



City Council Memorandum

City of Arts & Innovation

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: NOVEMBER 17, 2020

FROM: PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT WARD: 1

SUBJECT: REMOVAL OF PREFERENTIAL PARKING ZONE ON FIFTH STREET – RESOLUTION

ISSUE:

Removal of existing Preferential Parking Zone on both sides of Fifth Street from Locust Street to Brockton Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council adopt a resolution to remove the existing “2-Hour Parking between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday except holidays, with Preferential Permit Parking for residents” zone on both sides of Fifth Street from Locust Street to Brockton Avenue.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On August 5, 2020, the Transportation Board received a report on the Removal of Preferential Parking Zone on Fifth Street; eight of nine members were present. Following discussion, the Transportation Board voted unanimously to recommend removal of the existing Preferential Parking Zone on both sides of Fifth Street from Locust Street to Brockton Avenue.

BACKGROUND:

The City’s Preferential Parking Program is a neighborhood-driven program which enables eligible residential neighborhoods continually impacted by outside parking sources to pursue the establishment of Preferential Parking Zones (PPZs). PPZs limit the impacts of outside source parking and increases availability of on-street parking for residents by providing permits to residents and their guests and requiring that a valid permit be displayed in vehicles parked on-street within the PPZ during restricted days and times.

Establishment of a PPZ requires submission of a petition from the immediately impacted residents showing support from a minimum of 75% of residents for the proposed PPZ. Once petition criteria has been met, the proposal is scheduled for consideration by the Transportation Board, which makes a recommendation to the City Council regarding the matter.

DISCUSSION:

The Public Works Department received a petition from 89% of residents on Fifth Street from Locust Street to Brockton Avenue requesting removal of the existing Timed 2-Hour Preferential Parking Zone (PPZ) within this segment of Fifth Street. Residents previously petitioned to establish the PPZ, which was recommended by the Transportation Board on April 3, 2019 and approved by City Council on May 21, 2019. Residents initially petitioned to establish a Timed 2-Hour PPZ due to overflow parking from nearby residents, which was limiting the availability of on-street parking opportunities near their homes. After having the PPZ in place shortly over a year, residents now indicate that the PPZ is inconvenient and they prefer to remove the zone due to citations to residents and their guests and the PPZ not meeting the overall needs of the residents within this neighborhood. The PPZ has been in place in excess of the one year minimum, allowing the neighborhood to petition for zone removal.

Removal of the existing PPZ will eliminate the current 2-Hour restriction and requirement for residents and their guests to display permits in their vehicles if parked longer than the 2-hour duration on restricted days and times. Residents are aware that longer term and outside source parking may recur as a result of removal of the PPZ and, despite those consequences, believe that this is the appropriate action for their neighborhood.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of sign removal is estimated to be \$102. Funding is available in the existing General Fund Public Works Department budget, Signing Supplies account number 4110100-424143.

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Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Site Map
3. Transportation Board Meeting Minutes – August 5, 2020