



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY FORM

MEETING DATE: April 23, 2024

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AGENDA CONTENT: Discussion, update and possible action on the Brazoria County Courthouse Parking Lot and on-street parking details, including street signage.

AGENDA ITEM SECTION: Consent Agenda Item.

BUDGETED AMOUNT: None

FUNDS REQUESTED: 

FUND: None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The subject property and project area encompasses the four-(4) block area of the Brazoria County Courthouse Annex Project (Locust Street, Arcola Street, Magnolia Street, and Chenango Street. (Key Map is Attached).

The parking around Brazoria County Courthouse and Administration Building is steadily increasing due to the growing County population, size of the jury duty calls, and construction of the new buildings. The County has observed that on-street parking along city streets including Locust, Arcola, Magnolia, and Live Oak has increased since the opening on the new Administration Building. The County constructed two large parking lots including 410 parking spots before the construction of the new building. However, most visitors to the downtown corridor are using the on-street parking even before these parking lots are full.

Due to the lack of pavement markings and signage along the streets, these visitors are parallel parking along both sides of the streets, and in front of stop signs, crosswalks, and fire hydrants. This non-controlled street parking is creating issues for vehicles traveling these city streets, pedestrians going to the Courthouse, and city residents. The East side of Arcola Street, Live Oak Street, and Magnolia Street are in the residential area of the city and therefore the courthouse parking along these areas is adversely affecting these city residents.

Brazoria County is requesting that the City of Angleton partners with Brazoria County in installing pavement markings and signage to control parking and direct people to the County parking lots. The County is proposing to add angled parking along the West side of Arcola Street and add "No Parking Anytime" signs along the East side. The County is also proposing that "No Courthouse Parking" signs are installed along the East portion of Live Oak, Locust, and Magnolia Street. Finally,

the County is proposing the addition of wayfinding signs to help direct traffic to the county parking lots. The attached exhibit shows the proposed pavement markings and signage plan.

Below is the summary of responsibilities that the County is proposing for the City and County.

Responsibilities of the City of Angleton:

- Fabricating a total of 42 signs including “No Parking Anytime,” “No Courthouse Parking,” and “Stop” Signs (See Exhibit for quantity details)
- Approval of pavement marking and signage installation on City Streets

Responsibilities of Brazoria County:

- Fabrication of wayfinding signs (See Exhibit for quantity details)
- Installation of all signs
- Installation of all pavement markings

RECOMMENDATION:

City Council is asked to approve the Brazoria County Courthouse Parking Lot and on-Street Parking Details, including street signage plan as proposed and attached.