



## Agenda Item Summary

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### **Agenda Item Title**

**An Ordinance Authorizing Sixty-Seven (67) Additional On-Street Overnight Permit Parking Spaces, Establishing a New Lot 119 with Eight (8) Permit Parking Spaces on Pleasant Place, and Standardizing Permit Parking Hours to 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. in the Y2, Y3, Y4 On-Street Overnight Permit Parking Zones as Reviewed at the January 23, 2017 Special Meeting.**

### **Overview**

At the January 23, 2017 Village Board Special Meeting, the Transportation Commission recommended changes to parking regulations in the area generally encompassed by Harlem Avenue to Oak Park Avenue and South Blvd to Madison Street in advance of the redevelopment of the Village owned properties near Harlem Avenue and South Blvd by Lincoln Properties.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Adopt the Ordinance.

### **Fiscal Impact**

The installation of signage is budgeted in the Parking Fund and will cost approximately \$4200.

### **Background**

At the January 23, 2017 Village Board Special Meeting, the Transportation Commission recommended parking restriction changes that will increase resident on-street overnight permit parking by adding 75 spaces. Included within the 75 spaces would be eight spaces on Pleasant Place that will be designated as 24hr hour permits for residents in the area.

In addition, the recommendations included standardizing on-street overnight permit parking hours in the Pleasant Business District and Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School area also referred to as the Y2, Y3, and Y4 Zone to 11:00 p.m. - 6:00 a.m. consistent with the "shared parking" concept used in other mixed use areas which has successfully allowed improved parking for business customers and residents during the evening hours.

At the August 24, 2015 Transportation Commission meeting public input was solicited related to parking challenges and suggested parking improvements from residents and business owners in the three on-street

overnight parking zones.

At the September 28, 2015 Transportation Commission meeting there was a review and discussion of the walk-around study performed by the Commissioners during August and September 2015. At that time staff was asked to conduct a review and make recommendations for increasing the on-street overnight parking areas within the Y2, Y3, and Y4 on-street overnight parking zones in 2016.

At the May 9, 2016 Transportation Commission meeting staff presented a recommendation to add an additional 75 overnight permit parking spaces at seven locations (one location to be designated at 24hr permit parking) within the Y2, Y3, and Y4 overnight permit parking zones and to standardized the permit parking hours to 11 p.m. - 6 a.m., thereby increasing the availability for shared parking between visitors, customers and residents within the zones.

During this meeting, the Commissioners had a discussion concerning current daytime parking restrictions being difficult to manage and enforce. As a result, Staff was asked to provide options for standardizing time restrictions (e.g. No Parking 8-10 a.m.) and eliminating time limitations (e.g. 2 hour parking) within the subject overnight parking zones.

At the Transportation Commission meeting on Monday, June 13, 2016, staff presented recommendations on options for establishing time restrictions and eliminating time limitations where daytime restrictions already exist in the study boundaries. The recommendations excluded business districts in order to maintain short-term customer parking resources.

The Commission decided to discuss a recommendation for:

- No Parking 8-10am M-F on West and South sides of residential streets
- No Parking 10-12 am M-F on East and North sides of streets

Staff was then asked to gather public input via an online survey for residents and businesses in the Y2, Y3, and Y4 on-street overnight parking zones.

At the September 27, 2016 Transportation Commission meeting Staff presented the results of the public survey with 380 respondents from the area:

- 71% have lived in Oak Park for more than 3 years
- 60% were homeowners & 40% were renters
- 60% live in multi-family & 40% live in single-family residences

Results:

- 62% dislike the current daytime rules and regulations
- 61% feel existing regulations are difficult to understand
- 66% disliked the proposed daytime regulation changes
- 50% stated the proposed daytime regulation changes were difficult to understand
- 57% stated they wanted change but the proposed regulations will make things worse

Staff was then asked to conduct a parking count survey in the Y2 on-street overnight parking zone, to determine the number of permit holders and non-permit holders parking on the residential streets during the day. Also, the Commission asked the Parking and Mobility Services Director to solicit additional information from the Pleasant Business District and Y2 area residents.

At the October 24, 2016 Transportation Commission meeting staff shared the results of the parking count survey showing on a typical day there were 40% permit holders and 60% non-permit holders parking on the residential streets within the Y2 on-street overnight parking zone (this area encompasses the Pleasant Business District).

Staff received a significant amount of emails and telephone calls with the majority of the citizens reporting that the signage was an issue, not necessarily the regulations. In addition, the residents and business owners of the Y2 on-street overnight parking area voiced their opinion that any changes to daytime restrictions should be done after the new development at South Blvd/Harlem Ave is completed.

Based on the survey results and further discussions, the Transportation Commission decided to defer any daytime restriction recommendations until construction at South Blvd/Harlem Ave is completed and move forward with recommendations regarding the overnight parking in the study area. In addition, the Commission wanted to seek direction from the Village Board about parking priorities when conducting area parking studies and to make a recommendation that the priorities be residents, businesses, commuters.

### **Alternatives**

The Village Board could request additional information from Staff or the Transportation Commission before adopting the ordinance.

### **Previous Board Action**

This recommendation was discussed at the January 23, 2017 Village Board Special Meeting.

### **Citizen Advisory Commission Action**

This ordinance is a recommendation from the Village's Transportation Commission.

### **Anticipated Future Actions/Commitments**

N/A.

### **Intergovernmental Cooperation Opportunities**

N/A.

### **Performance Management (MAP) Alignment**

Parking and Mobility Services is scheduled to start MAP in the final phase.