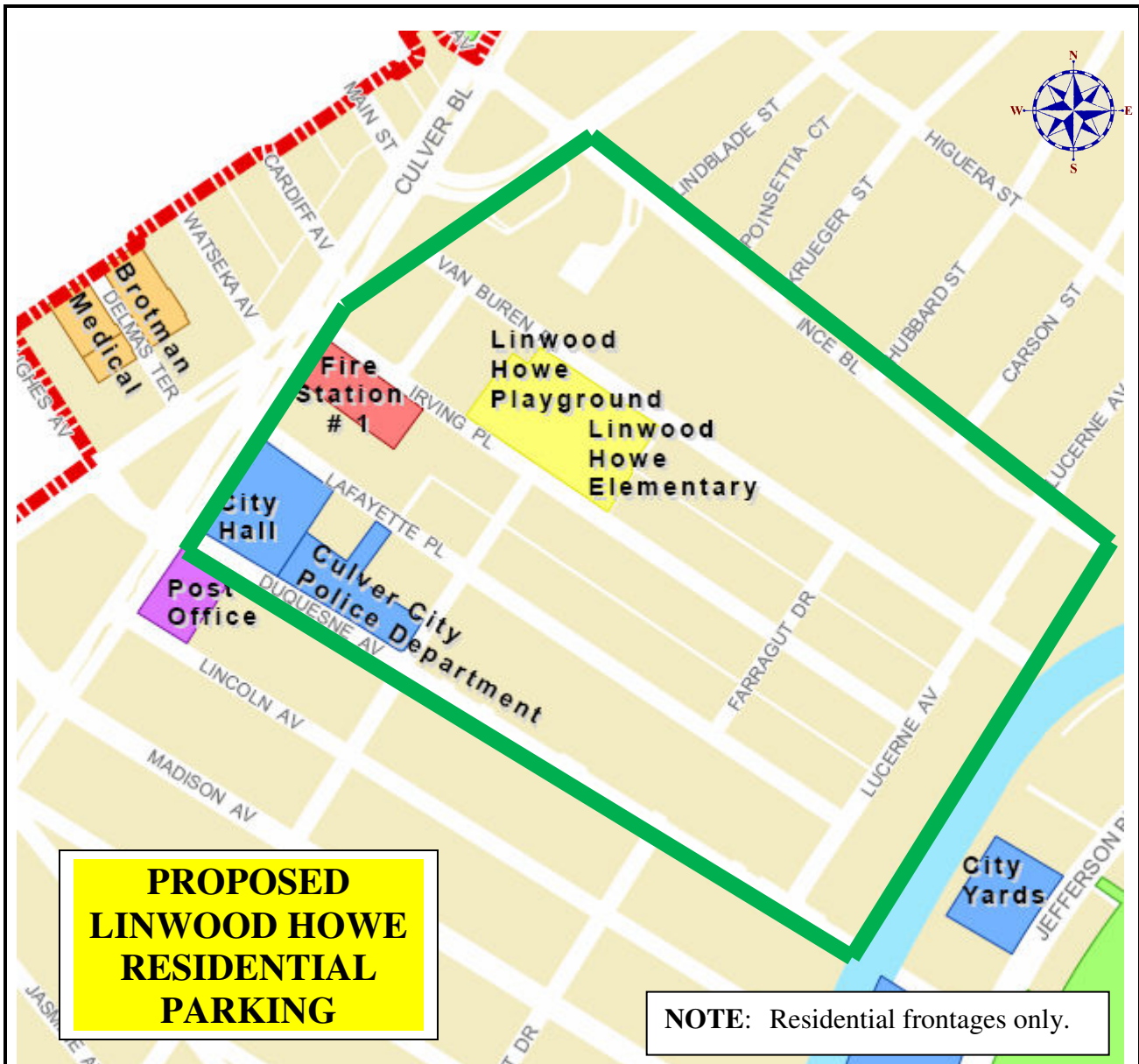


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Meeting Date: 12/08/08	Item Number: <u>A-3</u>
AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Establishing a Preferential Parking District (Linwood Howe Residential Parking District) Encompassing the Area of Ince Boulevard from La Ballona Creek to Washington Boulevard; Van Buren Place from La Ballona Creek to School Street; Irving Place from Lucerne Avenue to School Street, La Fayette Place from Lucerne Avenue to Culver Boulevard; Duquesne Avenue from La Ballona Creek to Culver Boulevard; Braddock Drive from Duquesne Avenue to Irving Place; Farragut Drive from La Fayette Place to Van Buren Place; and Lucerne Avenue from Duquesne Avenue to Ince Boulevard, Only Adjacent to Residential-frontage, with no Parking Except with Permit from Friday, 6 p.m. to Sunday, 12 a.m., and 1 Hour Time-limited Parking, Permit Exempted, from Sunday, 12:00 a.m. to Friday, 6:00 p.m., and Rescinding Resolution No. 2007-R011.	
Contact Person/Dept.: Gabe Garcia/PW Phone Number: (310) 253-5633	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐ General Fund: Yes ☒ No ☐	
Public Hearing: ☐ Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master E-Mail Notification List (11/12/08 and 12/03/08); All residents, property owners, and businesses in the subject areas, the Downtown Business Association, and Chamber of Commerce, via letter (11/20/08).	
Department Approval: Charles D. Herbertson (11/06/08)	City Attorney Approval: Carol Schwab (by H. Baker) (12/02/08)
Chief Financial Officer Approval: Jeff Muir (by N. Kimball) (11/12/08)	City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (12/02/08)
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council Adopt a Resolution establishing a Preferential Parking District (Linwood Howe Residential Parking District) encompassing the area of Ince Boulevard from La Ballona Creek to Washington Boulevard; Van Buren Place from La Ballona Creek to School Street; Irving Place from Lucerne Avenue to School Street, La Fayette Place from Lucerne Avenue to Culver Boulevard; Duquesne Avenue from La Ballona Creek to Culver Boulevard; Braddock Drive from Duquesne Avenue to Irving Place; Farragut Drive from La Fayette Place to Van Buren Place; and Lucerne Avenue from Duquesne Avenue to Ince Boulevard, only adjacent to residential-frontage, from Friday, 6:00 p.m., to Sunday, 12:00 a.m. and 1-hour time limited parking, permit exempted, from Sunday, 12 a.m. to Friday, 6 p.m., and Rescinding Resolution No. 2007-R011.	

