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SUBJECT—

Traffic Regulation Changes

SYNOPSIS—

The following traffic regulation changes have been reviewed by staff and are recommended for approval.

- A. Revisions to On-Street Parking—Area of E. 11th Street and Des Moines Street.
- B. Petition for Two-Sided Parking Restriction—800 Block of E. Bell Avenue.
- C. Corner Clearance—West Side of E. 36th Court South of E. Euclid Avenue.
- D. Corner Clearance—North Side of Burlington Terrace East of Nash Drive.
- E. Corner Clearance—East Side of Nash Drive South of Burlington Terrace.
- F. Removal of Parking Meter Spaces—East Side of 5th Avenue North of Grand Avenue.

- G. Adjustment to Corner Clearances and Parking Meters—8th Street between Center Street and Crocker Street.
- H. Additional On-Street Parking—East Side of SW 5th Street North of Tuttle Street.
- I. Extension of Nighttime Parking Restriction—North Side of Locust Street between 11th Street and 12th Street.
- J. One-Sided Parking Restriction—North Side of College Avenue from 8th Street to 9th Street.
- K. Parking Restrictions to Facilitate Solid Waste Operations—SE 4th Street from Burnham Avenue south and any part of the cul-de-sac and Gleaves Court from East Ovid Avenue to and including any part of the cul-de-sac.
- L. Parking Restriction to Facilitate Solid Waste Operations—Both Sides of the 4600 block of Wakonda Parkway and including any part of the cul-de-sac.
- M. Additional Metered On-Street Parking Spaces—East Side of East Sixth Street near East Grand Avenue and Des Moines Street.

FISCAL IMPACT—

Minor costs for signing to be paid from the Traffic and Transportation operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION—

Approval

BACKGROUND—

- A. Mr. Bill Sexton, the owner of the property at 1022 Des Moines Street, has contacted the Traffic and Transportation Division regarding on-street parking in the vicinity of E. 11th Street and Des Moines Street. Mr. Sexton is in the process of remodeling this property and converting the use to a coffee shop.

Mr. Sexton is asking that the parking on the east side of E. 11th Street, from Des Moines Street to Lyon Street, be moved from the east side to the west side of E. 11th Street. Mr. Sexton has also checked with the State of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Service Office across the street from his property and has determined that their office has downsized and is in the process of moving, eliminating the need for most, if not all, of the existing handicapped parking on both E. 11th Street and on Des Moines Street.

In conjunction with moving the parking to the west side of E. 11th Street, Mr. Sexton has asked that the handicapped parking on the south half of the block be eliminated once the parking area is moved and that a two-hour parking restriction be implemented in this area. Mr. Sexton has also asked Traffic and Transportation to review the parking on Des Moines Street, east and west of E. 11th Street, to see if any additional parking areas can be created.

The Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed this area. In the review process Traffic and Transportation spoke with David Ryburn, the Maintenance Engineer for the State of Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services. Mr. Ryburn related that the clients for Vocational Rehabilitation are all now bussed in and that their need for handicapped parking spaces had decreased significantly. Mr. Ryburn also related that the State of Iowa had three on-site handicapped parking spaces that more than adequately served the needs of the employees and that no client spaces were needed. Mr. Ryburn also related that within the next few months the Vocational Rehabilitation Offices would be moving to another location within the Capitol Complex.

Traffic and Transportation recommends that the street parking on E. 11th Street be moved from the east side of E. 11th Street to the west side, removing the existing handicapped parking on E. 11th Street and adding a two-hour parking restriction, 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the south half of the block. Traffic and Transportation also recommends that the corner clearance parking restriction on the north side of Des Moines Street, west of E. 11th Street be shortened from 75 feet to 50 feet, adding an additional on-street parking space. On the north side of Des Moines Street east of E. 11th Street, we recommend shortening the existing handicapped parking area from 90 feet to 70 feet, adding one more on-street parking space and leaving two handicapped spaces in this area.

The following recommended changes will implement the above parking changes:

Sec. 114-2718. East Eleventh Street—Des Moines Street to Arthur Avenue.

