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MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and City Council Members

CC: Greg Jenkins, Interim City Administrator

FROM: Brian Stineman, Public Works Director

DATE: February 13, 2020

RE: Request to Implement Alternate Side of the Street Parking on Geneva Drive and Middle Road.

INTRODUCTION:

The Muscatine Traffic Committee has received multiple requests for action regarding parking on both sides of the street on Middle Road and Geneva Drive. At the February 6 City Council Meeting it was requested of staff to look at moving the parking to the odd side of the street or further evaluate the proposal.

BACKGROUND:

City staff have proposed to make Middle Road and Geneva Drive a pilot area for year-round alternate side of the street parking. This would allow parking on the even numbered side of the street on even numbered days of the year and parking on the odd numbered side of the street on odd numbered days of the year. This would provide equity to which side of the street is affected by parking and would eliminate the parking of cars on the street in one location for extended periods of time. It would also allow for ease of city services such as snow plowing, street sweeping and leaf pickup and also solve the issue of reduced access for emergency response, snow removal and solid waste and recycling pickup.

RECOMMENDATION/RATIONALE:

Staff recommends that council approve this request to implement alternate side of the street parking on Geneva Drive and Middle Road. This will allow better access for public services for snow removal, solid waste collection and emergency response. Signs will be posted as soon as weather conditions permit.

BACKUP INFORMATION:

Transition time proposal

"I remember Muscatine for its sunsets. I have never seen any on either side of the ocean that equaled them" — Mark Twain

Alternate Side of Street Parking Transition Proposal

The transition period for switching parking from the odd to the even side of the street, or vice-versa, shall be between the hours of 9:00 PM and 5:00 AM.

For example, if a car is parked on the odd side of the street on January 1, it would need to be moved to the even side of the street before 5:00 AM on January 2. However, it could not be parked on the even side of the street until after 9:00 PM on January 1.

Likewise, a car parked on the even side of the street on January 2nd would need to be moved to the odd side of the street sometime between 9:00 PM and 5:00 AM on January 3rd.