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BACKGROUND:

In 2003, the City Council adopted permit parking for Van Buren Place, south of Town Plaza, on weekends, from Friday, 6:00 p.m. to Sunday 12:00 a.m. Subsequently, the residents of Van Buren Place submitted a petition to the City Engineer and was heard by the Traffic Committee in May 2005. The petition requested modification of the original Council-approved hours of restriction to include weekdays because the residential community was experiencing parking intrusion during the week, not just

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the weekend. The petition was approved recommending that the parking restrictions be 1-hour parking, from 12 noon to 12 midnight, daily. Due to staff turn-over, the recommended 2005 parking restriction was not brought back to Council prior to posting of the signs in the Summer of 2005. The original Council-approved restrictions are still in the current permit parking resolution and would be changed to reflect to the restrictions recommended under this staff report and resolution.

Recently new restaurants have opened for business in the downtown area, and it has been reported by residents that more employees and patrons are parking in the residential areas to the south of Town Plaza during the weekdays.

Two petitions requesting permit parking have been received from two blocks in this area. The petitioners state there has been additional non-resident parking on their streets which is impacting their quality of life.

This item originally appeared on the November 17, 2008 City Council agenda. However, because of other items on that agenda, the City Council did not consider this item and continued it until this evening.

DISCUSSION:

The Rules and Procedures for Preferential Parking Districts, include the following:

“The primary purpose of a preferential parking district shall be to limit excessive intrusion of non-residential parking into residential neighborhoods, where such parking practices have negatively impacted the residential area. In addition, to support the primary purpose of the preferential parking zone, restrictions may be implemented that help to enhance the quality of life in residential neighborhoods by reducing noise, traffic hazards and litter; and to encourage carpooling and use of transit.”

In order to address the concerns expressed by residents to the City Council at public meetings and to staff as well, a parking district is proposed in the residential neighborhood to the south of Downtown.

