

AGENDA TRANSMITTAL

MEETING DATE: February 7, 2017

CITY AGENDA ITEM: Council Adoption of Resolution No. 2017-__: Adopting “No Parking” Restrictions in Designated Downtown Public Parking Areas.

FISCAL IMPACT: It is estimated that the costs to acquire signage would be about \$1,400. Funds are available in the SCPD budget for the materials, and Public Works Maintenance will install the signs within the budget that maintains these lots.

BACKGROUND: On January 3, 2017, Chief Mattos presented Public Safety Strategies for the Downtown and Old Town areas of Suisun City. The presentation stemmed from the December 14, 2016 Community Forum held at the Suisun City Harbor Theater which identified issues and possible solutions regarding a perceived increase in criminal activity including, but not limited to, incidents believed to be associated with a transient population.

STAFF REPORT: On January 3, 2014 Chief Mattos presented possible public safety strategies for the “Downtown” and “Old Town” areas which included parking restrictions within the marina and business districts, development of a comprehensive video camera program, and a community partnership to begin addressing the perceived increase in criminal activity within the Downtown Marina District and the residential “Old Town” area of Suisun City.

During the January 3rd presentation Chief Mattos reported a significant increase in the number of vehicles parking in the public parking areas within the Marina District and Downtown Business Districts for extended periods of time. This has resulted in individuals using the parked vehicles for sleeping or camping, as well as using the public parking areas for long-term parking of personal vehicles. Although the Police Department has issued numerous citations for violations of 12.24.030 SCC, Unlawful Camping, there is however, no mechanism in place to address the overnight parking of the vehicles and motorhomes within the City’s public parking lots. Currently a vehicle may remain parked up to 72 hours before enforcement action may be taken.

The Police Department is recommending a “No Parking” restriction in all public parking facilities within the Marina District, the Suisun City Business District, and the Parking area located at the West end of Driftwood Drive between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. There are currently no businesses within the Marina District or the Suisun City Business District which operate between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM. The intent of this parking restriction is to address camping in parked vehicles, long-term parking of personal vehicles, and an increase in criminal activities within the business and residential areas of downtown Suisun City. Restricting parking between 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM would assist the Police Department in addressing overnight and long-term parking by providing an additional enforcement tool authorizing and imposed fine pursuant to the Suisun City Master Fee Schedule and/or towing of vehicles in violation of the restricted parking hours.

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The Police Department is recommending a “No Parking” restriction between the hours of 2:00 AM and 6:00 AM in nine public parking locations within Suisun City designated lots A through I. The designated lots are set forth in the proposed resolution (Attachment 1), which includes a map of these locations.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the City Council Adopt Resolution No. 2017-__: Adopting “No Parking” Restrictions in Designated Downtown Public Parking Areas.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution No. 2017-__: Adopting “No Parking” Restrictions in Designated Downtown Public Parking Areas.

