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MEMO

To: Gregg Mandsager, City Administrator

From: Nancy A. Lueck, Finance Director
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Date: September 5, 2017

Re: Proposed Parking Changes

Introduction and Background:

There are three changes in downtown parking being proposed as detailed in the next section. Per the Muscatine City Code, these changes, if approved, would be done by future City Council resolution and/or ordinance.

Proposed Changes:

1. **Second Street** – change the current “Free Parking up to 3 hours once per day in each parking space” to “Free Parking up to 2 hours once per day in each block”. Several Downtown business owners suggested reducing the 3 hour limit to 90 minutes or 2 hours in order to encourage vehicle turnover and discourage individuals from parking for longer time periods and moving their cars from space to space after the current time limit. The proposed 2-hour limit would be consistent with the limits on the current 2-hour meters in other areas of downtown. Implementation of this proposal would require approval by Council resolution.
2. **New Parking Spaces (19) on Sycamore Street between 4th Street and 5th Street** – these spaces are being created as part of the Kum and Go construction project. It is proposed that these spaces be designated as Leased Parking spaces with the rates consistent with the leased parking spaces in other lots. Leased parking in Lot 7 (across from City Hall) is nearly full. City staff that do not have a parking space behind or on the side of City Hall are allowed to park in available spaces that are not leased to the public. Adding these leased spaces along Sycamore Street would increase the availability of leased parking for both the public and City staff.

Implementation of this recommendation would require an ordinance change adding the block on Sycamore Street from 4th Street to 5th Street to the Downtown Parking Zone and also a resolution designating these spaces as leased parking.

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on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain**

3. **Parking on Mississippi Drive (after construction completed)** – it is proposed these spaces be designated (at least initially) as Free Parking with a 2 hour limit. This change would be require approval by City Council resolution.

Summary

We request these proposed parking changes be included on the agenda for discussion at the September 7, 2017 regular meeting. Based on this discussion, actions to begin implementation of these recommendations would then be included on future City Council agendas. Please contact any of us if you have any questions.

