



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 18, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / CITY MANAGER

SUBMITTED BY: KENNETH A. DOMER, CITY MANAGER

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SUBJECT: EARLY MORNING PARKING EXEMPTION – COCO PALMS HOA

SUMMARY

Consideration of a Staff recommendation to repeal the 2:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. "Early Morning Parking" restriction on the south side of Commonwealth Avenue from 350 feet east of Acacia Avenue to 590 feet east of Acacia Avenue and on the north side of Walnut Avenue from 300 feet east of Acacia Avenue to 660 feet east of Acacia Avenue.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2020-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, RESCINDING THE "EARLY MORNING PARKING" RESTRICTION ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF COMMONWEALTH AVENUE FROM 350 FEET EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE TO 590 FEET EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE AND THE NORTH SIDE OF WALNUT AVENUE FROM 300 FEET EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE TO 660 FEET EAST OF ACACIA AVENUE

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENT

This item matches the following Priority Policy Statement:

- Infrastructure and City Assets.

FISCAL IMPACT

There are minimal costs associated with the installation of signing.

DISCUSSION

Background

Staff received a request from the Coco Palms Homeowners Association at 1706-1848 Commonwealth Avenue requesting relief from the Early Morning Parking restriction between 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. This particular request came about as a result of residential complaints of insufficient parking on-site.

Section 8.44.080 of the Fullerton Municipal Code provides for early morning parking exemptions, providing a majority (51%) of the property owners on both sides of the street are in favor of an exemption and the area is considered off-street parking deficient or by action of a Homeowners Association on behalf of the property's residents. Attachment 2 (F.M.C. 8.44.080) is included for City Council's reference.

Staff conducted a parking utilization study which verified that the properties are parking deficient by today's zoning requirements. In reviewing available options, Staff found two areas adjacent to the property that could accommodate Early Morning parking which are discussed below.



South side of Commonwealth Avenue adjacent to Coco Palms

There is sufficient on-street parking available to accommodate approximately ten vehicles. Commonwealth Avenue itself is a 64-foot wide east / west four lane arterial street with an average daily traffic of 17,500 vehicles a day and a posted speed limit of 40 miles per hour. There is existing curb, gutter and sidewalk on the south side. On-street parking is permitted in this particular area with the exception of Early Morning Parking between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

North side of Walnut Avenue adjacent to Coco Palms

There is sufficient on-street parking available to accommodate approximately fourteen vehicles. Walnut Avenue is a 40-foot wide east / west collector street with an average daily traffic count of less than a 1,000 vehicles a day. The posted speed limit on Walnut Avenue is 35 miles per hour. There is existing curb and gutter on both sides of the street, however, there is no improved sidewalk. On-street parking is permitted on both sides of the street. It should be noted that Early Morning Parking was permitted on the north side of the street on a temporary basis during construction of the Raymond Avenue Grade Separation project to replace on-street parking that was lost as a result of the project. Staff is looking to City Council to consider this a permanent action.

On October 18, 2016, City Council directed staff to investigate and put into motion, as may be available, measures that may increase on-street parking availability between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. within certain neighborhoods where the Early Morning Parking restriction is creating a hardship for residents. This request is a continuation of that effort, addressing two more streets where Staff received a request for parking relief.

All adjacent property owners were notified of the pending recommendation with no opposition as of the date this report was written.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Resolution No. 2020-XX
- Attachment 2 – Fullerton Municipal Code. 8.44.080 Early Morning Parking