



Staff Report

February 2, 2026 Council Workshop Meeting

Downtown Parking Changes

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BACKGROUND: In August 2024 the Camas voters passed a bond measure for a new Fire Station 41. The siting for this new fire station is the City annex building property located at the southwest corner of NE 4th Avenue and NE Everett Street. The new fire station will also remove the two parking lots to the south of this building as well as parking spaces on NE Everett Street and in the City Hall basement. NE Everett Street from NE 3rd Avenue to NE 4th Avenue has been vacated and will be closed to vehicular traffic in the near future.

At a January 26, 2026 public hearing, the Hearings Examiner identified a requirement for approximately 38 parking spaces associated with the Fire Station 41 facility. Because the site cannot accommodate passenger vehicle parking, these spaces must be addressed through the surrounding on-street parking system.

SUMMARY: Public Works staff has been tasked with identifying additional parking to offset the loss of both on-street and off-street spaces due to construction of the new fire station. The attached map shows recommended changes to parking in the downtown commercial zone, including:

- Revising parallel spaces to diagonal spaces on NE Dallas Street, Everett Street, Franklin Street, and 5th Avenue.
- Limiting NE Everett Street to one-way northbound traffic between 4th Avenue and 5th Avenue.
- Limiting NE Franklin Street to one-way southbound traffic between 5th Avenue and 3rd Avenue.
- The net change in parking spaces.

Staff will cover these revisions in more detail at the February 2 Council Workshop. The Parking Advisory Committee voiced consensus for these changes at the January 13 meeting.

BENEFITS TO THE COMMUNITY: There will be more public on-street parking spaces on Dallas Street, Franklin Street, NE 4th Avenue and NE 5th Avenue.

STRATEGIC PLAN: Improves transportation safety and accessibility for all users.

POTENTIAL CHALLENGES: All fire apparatuses must be relocated to the new building prior to changing NE Franklin to a one-way street. There will be a time lapse between the removal of the current parking lots on the new Station 41 site and the additional spaces to be striped on NE Franklin Street. Staff continues to explore options for interim staff parking opportunities.

BUDGET IMPACT: Staff is evaluating whether the proposed parking and traffic control changes can be completed using in-house Public Works crews or if portions of the work will require contracting. At this time, no specific 2026 budget has been identified for these improvements. If funding is required, staff will identify the scope, cost estimates, and funding source through the Spring Omnibus process.

RECOMMENDATION: This is for Council's information only. A resolution adoption for one-way streets will be needed in the future.