



Agenda Item Summary

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Agenda Item Title

Motion to Refer Ordinance 17-183_G_022117 to the Transportation Commission for Review

Overview

On February 21, 2017 the Village Board approved an ordinance authorizing sixty-seven (67) additional on-street overnight permit parking spaces, establishing a new lot 119 with up to eight (currently has seven) permit parking spaces on Pleasant Place, and standardizing permit parking hours to 11:00 pm to 6:00 am on the Y2, Y3, Y4 On-street overnight permit parking zones as reviewed at the January 23, 2017 special Board meeting.

Pursuant to direction from the Village Board at the May 22, 2017 special Board meeting this item is being referred to the Transportation Commission for additional review.

Staff Recommendation

Approve the Motion.

Fiscal Impact

Signage has been installed for the new permit areas at cost of approximately \$4200 and second quarter permit fees of approximately \$9,650 have been collected for both the on-street overnight and lot 119 permit parking spaces.

Background

At the January 23, 2017 Village board Meeting, the Transportation Commission recommended parking restriction changes that would increase resident on-street overnight permit parking by adding seventy-five spaces. Included within the seventy-five spaces would be up to eight spaces on Pleasant Place that were 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 pm - 6:00 am consistent with the "shared parking" concept used in other mixed use areas which have 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. Over 4,000 public meeting notices were mailed to individual residents and business owners who live within the Boundaries of Harlem and Oak Park Avenues, South Blvd and Madison Street.

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 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 as 24hr permit parking) within the Y2, Y3, and Y4 overnight permit parking zones and to standardized the permit parking hours to 11 pm - 6 am, thereby increasing the availability for shared parking between visitors, customers and residents within the zones.

During the 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 am) and eliminating time limitations (e.g. 2 hour parking) within the subject overnight parking zones.

At the June 13, 2016 Transportation Commission meeting 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 10am-12 pm 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 Director to solicit additional information from the Pleasant 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 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 permit parking area voiced their opinion that any changes to daytime restrictions should be done after the new development at South Blvd/Harlem Avenue 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 Avenue 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 that the Transportation Commission review additional information.

Previous Board Action

This Ordinance was approved at the February 21, 2017 Village Board Meeting.

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

Citizen Advisory Commission Action

This ordinance was 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.