

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: July 15, 2013
	Agenda Item No. 45 Roll Call No. <u>13-1128</u> Communication No. <u>13-369</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. Installation of New Parking Meters—City of Des Moines Surface Lot on the Southeast Corner of E. 4th Street and E. Grand Avenue.
- B. Two-Sided Parking Restriction—Beaver Avenue between Madison Avenue and Shawnee Avenue.
- C. Reverse the Side of Existing Parking—Greenwood Drive between Tonawanda Drive and 42nd Street.
- D. One-Sided Parking Restriction Change—North Valley Drive from SW 56th Street to SW 59th Street.
- E. Two-Sided Parking Restriction—E. Sheridan Avenue between Idaho Street and E. 16th 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: 2013-2014 Operating Budget, Page 80 Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation - Sign Installation and Maintenance, EG062080

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. A recent purchase of the parking lot on the Southeast corner of East Fourth Street and East Grand Avenue will allow the installation of the new credit card parking meters to provide retail parking spaces for the various businesses in this area. The following ordinance revisions will add this parking lot to the City Code so that the parking meter items may be installed.

Sec. 114-671.1.1 409 E. Grand Municipal Parking Lot.

(a) The city engineer is hereby authorized to install parking meters in the following described municipally-owned parking lot: E 47.5 F LOT 6 BLK 9 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., Monday through Friday. Effective January 1, 2006 these parking meters shall conform to the parking meter rates listed 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., Monday through Friday.

	<u>Effective</u> <u>1/01/09</u>
<u>Reserved</u> <u>Monthly</u>	<u>\$60.00</u>

B. This summer the City plans to resurface Beaver Avenue between Douglas Avenue and Aurora Avenue. Whenever a street is planned for resurfacing, staff reviews the existing pavement markings to see if any changes should be made. In reviewing Beaver Avenue between Madison Avenue and Shawnee Avenue, the three (3) lane road striping changes to a two (2) lane for about 400 feet, then goes back a three (3) lane. This was done back in the late 1990s, as part of the original "Beaver Avenue Three-Lane Striping" project. At that time, this was near the north end of the three (3) lane area, which ended at Aurora Avenue.

Recently, Beaver Avenue was widened between Aurora Avenue and Lower Beaver Avenue and is now a three (3) lane road with bike lanes all the way from Urbandale Avenue to Lower Beaver Road, with the exception of this short 400-foot section between Madison and Shawnee. Changing this small segment to a three (3) lane roadway would provide for safer left turns into the driveways and also allow the bike lanes to be extended through this area. It would require that on-street parking be eliminated in this 400-foot area.

At their June 18, 2013 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that, for safety and bicycle lane continuity reasons, Beaver Avenue between Madison and Shawnee be marked as a three (3) lane roadway, with bicycle lanes, to match the remainder of this roadway section and that parking be prohibited on both sides of Beaver Avenue between Madison Avenue and Shawnee Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-3007. Beaver Avenue--Douglas Avenue to north city limits.

~~Beaver Avenue, on both sides, from Douglas Avenue to a point 290 feet north of Madison Avenue, no parking any time.~~

Beaver Avenue, on both sides, from Douglas Avenue ~~a point 100 feet south of Shawnee Avenue~~ to the north city limits, ~~to a point 290 feet north of Madison Avenue,~~ no parking any time.

C. Staff received a petition from the residents on Greenwood Drive between Tonawanda Drive and 42nd Street, requesting that parking be reversed on their street. It is currently prohibited on the north side of the street, and the petition asked that it be switched to the south side of the street. The petition was signed by 100% of the affected residents. Staff reviewed the street conditions, and concurred that the parking side could be reversed.

At their June 18, 2013 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that, based on the consensus of the affected residents, the parking restriction be reversed so that parking is prohibited on the south side of the street and allowed on the north side of the street. "Corner Clearance" parking restrictions would be placed at both 42nd Street and at Tonawanda Drive. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-3281. Greenwood Drive--Thirty-eighth Place to Forty-fifth Street.

Greenwood Drive, on the south side, from Thirty-eighth Place to Forty-second Street ~~Tonawanda Drive~~, no parking any time.

