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Mayor and Members of the City Council
STAFF REPORT
For the Meeting of June 12, 2023

Title/Subject

Resolution No. 2276- Establishing “No Parking” on SW 3rd Between Orchard Ave. and Locust Ave.

Summary and Background

This resolution establishes two “No Parking” zones on SW 3rd Street, between Orchard Avenue, and Locust Avenue. On the west side of the street, the zone would go from the intersection with Orchard, 155’ to the north; roughly equating to the frontage of the “Food Pod” on to SW 3rd. On the east side of the street, the zone would be 40’ between the driveways to the city-owned parking lot.

This is being requested by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation through their Kayak Public Transit department. This area at 3rd & Orchard has, since 2018, been a meet-up location for KAYAK’s “Hermiston Hopper” and “Hermiston HART” buses, where riders of the two separate routes have the opportunity to transfer.

The HART Bus, which operates within the city, stops at this location up to 12 times per day between 7am and 7pm. The Hopper Bus, which operates between Hermiston and Pendleton, stops at this location up to 3 times per day.

Since the development of the “Food Pod,” the bus has had issues from time to time with customers parking where the bus needs to park. Although the bus can sometimes make due by parking further to the North, it is extremely challenging at those times when both buses need to meet up at that location.

The covered shelter was removed from this location in mid-May as a result of vandalism in the form of broken-out glass. These shelters have been vandalized a number of times over the past couple of years, and it costs the City’s General Fund approximately \$800 each time to replace the glass. This time, it was determined to remove the shelter and store it for a time before considering reintroduction of the shelter. Unfortunately, removal of the shelter also removed a passive indication that this is a bus-stop and that vehicles should not park there.

The “No Parking” area on the east side of the street is requested to be much smaller because only one bus at a time ever parks there due to the optimized routing of the buses.

Tie-In to Council Goals

Focus Area- Transportation: Improve mobility and transportation

Fiscal Information

This action is not anticipated to have a noticeable fiscal impact; although addition of “No Parking” does create one additional item for the Police Department to potentially have to enforce on, but it is anticipated that compliance will be largely voluntary and increase over time.

Alternatives and Recommendation

Alternatives

1. Approve Resolution 2276
2. Reject Resolution 2276
3. Request changes

Recommended Action/Motion

Approve Resolution 2276

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