Existing Parking Restrictions

To create the Linwood Howe Parking District, uniformity of parking restrictions will need to be established among the streets with existing permit parking. The map on page two of this report identifies proposed boundaries for the parking district. Some of the streets within this boundary already have permit parking. The table below indicates the various existing parking restrictions of such streets.

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EXISTING PERMIT PARKING RESTRICTIONS

ON STREET	FROM	TO	PARKING RESTRICTION
Duquesne Avenue	Lucerne Avenue	La Ballona Creek	1-Hr. Parking, M-Sat 8 am – 6 pm
Farragut Drive	Irving Place	Van Buren Place	Resident-Only Parking w/permit Fri. 6pm – Sunday midnight
Irving Place	Farragut Drive	Lucerne Avenue	1 Hr M-S 6am-12am
La Fayette Place (north side only)	Braddock Drive	Residential side south of Culver Blvd	1-Hr. Parking, M-Sat 8 am – 6 pm
Van Buren Place	Residential side south of School Street	Residential side south of Farragut Drive	1-Hr Parking, Daily, 12 noon to 12 mid-night

Proposed Parking Restrictions

The restrictions for the above segments were developed, for the most part, by independent petitions. With the success of the downtown area, a commonality of parking concerns has concurrently developed. There appears to be, from staff's perspective, two distinct needs for parking restrictions:

1. The need to protect the residential neighborhood from parking intrusion during the peak periods of the patronage to the downtown area, that is, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. To this end, the present restrictions posted on Farragut Drive are also appropriate for the other streets within the proposed boundary, so that during this period of time, parking is by permit and is restricted to residents only.
2. The need to protect the residential neighborhood from parking intrusion from Monday through Friday by employees of the downtown commerce and their patrons. Concurrently, there is a need to balance this with the needs of the local commerce. To this end, the restriction of 1-hour parking, permit exempted, from Sunday 12:00 a.m. to Friday 6:00 p.m., allows for some short-term parking by non-residents. Parking for stays of longer duration by patrons to the downtown area can be accommodated by the Watseka, Cardiff, and Ince parking structures.

Parking by guests of the residents is accommodated under the Council-approved program by the issuance of paper "passes" by the residents.

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Activated by Petition

Streets that presently do not have permit parking would have permit parking signs installed only after a duly executed petition has been submitted to the City, as per the City Council-adopted criteria. A parking survey and study would not be needed, nor any additional City Council action.

Therefore, if the City Council adopts the resolution to create the Linwood Howe Preferential Parking District, each block that presently does not have permit parking, would be required to submit a petition requesting preferential parking, with a minimum of 75% representation of the residents on the block, if the residents on that block desire preferential parking to be put in place. All the streets that presently have permit parking would have the posted signs altered with overlay decals to indicate the proposed parking restrictions contained in this staff report.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

Van Buren Place residents, at Council's direction, received a fee waiver for parking permits (resulting in the permits being available free of cost). All other preferential parking zones pay \$16 per calendar year for each permit. Fees received are deposited to the General Fund. Based on the fee waiver granted by the City Council, the typical fees for performing the parking studies will not apply. However, fees associated with new parking signs will be applicable.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Proposed Resolution Establishing the Linwood Howe Preferential Parking District

MOTIONS:

That the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution establishing a Preferential Parking District (Linwood Howe Residential Parking District) encompassing the area of Ince Boulevard from La Ballona Creek to Washington Boulevard; Van Buren Place from La Ballona Creek to School Street; Irving Place from Lucerne Avenue to School Street, La Fayette Place from Lucerne Avenue to Culver Boulevard; Duquesne Avenue

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from La Ballona Creek to Culver Boulevard; Braddock Drive from Duquesne Avenue to Irving Place; Farragut Drive from La Fayette Place to Van Buren Place; and Lucerne Avenue from Duquesne Avenue to Ince Boulevard, only adjacent to residential-frontage, from Friday, 6:00 p.m., to Sunday, 12:00 a.m. and 1-hour time-limited parking, permit exempted, from Sunday, 12:00 a.m. to Friday, 6:00 p.m., and rescinding Resolution No. 2007-R011.