Greenwood Drive, on the north side, from a point 50 feet east of Forty-second Street ~~Tonawanda Drive~~ to a point 775 feet west of Forty-third Street, no parking any time.

Greenwood Drive, on the ~~north~~ south side, from Tonawanda Drive ~~Forty-second Street~~ to a point ~~50~~ 100 feet ~~west~~ east thereof, no parking any time.

- D. Staff received a request from the Westwood Neighborhood Association to look at the on-street parking on North Valley Drive due to sight visibility and concerns related to trail head parking on the south side of the road for the trail that runs along the creek. Currently, parking is restricted on the south side of the road from SW 56th to SW 59th on this 28-foot wide street. The trail head is located just south of the bridge. This means that those wanting to use the trail must cross North Valley Drive just south of the bridge where there is limited visibility for cars or pedestrians to the crest in the bridge.

Due to the concerns expressed by the residents, the guidance given in the *Parking Restriction Policy*, and the need to provide better parking for the trail head on the south side of the road, staff recommended that the parking restriction be approved.

At their June 18, 2013 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that parking should remain prohibited on the south side of North Valley Drive from SW 56th Street to the south end of the bridge and from the south end of the bridge to SW 59th Street, parking should be prohibited on the north side of the road and allowed on the south side. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-3524. North Valley Drive--Southwest Fifty-sixth Street to Southwest Fifty-ninth Street.

North Valley Drive, on the south side, from Southwest Fifty-sixth Street to the south end of the Walnut Creek Bridge ~~Southwest Fifty-ninth Street~~, no parking any time.

North Valley Drive, on the north side, from the north end of the Walnut Creek Bridge to Southwest Fifty-ninth Street, no parking any time.

- E. Staff has received a request to restrict parking on the south side of E. Sheridan Avenue between Idaho Street and E. 16th Street. Parking is currently prohibited on the north side of the street and allowed on the south side. The City's Public Works Department has received complaints about the maintenance of this roadway. There are several issues in the area. This street is only 18 feet wide with open ditches on both sides. The street is a gravel road which has been stabilized with asphalt. There is a large amount of drainage which is eroding the ditches and affecting the edges

of the street. The on-street parking is further compromising the edge of the roadway. Public Works crews will dress the ditches and the roadway, but this will be an ongoing problem as long as parking is allowed on this street. Due to the concerns expressed, we are proposing to prohibit parking on both sides of the street. This will provide better access for emergency vehicles and help to protect the existing roadway edges on this narrow road.

At their June 18, 2013 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation that parking should be prohibited on both sides of E. Sheridan Avenue between Idaho Street and E. 16th Street. The following revisions to the Municipal Code will place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3637. East Sheridan Avenue--First Street to east city limits.

East Sheridan Avenue, on the north side, from East Fourteenth Street to Idaho Street ~~East Sixteenth Street~~, no parking any time.

East Sheridan Avenue, on both sides, from Idaho Street to East Sixteenth Street, no parking any time.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: June 18, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Carl McPherson to approve staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited on both sides of Beaver Avenue between Madison Avenue and Shawnee Avenue, and the street be restriped to a three (3) lane roadway with bicycle lanes; seconded by Jim Windsor. Motion passed 5:0.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: June 18, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Jim Windsor to approve staff's recommendation that the parking restriction be reversed so that parking is prohibited on the south side of the street and allowed on the north side of the street. "Corner Clearance" parking restriction would be placed at both 42nd Street and at Tonawanda Drive; seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 5:0.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: June 18, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Carl McPherson to approve staff's recommendation that parking remain prohibited on the south side of North Valley Drive from SW 56th Street to the south end of the bridge and from the south end of the bridge to SW 59th Street parking should be prohibited on the north side of the road and allowed on the south side; seconded by Jim Windsor. Motion passed 5:0.

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: June 18, 2013

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: Motion by Carl McPherson to approve staff's recommendation that parking be prohibited on both sides of E. Sheridan Avenue from Idaho Street to E. 16th Street; seconded by Jim Windsor. Motion passed 5:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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