

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: January 13, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 50 Roll Call No. <u>14-0078</u> Communication No. <u>14-005</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. Peak Hour Parking Restriction 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.—West Side of East Sixth Street North of Grand Avenue.
- B. Revision to Municipal Code to clarify traffic control at the intersection of 38th Street and Crocker Street.
- C. Creating Bus Loading Zone for Central Campus on Grand Avenue West of 19th 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 request was received to examine the parking on the west side of East Sixth Street north of East Grand Avenue. The southbound right turn onto East Grand Avenue from East Sixth Street to head into downtown is heavy in the morning peak hours. Cars that park at the meters in this area are causing right-turning vehicles to back up into the southbound through lane and cause delay for those wishing to proceed south on East Sixth Street to Locust Street and beyond. It is proposed to place a 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. restriction on the meters in the area just north of the striped right-turn bay to improve this vehicle stacking problem in the morning peak hours.

Sec. 114-2655. East Sixth Street—East Grand Avenue to Des Moines Street.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of East Grand Avenue to a point 115 feet north thereof, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., weekdays.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of East Grand Avenue to a point 60 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., weekdays.

Sec. 114-4086. East Sixth Street—East Grand Avenue to Des Moines Street.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point 50 feet north of East Grand Avenue to a point 115 feet north thereof, four-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

East Sixth Street, on the west side, from a point ~~440~~ 165 feet north of East Grand Avenue to Des Moines Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- B. Revision to the Municipal Code to change the current traffic control at the intersection of 38th Street and Crocker Street to clarify the traffic control and to be consistent with typical stop control at T-intersections.

Sec. 114-2104. Thirty-eighth Street.

Thirty-eighth Street, at Crocker Street, stop.

Sec. 114-2181. Crocker Street.

Crocker Street, from the west line of Thirty-fifth Street to the east line of Thirty-eighth Street ~~Forty-second Street~~, stop.

Crocker Street, from the west line of Thirty-eighth Street to the east line of Forty-second Street, stop.

- C. This change was requested by a member of the Des Moines Public Schools Transportation team. Currently, the school buses load on the south side of Grand Avenue west of 19th Street. This area is not a designated bus loading zone and, therefore, per state law, the bus operators must use their warning lights and stop arms when loading/unloading passengers. This causes Grand Avenue traffic to have to stop while these loading/unloading activities are occurring even though all loading/unloading is happening on the south side curb. Creating a bus loading zone on the south side of Grand Avenue would enable the buses to continue to use this as a loading/unloading area without having to stop traffic on Grand Avenue in an area that is already congested during school arrival and dismissal times.

Sec. 114-3261. Grand Avenue--Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth Street.

~~Grand Avenue, on both sides, from Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth Street, no parking any time.~~

Grand Avenue, on the north side, from Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth Street, no parking any time.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from Nineteenth Street to 420' west thereof, School Bus Loading Zone.

Grand Avenue, on the south side, from a point 420' west of Nineteenth Street to Twenty-eighth Street, no parking anytime.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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