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City Council Memorandum

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TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JUNE 23, 2015**

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT **WARD: 1**

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF SEGMENT OF 2-HOUR PARKING ZONE ON MAIN STREET – RESOLUTION

ISSUE:

The issue for City Council consideration is removal of the segment of 2-Hour Parking Zone on the westerly side of Main Street from State Route (SR) 60 to 310 feet north of Poplar Street.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a resolution to remove the segment of the existing “2-Hour Parking between the Hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. of Any Day except Sunday and Holidays” Zone on the westerly side of Main Street from SR-60 to 310 feet north of Poplar Street.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On May 6, 2015, the Transportation Board (Board) reviewed this matter; seven of nine members were present. The Board unanimously recommended removal of the proposed segment of “2-Hour Parking between the Hours of 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. of Any Day except Sunday and Holidays” Zone on the westerly side of Main Street from SR-60 to 310 feet north of Poplar Street.

BACKGROUND:

On March 4, 2015 the Transportation Board (Board) reviewed a request supported by a petition from 83% of the businesses located on the westerly side of Main Street from SR-60 to Poplar Street for removal of the 2-Hour Parking Zone within that street segment to provide needed long-term on-street parking. The owners of Judy’s Income Tax and Bookkeeping Service located at 2609 Main Street spoke at the meeting in opposition to the proposal citing that the turnover of on-street parking spaces for patrons was crucial to the success of small businesses. Additionally, a petition in opposition to the removal of the 2-Hour Parking Zone was presented to the Board and it contained signatures from many of the businesses who had also signed the original petition in support of removal of the restriction.

Based upon public input at the meeting and the conflicting petitions, the Board voted unanimously to deny the initial request for removal of the 2-Hour Parking Zone and asked that the Public Works Department return to the Board with an alternate recommendation at the next scheduled Board meeting.

On May 6, 2015 the Public Works Department subsequently returned to the Board with a revised recommendation to remove the 2-Hour Parking Zone only within the portion north of 2605/2609 Main Street. The 2-Hour Parking Zone would remain in effect from the northerly property line at 2605/2609 Main Street southerly to Poplar Street. The revised recommendation would serve to balance the needs of the various businesses along the street segment by providing both short-term and long-term on-street parking.

Additionally, the 2-hour parking restriction is no longer posted on the segment of Main Street from SR-60 to just south of Spruce Street and has been replaced with No Stopping Entire Block signage and/or red curb; however, the 2-Hour Parking Zone for this segment is still reflected in the Master Parking Schedule.

The new proposal would provide both short-term and long-term parking opportunities within the entire street segment to better serve the needs of all businesses in the immediate area. The proposal would also update the Master Parking Schedule to accurately reflect the prior removal of the 2-Hour Parking Zone on Main Street from SR-60 to south of Spruce Street.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of sign removal is nominal. Funding is available in the existing Public Works Department budget.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Site Map
3. Transportation Board Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2015