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	Agenda Item No.	36
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-0055</u>
	Communication No.	<u>Council Communication: 12-004</u>
	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. Ten-hour Parking Meters on the South Side of Grand Avenue West of 13th Street.
- B. Removal of Special School Loading and Unloading Restrictions on 5th Avenue from Grand Avenue to Locust Street.
- C. Parking Citations for Illegal Off-Street Parking.
- D. Extension of Existing Loading Zone—South Side of 400 Block of Watson Powell Jr. Way.
- E. Parking Restriction Due to Intersection Improvements--North Side of Hull Avenue East of E 14th Street.
- F. Adjustments to the Loading and Unloading Times Adjacent to Walnut Street School—On the West Side of 9th Street and the East Side of 10th Street North of Walnut Street to Locust Street.

SYNOPSIS:

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

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: Minor costs for signing modifications.

Funding Source: 2011-2012 Operating Budget, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, SP360, ENG100413, Page 98.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. Requests were received in the past six months to examine parking meters on the south side of Grand Avenue in the Western Gateway to accommodate area users that wanted more time to enjoy the sculpture park, library and area businesses. These users stated that they often found four hours was not enough time. The requested changes below will accommodate these requests.

Sec. 114-4012. 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 33 feet west of Fifteenth Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 300 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 70 feet west thereof, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; meter G-1324 and G-1326 are designated as handicapped parking spaces and are subject to the same prohibitions as are found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 20 feet west of Thirteenth Street to a point 824 ft west thereof, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

B. With the departure of the downtown school in the vicinity of 5th Avenue and Grand Avenue, there is no longer a need for special school loading and unloading restrictions on 5th Avenue from Grand Avenue to Locust Street. These requested ordinance changes will remove the special school loading and unloading restrictions that were in place to meet the needs of the downtown school, and will return the parking restrictions in these areas to ones compatible with the use of that area.

Sec. 114-3422. Locust Street—Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from Fourth Street to a point 180 feet west thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only.~~

Sec. 114-3924. Locust Street—Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

~~Locust Street, on the south side, from Fourth Street to a point 180 feet west thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 3:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.~~

Sec. 114-3248. Grand Avenue—Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue.

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only.~~

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

~~Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Fifth Avenue to Sixth Avenue, two-hour meters, 8:00 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 3:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday.~~

Sec. 114-2630. Fifth Avenue—Walnut Street to Locust Street.

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point 130 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only.~~

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 105 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 25 feet north thereof, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only, no parking at all other times.~~

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 240 feet north of Walnut Street to Locust Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only.~~

Sec. 114-3874. Fifth Avenue—Walnut Street to Locust Street.

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point 130 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday.~~

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 240 feet north of Walnut Street to Locust Street, two-hour meters, 8:00 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday.~~

Sec. 114-2631. Fifth Avenue—Locust Street to Grand Avenue.

~~Fifth Avenue, on the west side, from Locust Street to Grand Avenue, no parking any time, school passenger loading and unloading, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, 20 minutes only; no parking at all other times; loading zone, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Wednesday.~~

C. A parking citation received in an off-street parking facility for illegal parking was recently appealed because parking enforcement officers are not given a choice of action when dealing with an illegally parked off-street vehicle. The Municipal Code, in 114-316.02 (a) indicates that the only allowable action in an off-street situation is impounding the vehicle. The downtown parking enforcement unit will often impound a vehicle when it is owned by a habitual violator. Parking enforcement needs the option of writing an illegal parking citation in these situations so that the habitual violations can be documented, as they are able to do in similar on-street situations. The change to the wording below would allow illegal parking citations to be written in these off-street parking areas.

Sec. 114-361.02. Illegal off-street parking.

(a) No person shall drive, stop, stand or park a vehicle onto or upon privately owned property or an area developed as an off-street parking facility, without the consent of the owner, lessee or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility. If a parking permit is issued by the property owner to the lessee, it must be displayed. A violation of this section shall place such vehicle in the status of an illegally parked vehicle and, upon complaint of the owner, lessee or person in charge of the privately owned property or facility, the vehicle may be dealt with pursuant to section 114-485.01 and/or 114-485.11 of this chapter.

D. As part of Roll Call Number 11-1637, the City has agreed to extend an existing loading zone on the south side of the 400 block of Watson Powell Jr. Way by three parking spaces. The changes below will accomplish this and relocate an existing handicapped parking meter that was located in this area.

Sec. 114-4041.03. Watson Powell Jr. Way--Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Watson Powell Jr. Way, on the south side, from a point 30 feet west of Fourth Street to a point 95 feet west thereof, four hour meters, ~~9:00~~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Watson Powell Jr. Way, on the south side, from a point ~~175 feet west of Fourth Street~~ 208 feet east of Fifth Avenue to a point ~~90~~ 23 feet ~~west~~ east thereof, ~~hour~~ four hour meters, ~~9:00~~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Watson Powell Jr. Way, on the south side, parking meters WP-400 and WP-410 ~~408~~, four-hour meters, ~~9:00~~ 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., are designated as handicapped parking spaces and are subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

Sec. 114-3761.03. Watson Powell Jr. Way--Fourth Street to Fifth Avenue.

Watson Powell Jr. Way, on the south side, from ~~Watson Powell Jr. Way~~ 4th Street to a point 30 feet west thereof, no parking any time.

Watson Powell Jr. Way, on the south side, from a point ~~265 feet west of Fourth Street~~ to a point ~~45 feet west thereof, commercial~~ 101 feet east of Fifth Avenue to a point 107 feet east thereof, loading zone 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m..

E. This parking restriction revision is due to intersection widening and intersection improvements at E 14th Street and Hull Avenue to allow for a smooth safe transition entering and exiting the intersection from the east side. The following revision to the Municipal Code will place this parking restriction into effect.

Sec. 114-3331. Hull Avenue—East Fourteenth Street to east city limits.

Hull Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to a point ~~50~~ 285 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

F. In cooperation with Craig Leager, Principal of the Walnut Street School, the Traffic and Transportation Division has surveyed the areas on 9th Street and 10th Streets, from Locust Street to Walnut Streets and adjusted the loading and unloading times to meet the current times needed by the Walnut Street School, including their early-out times on Wednesdays. The recommended changes have been listed below. These changes will increase the length of the most active drop-off and pick-up area, on 9th Street and also implement the early out times, on 9th Street and 10th Street, which had not been reflected on the parking restriction signs posted in this area.

Sec. 114-3894. Ninth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Ninth Street, on the west side, from a point 90 feet north of Walnut Street to Locust Street, ~~two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., except from a point 90 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 80 feet north thereof,~~ two-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, school days. An authorized school placard is required to identify vehicles dropping off and picking up during restricted hours. Twenty minute limit for all school loading & unloading.

Sec. 114-3900. Tenth Street--Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Tenth Street, on the east side, from a point 185 feet north of Walnut Street to Locust Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., school loading and unloading weekdays from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., except on Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. when school early-out loading and unloading is allowed. An authorized school placard is required to identify vehicles dropping off and picking up during these restricted hours. Twenty minute limit for all school loading & unloading.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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