



## Agenda Summary

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**Submitted By**

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**Agenda Item Title**

**Motion Approving Guiding Principles, Goals and Schedule for the Review and Discussion of the Public Parking Systems in Oak Park**

**Overview**

The Village Board Goals for 2016-2017 include revisiting the overall parking systems within Oak Park in a holistic manner and with consideration for neighborhoods and business districts in order to understand the impact on residents, visitors and employees in the community. As a part of this meeting, staff will review the recommended goals for this review and a proposed schedule.

**Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

A monthly study session is proposed thru September of 2017 to address individual parking policies prior to final approval by the Board of comprehensive ordinance amendments.

**Report**

Staff recommends that the following Guiding Principles be considered as each public parking system is reviewed and changes proposed:

- Sustainability
- Public Safety
- Customer Service

Additionally, staff recommends the following Goals be considered as each public parking system is reviewed and changes proposed:

- Parking Ordinances must be simple and user friendly (e.g. language is clear and concise)
- Parking Signage of all types must be standardized and more streamlined so that residents, visitors and employees in Oak Park are able to understand regulatory language that may be required and directional information is clear and concise.
- Parking Technology must support efficient parking administration and operation while also being customer service focused.

In order to facilitate a comprehensive review of the public parking system, staff recommends a schedule of monthly study sessions be established. In general, each individual session would seek consensus of the Village Board related to the parking policy with final comprehensive ordinance approval scheduled at the conclusion of the study sessions. Similar to the review of the I-290 Reconstruction, the review of

recommendations related to individual public parking policies will take multiple meetings and then comprehensive Board direction can be obtained.

Staff recommends the following Monthly Study Session Schedule:

- January Pleasant Business District/South and Harlem Redevelopment project/Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School, including Recommendations from the Transportation Commission related to on-street resident parking (*this is a time sensitive topic due to pending ground breaking by Lincoln Properties*)
- February Parking Technology Best Practices
- March Parking Signage Recommendations
- April On-Street Parking Austin Blvd & Harlem Avenue, including adjacent areas
- May On-Street Parking North Avenue and Roosevelt Road, including adjacent areas
- June Parking near and adjacent to Public Transit/Residential/Mixed Use Areas - Metra CTA Green Line, and CTA Blue Line
- July Parking near and adjacent to Residential/Mixed Use Areas - Madison Street and Washington Blvd
- August Parking near and adjacent to Residential or Mixed Use Areas - Chicago Avenue and Division Street
- September Comprehensive Recommended Ordinance Amendments

While conducting the above area reviews, all of the diverse parking needs would be considered. For example, parking needs of single/multi-family homes, business districts, service providers, schools, parks, hospitals and public transit.

Beginning with the March study session, online public input will be solicited in advance of the Study Sessions to provide feedback for customers who may not be able to attend a specific meeting.

**Alternatives**

The Village Board could ask staff to incorporate other agenda topics and research additional information before determining the guiding principles, goals and schedule.

# Guiding Principals

- Sustainability
- Public Safety
- Customer Service

# Goals Public Parking Systems

- Parking Ordinances must be simple and user friendly
- Parking Signage of all types must be standardized and more streamlined
- Parking Technology must support efficient parking administration/operations and be customer service focused

# Monthly Study Session Schedule

- January – Pleasant Business District/South and Harlem Redevelopment Project/Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School
- February – Parking Technology Best Practices
- March – Parking Signage Recommendations
- April – On-Street Parking Austin Blvd and Harlem Avenue, including adjacent areas

# Monthly Study Session Schedule

- May – On-Street Parking North Ave and Roosevelt Rd, including adjacent areas
- June - Parking near & adjacent to Public Transit/Residential/Mixed Use Areas – Metra, CTA Green Line, CTA Blue Line
- July – Parking near & adjacent to Residential/Mixed Use Areas – Madison St, Washington Blvd.
- August – Parking near & adjacent to Residential or Mixed Use Areas – Chicago Ave and Division St Areas
- September – Comprehensive Ordinance Amendments

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# Questions?