street, on the east side, from a point 50 feet north of Douglas Avenue to Seneca Avenue, no parking 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

- F. On Friday, January 7, 2011, SW 11<sup>th</sup> Street between West ML King Jr. Parkway and DART Way was opened to traffic, along with Murphy Street between SW 9<sup>th</sup> and SW 11<sup>th</sup> Streets. The following traffic regulations are recommended for these two streets.

Sec. 114-2021. Southwest Eleventh Street.

Southwest Eleventh Street, at Murphy Street, stop.

Sec. 114-3137.05. Dart Way—Southwest Ninth Street to dead end west of Southwest Ninth Street.

Dart Way, on the north side, from Southwest Ninth Street to Southwest Eleventh Street ~~a point 870 feet west thereof~~, no parking any time.

Dart Way, on the south side, from Southwest Ninth Street to Southwest Eleventh Street ~~a point 600 feet west thereof~~, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3513. Murphy Street--Southwest Fifth Street to dead end west of Southwest Ninth Street.

Murphy Street, on the north side, from Southwest Fifth Street to a point 215 ~~320~~ feet west of Southwest Ninth Street, no parking any time.

Murphy Street, on the south side, from Southwest Seventh Street to a point 215 ~~320~~ feet west of Southwest Ninth Street, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-319.02. Locations of three-way stop intersections.

(6) Southwest Eleventh and DART Way. The driver of a vehicle approaching this intersection from the north, south, and east shall stop before entering the intersection.

- G. The Traffic Safety Committee includes 11 voting members, four of which are ex-officio, “consisting of the following officials or their designees: chief of police, city engineer, superintendent of the Des Moines Independent Community School District, and the chairperson of the citywide PTA”. Mary Conlow, current Chairperson of the Traffic Safety Committee, has served as the representative from citywide PTA, but has advised that there is no longer any such group. The input from the person representing this position in the past has been very helpful to the Committee work, as one of the primary duties involve traffic and safety issues around the elementary schools.

Staff is proposing an ordinance change that would eliminate the ex-officio member from citywide PTA, and would instead authorize the School District Superintendent to appoint a member to represent schools citywide. The School District would still retain their ex-officio member status, which is currently represented by Transportation Specialist Kevin Williamson. Superintendent Dr. Nancy Sebring has indicated her support for this proposed change and her intent to appoint Mary Conlow so she can continue her service on the Committee if the change is approved.

At their January 11, 2011 Traffic Safety Committee meeting, a consensus of the members present concurred that the proposed change in the appointment process be approved. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place the change into effect.

Sec. 114-241. Created; composition; appointment; terms.

- (b) The traffic safety advisory committee shall consist of eleven voting members. Seven of the members shall be appointed by the City Council. One member shall be appointed by the superintendent of the Des Moines Independent Community School District to represent the interest of the schools citywide. Three of the members shall be ex officio members, consisting of the following officials or their designees: the chief of police, the city engineer, and the superintendent of the Des Moines Independent Community School District.

H. In conjunction with a road widening project, sections of East 35<sup>th</sup> Street and Arthur Avenue have been widened enough to accommodate parking on one side of the street. The following ordinance changes will provide for this one-side parking.

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

East Thirty-fifth Street, on ~~both sides~~ the east side, from ~~Thompson Avenue~~ Easton Boulevard to Arthur Avenue, no parking any time.

East Thirty-fifth Street, on the west side, from a point 25 feet south of Thompson Avenue to a point 25 feet north of Thompson Avenue, no parking any time.

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

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

Arthur Avenue, on the south side, from East Thirty-fourth Street to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

Arthur Avenue, on the south side, from East Thirty-~~fifth~~ sixth Street to East Thirty-seventh Street, no parking any time.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE**

**BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): TRAFFIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Date: January 11, 2011

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by John Morrissey that the proposed change in the Traffic Safety Committee appointment process be approved; seconded by Sgt. Jack Beardsley. Consensus of the members present in favor of the motion.

Date: December 10, 2010

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Kevin Williamson to approve staff recommendations that parking be prohibited between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., weekdays, on the east side of 34th Street between Douglas and Seneca Avenues and that parking restrictions on Seneca Avenue should not be changed; seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 8:0

**ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:**

Second and third readings of Ordinance.

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