~~East Eleventh Street, on the east side, from Des Moines Street to a point 170 feet north thereof, is designated a handicapped parking space and is subject to the same prohibition as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.~~

~~East Eleventh Street, on the west side, from Des Moines Street to Lyon Street, no parking 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.~~

~~East Eleventh Street, on the west side, from Des Moines Street to a point 165 feet north thereof, two-hour parking, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.~~

~~East Eleventh Street, on the east side, from Des Moines Street to Lyon Street, no parking any time.~~

Sec. 114-3148. Des Moines Street—East Ninth Street to East Eighteenth Street.

Des Moines Street, on the north side, from a point ~~75~~ 50 feet west of East Eleventh Street to a point 55 feet east of East Eleventh Street, no parking any time.

Des Moines Street, on the north side, from a point ~~55~~ 75 feet east of East Eleventh Street to a point ~~90~~ 70 feet east thereof, is designated a handicapped parking area and is subject to the same prohibitions as is found in subsection 114-616(a) of this chapter.

- B. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a petition from residents along East Bell Avenue between SE 8th Court and the 900 Block, asking that a two-sided parking restriction be placed on their street. Currently, parking is allowed on the south side of the street in this area. Earlier this year, a two-sided restriction was implemented farther east along E. Bell Avenue to SE 14th Street. Concerns were expressed that parking on the street in this area hinders visibility and creates difficulties in backing out of driveways. The petition was signed by six of the nine affected residences, or 67% approval. Staff has reviewed this area, and based on the consensus of the directly-affected residents, recommends that the two-sided parking restriction be implemented.

At their May 11, 2004 meeting, the Traffic Safety Committee concurred with staff recommendation. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to restrict parking in this area.

Sec. 114-3015. East Bell Avenue—South Union Street to Southeast Nineteenth Street.

East Bell Avenue, on the south side, from Southeast Eighth Street to ~~a point 200 feet east thereof~~ Southeast Ninth Street, no parking any time.

- C. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding turning difficulties due to parked vehicles on E. 36th Court at the intersection of E. Euclid Avenue. In order to provide adequate visibility for vehicles at this intersection, staff recommends that a 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be established on the west side of E. 36th Court south of E. Euclid Avenue. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-2895. East Thirty-sixth Court—East University Avenue to ~~Hull Avenue~~ East Euclid Avenue.

East Thirty-sixth Court, on the west side, from East Euclid Avenue to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- D. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from the Solid Waste Division requesting a corner clearance be placed on Burlington Terrace east of Nash Drive to provide adequate space for a garbage truck to turn the corner. Staff recommends that a 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be established on the north side of Burlington Terrace east of Nash Drive. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3039. Burlington Terrace—Chautauqua Parkway to Sixteenth Street.

Burlington Terrace, on the south side, from the east leg of Chautauqua Parkway to Sixteenth Street, no parking any time.

Burlington Terrace, on the north side, from Nash Drive to a point 50 feet east thereof, no parking any time.

- E. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from the Solid Waste Division requesting a corner clearance be placed on Nash Drive south of Burlington Terrace to provide adequate space for a garbage truck to turn the corner. Staff recommends that a 50-foot “corner clearance” no parking zone be established on the east side of Nash Drive south of Burlington Terrace. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3515. Nash Drive—Chautauqua Parkway to Hickman Road.

Nash Drive, on the east side, from Burlington Terrace to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.

- F. The Traffic and Transportation Division recently placed a loading zone in front of the Ligutti Tower building where metered parking spots are currently located. The residents had been experiencing difficulties when they drove into the parking garage and then were required to assist individuals upstairs to their rooms while leaving their vehicles unattended. The Traffic and Transportation Division concurred with their request. The following change to the Municipal Code will remove parking meter spaces from the area designated as a loading zone.

Sec. 114-3873. Fifth Avenue—Grand Avenue to Watson Powell, Jr. Way.

Fifth Avenue, on the east side, from a point ~~335~~ 365 feet north of Grand Avenue to Watson Powell, Jr. Way, two-hour meters, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- G. The City of Des Moines has recently adjusted corner clearances and parking meter placements on 8th Street from Center Street to Crocker Street to reflect changes in traffic patterns. These proposed ordinance changes will adequately provide for visibility at the intersections of 8th Street at Crocker Street and add two additional metered parking spaces.

