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AGENDA ITEM

Meeting Name:	Town Council Meeting
Meeting Date:	April 24, 2024
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Item Title:	Discussion - Establish paid parking and resident decal parking

DISCUSSION:

During the Council's 2023 goal setting workshop the council asked to establish paid parking in certain areas and provide free parking for residents with decals.

Eligibility:

Are we able to convert to paid parking given the Juno beach Shore Protection Project beach renourishment and the FRDAP grants? Yes, while the parking spaces can be metered, they must remain open to the public to count towards the beach's renourishment. As for the FRDAP grants:

"Reasonable differences in entrance fees for program projects may be maintained on the basis of residence. Such fees may only be charged if the grantee can clearly show that the difference in entrance fees reflects, and is substantially related to, all economic factors related to park management, and it is not simply related to the amount of tax dollars spent by the residents for the park; and that a definite burden on the grantee in park maintenance costs clearly justifies a higher fee for nonresidents."

The dune walk overs and Kagan park utilizes FRDAP grants. I believe we would be justified in metered parking/resident stickers due to the increased trash collection, equipment cleaning/maintenance and replacement costs based on the number of visitors versus residents that utilize the beaches and park. If we charge a fee for the resident stickers it would help with that cost offset.

Program:

Attached are ordinance examples of timed parking and metered parking. The timed parking format allows someone to park in a space for free for a certain length of time and then they receive a fine for remaining in the spot. It is setup as a district which means if the person moves their car to another spot in the district the time keeps running. Metered parking in today's time is most often done by phone apps. The most popular in Palm Beach County is Park Mobile. Hardware parking meters are still available in both an area parking box or single space smart meter (one at each parking space), both of which may require infrastructure (power/data). With metered parking the person pays a fee to park starting at minute one for however long they are parked there. The attached ordinance is from the

Town of Palm Beach and the fee varies depending on what parking area and ranges from $3.00 to $7.00 an hour. Residents can purchase a parking sticker for $50.00 that allows them to park for free. There is also an example ordinance attached on residential street parking passes.

Enforcement:

In addition to police officer enforcement, I would recommend we enact an ordinance that gives citizens on patrol with training the ability to enforce parking violations to include handicap parking.

Locations:

The original locations discussed for this item were Kagan Park, Town Center, Mercury Rd and Mars Way. Town Center is the most challenging of the locations. If you do not meter Town Cetner it will push people who don't want to pay to constantly look for parking in Town Center. If you do meter Town Center, then we need to provide parking for staff and we often have customers in/out or residents using the facility that may not have a parking sticker because they do not need one. We could establish a 30-minute free parking area for those in/out customers, parking stickers or plate exemption for staff and turn off the fees during activities like HOA and community meetings/events.

I know that Mars Way would prefer the resident parking only and no paid parking along that road. It is my understanding that those spots would not be able to be counted for any beach renourishment if parking was restricted at that level.

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss the pros and cons of implementing a paid parking program.