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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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Subject: Hearing on Proposed Expansion of Preferential Parking District F (District 5)

DISCUSSION

Residents of the Lakewood Village neighborhood residing in the vicinity of Long Beach City College have requested an expansion of Preferential Parking District F. Preferential Parking District F was initially established in 1999 and was subsequently expanded in 2002. Based on a technical review of the residents' request, staff is proposing to expand the preferential parking district to include the nine street segments requested by the residents, as well as four additional street segments in the interest of establishing a comprehensive district boundary that encompasses a self-contained area of parking demand and supply. The residents have requested that parking in Preferential Parking District F be prohibited on the affected street segments, as well as Pepperwood Avenue between Village Road and Harvey Way, currently located within Preferential Parking District N, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturdays except holidays. The affected street segments are highlighted on the vicinity map included as Attachment A.

Section 10.32.020 of the Long Beach Municipal Code states that the City Council shall determine if an area is to be designated for preferential parking based upon the following criteria:

- 75 percent of the legal on-street parking spaces must be occupied by motor vehicles during the period proposed for parking restrictions.
- 50 percent of the vehicles parked on the streets during the period proposed for parking restrictions must be non-resident vehicles.
- The district, alone or in combination with other existing or potential preferential parking districts, constitutes a reasonably self-contained area of parking demand and supply.

Parking field surveys conducted in February of this year indicated that the availability of on-street parking spaces varied throughout the proposed expanded district area. Based

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on the survey conducted (see Attachment B), an average of 54 percent of the on-street parking spaces were occupied in the entire proposed expanded district area at the time of the survey. Four street segments along Carson Street, Harvey Way, and Greenbrier Road were found to have 75 percent or more of the on-street parking spaces occupied at the time of the survey. It was clear to the staff conducting the survey that the overwhelming majority of the vehicles parked on the streets in the area were not registered to residents of the neighborhood. Based on the parking survey, staff is reasonably confident that the existing parking conditions meet the Municipal Code established criteria for consideration of preferential parking on at least four of the street segments within the proposed expanded district area.

Section 10.32.020.C.2 of the Long Beach Municipal Code states that the City Traffic Engineer "shall make the determination of a reasonably self-contained area, utilizing boundaries such as major streets, nonresidential land uses, edges of higher or lower density residential areas, water bodies and other natural features; and utilizing surveys of existing conditions to determine extent of area impacted by nonresidential parking."

The City Traffic Engineer has reviewed the area and the data from the parking survey and has determined that the reasonably self-contained area of parking demand and supply includes the larger area generally bounded by Centralia Street to the north, Carson Street to the south, Pepperwood Avenue to the west, and Charlemagne Avenue to the east.

In November of 2003, the City Traffic Engineer mailed out over 700 letters informing the residents of the area that the City was considering a request to expand Preferential Parking District F. The letter also contained a survey response form that residents could complete and return to indicate their support or opposition to the district expansion proposal and to provide feedback on the preferential parking program. Approximately 250 survey responses were returned. Of the respondents, 69 percent of those residing within the proposed expanded area indicated that they supported or had no opinion on the expansion proposal, while only 31 percent opposed the expansion.

Attachment C is a copy of the petitions submitted by the residents on the 4300-4400 block of Greenbrier Road and the 4100-4200 and 4300-4400 blocks of Heather Road, formally requesting the expansion of Preferential Parking District F and the prohibition of parking, except by permit, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Saturday except holidays. A review of the petitions revealed that 76 percent of the residents on these street blocks of Greenbrier Road and Heather Road support the expanded district and proposed parking prohibitions. Upon the approval of this item by the City Council and following the effective date of the ordinance, preferential parking will be implemented initially only on the aforementioned

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limits of Greenbrier Road and Heather Road. Once petitions showing the necessary contact rate (90 percent) and level-of-support (67 percent) are received for the street blocks comprising the remainder of the expanded area of the district, parking prohibitions with residential preferential parking privileges will be implemented on those street blocks as well.

Contingent upon City Council approval, it is recommended that the City Attorney be requested to prepare the following modification to Section 10.32.110 of the Long Beach Municipal Code to read as follows:

"District F: Village Road between Blackthorne Avenue and Faculty Avenue; Greenmeadow Road between Faculty Avenue and a point two hundred twenty-five feet east of Village Road; Sunfield Avenue between Harvey Way and Centralia Street; Whitewood Avenue between Harvey Way and Centralia Street; Clark Avenue between Carson Street and Centralia Street; Greenbrier Road between Carson Street and Centralia Street; Heather Road between Carson Street and Centralia Street; Charlemagne Avenue between Carson Street and Centralia Street; Harvey Way between Charlemagne Avenue and Pepperwood Avenue; Warwood Road between Faculty Avenue and Blackthorne Avenue; Faculty Avenue between Carson Street and Centralia Street; Graywood Avenue between Harvey Way and Centralia Street; Blackthorne Avenue between Village Road and Centralia Street; Hazelbrook Avenue between Harvey Way and Centralia Street; Pepperwood Avenue between Village Road and Harvey Way; the north side of Carson Street between the alley east of Norse Way and Faculty Avenue; and the north side of Carson Street between Clark Avenue and Charlemagne Avenue.

This proposal is expected to be the final modification to Preferential Parking District F and no future modifications to the boundaries of this district are anticipated.

This letter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Lisa Peskay Malmsten on June 8, 2004, and Budget Management Officer David Wodynski on June 14, 2004. In addition, a categorical exemption was obtained for this action from the City's Environmental Planning Officer on June 14, 2004.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

Immediate City Council action on this item is requested, given that the residents on Greenbrier Road and Heather Road desire to have the new parking prohibitions in place by mid-August prior to the start of the fall semester at Long Beach City College.

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FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of materials and installation for the preferential parking controls is estimated at \$8,500. Sufficient funds are budgeted in the Capital Improvement Project PWT300 in the Capital Projects Fund (CP) in the Department of Public Works (PW) to support this activity.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

Receive supporting documentation, including the petitions, into the record, conclude the public hearing, and request the City Attorney to prepare an amendment to the Long Beach Municipal Code, modifying Preferential Parking District "F" as recommended by the City Traffic Engineer.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments

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