Sec. 114-2682. Eighth Street—Park Street to Aurora Avenue.

~~Eighth Street, on both sides, from Center Street to a point 50 feet south thereof, no parking any time.~~

Eighth Street, on the west side, from Center Street to a point twenty-five feet south, no parking any time.

Eighth Street, on the east side, from Center Street to a point thirty-five feet south, no parking any time.

Sec. 114-3972. Eighth Street—Park Street to Center Street.

~~Eighth Street, on both sides, from Park Street to a point 50 feet south of Center Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.~~

Eighth Street, on the west side, from Park Street to a point 25 feet south of Center Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Eighth Street, on the east side, from Park Street to a point 35 feet south of Center Street, ten-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

- H. At the request of David Dahlquist, owner of Dahlquist Clayworks, 316 SW 5th Street, the Traffic and Transportation Division has reviewed the parking on SW 5th Street between Elm Street and Tuttle Street. Mr. Dahlquist has asked for additional on-street parking to accommodate his business and students. Traffic and Transportation has determined that removal of a no parking area on the east side of SW 5th Street from Tuttle Street to a point 200 feet north can be accomplished without creating any traffic obstructions. This would accommodate approximately seven vehicles. The following proposed ordinance change will accomplish the removal of the existing no parking area, allowing additional parking on-street in this area.

Sec. 114-2638. Southwest Fifth Street—Vine Street to Army Post Road.

Southwest Fifth Street, on the east side, from a point 220 feet south of Elm Street Tuttle Street to a point 250 feet south of Tuttle Street thereof, no parking any time.

- I. Related to the adjustment of parking meter locations in this area, a nighttime 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. loop parking restriction is in place on the north side of Locust Street west of 12th Street. The following ordinance change will extend this nighttime parking restriction on the north side of Locust Street from 11th Street to 12th Street.

Sec. 114-3429. Locust Street—Eleventh Street to Twelfth Street.

Locust Street, on the north side, from Eleventh Street to Twelfth Street, no parking 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

- J. The Traffic and Transportation Division received a request from a resident regarding no parking on the north side of College Avenue between 8th Street and 9th Street. Staff recommends that a no parking zone be established on the north side of College Avenue

between 8th Street and 9th Street. The following revision to the Municipal Code is necessary to place this change into effect.

Sec. 114-3093. College Avenue—Second Avenue to Ninth Street.

College Avenue, on the north side, from Eighth Street to Ninth Street, no parking any time.

- K. At the request of the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department, Traffic and Transportation has reviewed two requests to change parking restrictions to facilitate the pickup of solid waste on normal weekly schedules. Traffic and Transportation concurs with both requested changes. The following revisions to the Municipal Code are necessary to place these changes into effect.

Sec. 114-2624.01. Southeast Fourth Street—East Army Post Road to East County Line Road.

- Southeast Fourth Street, from Burnham Avenue south and any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays.

- Sec. 114-3236. Gleaves Court—East Ovid Avenue to dead end south.

Gleaves Court, on the east side, from East Ovid Avenue to and including any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., ~~Wednesday~~ Tuesdays.

- L. At the request of the Solid Waste Division of the Public Works Department, Traffic and Transportation has been requested to restrict parking on the cul-de-sac in the 4600 block of Wakonda Parkway on Thursdays to facilitate solid waste pickup. Traffic and Transportation has reviewed this area and concurs with this request. The following requested ordinance change would implement a no parking restriction in this area on the normal day of solid waste pickup from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Sec. 114-3723. Wakonda Parkway—Watrous Avenue to Southwest Sixteenth Street.

Wakonda Parkway, on both sides, from 4606 Wakonda Parkway to 4614 Wakonda Parkway and including any part of the cul-de-sac, no parking 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Thursdays.

- M. Recent demolition and reconstruction in this area has removed a driveway entrance and an existing building. This allows the installation of two new on-street parking spaces and the removal of a loading zone that is no longer needed. The following ordinance change will add two metered on-street parking spaces.

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

East Sixth Street, on the east side, from a point 110 feet north of East Grand Avenue to a point 55 feet south of Des Moines Street, four-hour meters, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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

~~East Sixth Street, on the east side, from Des Moines Street to a point 55 feet south thereof, commercial loading zone.~~