



City of the Village of Clarkston

Clarkston City Council

MEETING AGENDA ITEM FORM

MEETING DATE: January 08, 2018

SUBMITTED BY: Jonathan Smith

TITLE: City Manager

AGENDA ITEM

AGENDA ITEM PLACEMENT: New Business

REQUEST FOR CONSULTANT ATTENDANCE AT MEETING: Gary Tressel

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AGENDA ITEM:

Parking Committee Proposal for E Washington.

RECOMMENDED MOTION (s):

VOTE:

Moved by _____ supported by _____ for the approval of E Washington Parking permit parking.

Parking Committee Proposal 1/8/18

The following proposal addresses current parking issues related to E. Washington street only (east of Buffalo intersection), as well as permit parking needs for business owners and/or employees:

- Remove all permit parking from the Main/Washington city-owned lot
- Create a hybrid permit parking area on E. Washington for businesses and E. Washington residents only
- Of the 16 off-street spots available, suggest five for businesses and 11 for residents
- Enforce with City employees – not residents
- Businesses must make case for permit needs. Currently, only two businesses have come forward with stated needs for permit parking.
- Charge fee for business permits. Do not charge residents due to some needing this space for everyday use.
- Permits given on first-come-first-served basis for residents. However, driveway situations and related parking needs take priority.
- Immediately post “Permit Parking Only” signs at beginning of street, noting heavy fines for violations (\$100)
- Begin an immediate enforcement focus on existing E. Washington parking
- Present residents with stone pillar idea, possibly crowdfunded, as both a beautification option and a “natural” deterrent to traffic
- Justification lies with E. Washington being a fairly anomalous cul-de-sac street in the city, which is also within the prime parking traffic area. It sees “double” the traffic as people enter and then turn around, causing headaches for residents and potential for accidents. Also, once paid parking is in place, E. Washington will likely see increased traffic in the search for free spots.

Additional Benefits

- Residents and business owners/employees will easily understand the need for off-street parking, as opposed to posting “No On-Street Parking” signs and then training patrons. This ensures AASHTO compliance. Also, likely reduces the need for more signage on E. Washington.
- Creates a fair compromise for the stated permit needs of business owners, as well as varying opinions from residents regarding issues related to increased traffic
- Stone pillars fit the city motif, and could be maintained with a community effort by the Garden Club, Beautification Committee, residents, etc.