

 <p style="text-align: center;">Council Communication Office of the City Manager</p>	Date: August 25, 2014
	Agenda Item No. 35 Roll Call No. <u>14-1314</u> Communication No. <u>14-409</u> Submitted by: Pamela S. Cooksey, P.E., Interim City Engineer

AGENDA HEADING:

Amending Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code Regarding Traffic Regulation Changes as follows:

- A. Extension of School Bus Loading Zone on the South Side of Grand Avenue west of 18th Street.
- B. Relocation of Parking Meters and Loading Zone—West Side of 6th Avenue North of Walnut 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: 2014-2015 Operating Budget, Page 74, Engineering Department Traffic & Transportation – Sign Installation and Maintenance.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- A. This change was requested by a member of the Des Moines Public Schools Transportation team to address bussing changes at Central Campus. Currently, the school buses load on the south side of Grand Avenue west of 18th Street for Central Campus. 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. Extending the bus loading zone on the south side of Grand Avenue would enable the buses to use this expanded 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 the south side, from a point 70 feet west of Eighteenth Street ~~Nineteenth Street~~ to 420 feet west ~~thereof~~ of Nineteenth Street, School Bus Loading Zone, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., school days; no parking at all other times.

- B. At the request of Harold Capps, Executive Vice-President for Facilities, EMC Company, the City has reviewed the relocation of an existing handicapped parking meter (6-304) to a location more easily accessible (adjacent to the curb cut for the driveway) and to relocate the existing loading zone to the front of the existing building entrance doors. This is a swap in location for the handicapped parking meter and the loading zone. No parking spaces will be eliminated. The following ordinance changes will place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-3881. Sixth Avenue—Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from Walnut Street to a point ~~100~~ 70 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point 110 feet north of Walnut Street to a point 22 feet north thereof, two-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-2641. Sixth Avenue—Walnut Street to Locust Street.

Sixth Avenue, on the west side, from a point ~~100~~ 70 feet north of Walnut Street to a point ~~120~~ 40 feet north thereof, commercial loading zone.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: December 9, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1919](#)

Action: [Amending](#) Chapter 114 of the Municipal Code regarding traffic regulation changes as follows: ([Council Communication No. 13-589](#)) Moved by Griess that this ordinance be considered and given first vote for passage. Motion Carried 7-0.

- (A) Ordinance changes in conjunction with the newly-constructed Southwest Connector at Iowa 28.
- (B) Revision to Municipal Code to agree with field conditions near the World Food Prize – north side of Walnut, west of Water Street.
- (C) Accessible parking space – west side of 2nd Avenue near the Polk County Election Office.
- (D) Central Campus Student Parking Lot turn restriction – 2020 and 2140 Grand Avenue.
- (E) Parking Restriction – east side of East 16th Street, south of Hull Avenue.
- (F) Final consideration of ordinance above, requires six votes. Moved by Hensley that the rule requiring that an ordinance must be considered and voted on for passage at two Council meetings prior to the meeting at which it is to be finally passed be suspended, that the ordinance be placed upon its final passage and that the ordinance do now pass, [#15,242](#). Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S):

Board: Traffic Safety Committee

Date: November 11, 2014

Resolution Number: N/A

Action: A motion was made by Scott Galenbeck to approve staff recommendation to include in the City code a prohibition of the left turn for northbound vehicles exiting 2020 Grand Avenue and 2140 Grand Avenue; seconded by George Robinson. This motion also includes an amendment made by Kevin Williamson that approval be given to Central Campus' request for a bus loading zone so that buses do not have to put stop arms out and stop traffic along Grand Avenue; seconded by Carl McPherson. Motion passed 8:0.

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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